

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 53

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Urges federal government to reimburse State, counties, and municipalities for cost of providing security for President Trump.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging the federal government to
2 reimburse the State, counties, and municipalities for the cost of
3 providing security for President Trump.
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5 **WHEREAS**, In November 2016, President Trump visited the Trump
6 National Golf Club in Bedminster, New Jersey for the weekend,
7 requiring Bedminster law enforcement officers and the Somerset
8 County Prosecutor's Office to assist in providing security for the
9 President; and
10 **WHEREAS**, According to reports, during this weekend visit the
11 Bedminster police department logged 103 hours of overtime,
12 costing the department \$3,683 in overtime costs; and
13 **WHEREAS**, As reported, to put that number in perspective, as of
14 November 2016, the township had approximately \$20,000 left in its
15 overtime budget with most of that money to be used over the
16 holidays when there typically are many shifts that have to be
17 covered because officers are taking vacation days; and
18 **WHEREAS**, It has been reported that employees of the Somerset
19 County Prosecutor's Office also worked a combined 208 hours of
20 overtime during this visit, with a cost of \$17,893.38 to county
21 taxpayers; and
22 **WHEREAS**, As reported, if President Trump visits his Bedminster golf
23 club for seven weekends each year, it will cost the town of
24 Bedminster an estimated \$1 million over the next four years in
25 overtime costs to help with security, according to township
26 officials; and
27 **WHEREAS**, There have been reports that county and township officials
28 will seek reimbursement from the federal government for the cost
29 of providing security whenever the President stays at or visits his
30 golf course in Bedminster; and
31 **WHEREAS**, If the federal government does not provide reimbursement
32 for these security costs, taxpayers in the municipality and county
33 will be unfairly burdened; and
34 **WHEREAS**, It has been reported that law enforcement agencies in
35 Hawaii and Chicago received grants from the United States
36 Department of Justice to assist with the protection of President
37 Obama; and
38 **WHEREAS**, As the cost of providing security for President Trump is a
39 considerable financial burden, similar grants should be made
40 available to reimburse the State, counties, and municipalities for the
41 cost of providing security for President Trump; now, therefore,
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43 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*
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45 1. This House respectfully urges the federal government to
46 reimburse the State and counties and municipalities in this State for
47 the cost of providing security for President Trump.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the United States; the Majority and Minority Leader of the United States Senate; the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives; every member of Congress elected from this State; and the United States Attorney General.

STATEMENT

This resolution urges the federal government to reimburse the State, counties, and municipalities for the cost of providing security for President Trump.

In November 2016, President Trump visited the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, New Jersey for the weekend, requiring Bedminster law enforcement officers and the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office to assist in providing security for the President.

According to reports, during this weekend visit the Bedminster police department logged 103 hours of overtime, costing the department \$3,683 in overtime costs. It has been reported that employees of the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office also worked a combined 208 hours of overtime during this visit, with a cost of \$17,893.38 to county taxpayers.

As reported, if President Trump visits his Bedminster golf club for seven weekends each year, it will cost the town of Bedminster an estimated \$1 million over the next four years in overtime costs to help with security, according to township officials.

There have been reports that county and township officials will seek reimbursement from the federal government for the cost of providing security whenever the President stays at or visits his golf course in Bedminster. It also has been reported that law enforcement agencies in Hawaii and Chicago received grants from the United States Department of Justice to assist with the protection of President Obama.

As the cost of providing security for President Trump is a considerable financial burden, similar grants should be made available to reimburse the State, counties, and municipalities for the cost of providing security for President Trump.