

# 2B:7-4

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF** 2000 **CHAPTER:** 30  
**NJSA:** 2B:7-4 (Court transcripts fees)  
**BILL NO:** S870 (Substituted for A1930)  
**SPONSOR(S):** Cafiero  
**DATE INTRODUCED:** February 7, 2000  
**COMMITTEE:** **ASSEMBLY:** -----  
**SENATE:** Judiciary  
**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes  
**DATE OF PASSAGE:** **ASSEMBLY:** May 11, 2000  
**SENATE:** March 23, 2000  
**DATE OF APPROVAL:** June 23, 2000

### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL:** First Reprint enacted

#### S870

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** No  
**SENATE:** Yes

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

#### A1930

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S870  
**ASSEMBLY:** Yes 2-7-00 (Judiciary)  
Yes 3-2-00 (Appropriations)  
**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** Yes

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**VETO MESSAGE:** No

**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** Yes

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**SENATE, No. 870**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 7, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JAMES S. CAFIERO**

**District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Makes fees for and manner of preparation of court transcripts subject to court rules.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



S870 CAFIERO

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1 AN ACT concerning transcript fees and preparation and amending  
2 N.J.S.2B:7-4.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. N.J.S.2B:7-4 is amended to read as follows:

8 2B:7-4. Transcript; Fees. a. **[When a transcript of a stenographic**  
9 **record or other recording in any court or in any other proceeding**  
10 **recorded at the direction of the Supreme Court is made, at the request**  
11 **of any person, the original and copies thereof shall be prepared in the**  
12 **manner prescribed by Administrative Office of the Courts' regulations**  
13 **and paid for at the rate of \$1.50 for each page of the original and**  
14 **\$0.50 for each of the copies. If the transcript is furnished to a judge**  
15 **of the court, by court order, the reporter shall be paid at the same**  
16 **rates, and in the same manner and from the same sources as the**  
17 **reporter's salary or per diem fees are paid]**The manner of preparation  
18 and the payment of fees for a transcript of a stenographic record or  
19 other recording in any court or in any other proceeding recorded at the  
20 direction of the Supreme Court shall be governed by the Rules of the  
21 Courts of New Jersey .

22 b. Except as to transcripts that are to be paid for by the State or  
23 county, the person preparing the transcripts may require any person  
24 requesting a transcript to prepay the estimated fee therefor in advance  
25 of delivery of the transcript.

26 (cf: P.L.1991, c.119, s.1)

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28 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill changes the statute governing the applicable fees for  
34 transcripts of stenographic records or other recordings in court.  
35 N.J.S.2B:7-4 presently sets out a rate for each page of the original and  
36 a rate for each of the copies. The bill provides that the manner of  
37 preparation and the payment of fees for a transcript of a stenographic  
38 record or other recording in any court or in any other proceeding  
39 recorded at the direction of the Supreme Court shall be governed by  
40 the court rules. Under the provisions of this bill no specific rates  
41 would be set by the statute.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 870**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 16, 2000

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 870.

As amended, this bill would raise the page rate for transcript of stenographic records or other court recordings from \$1.50 to \$3.00 for each page of the original. The fee for each page of a copy would remain at \$.50. As amended, the bill also provides that every five years these rates would be increased to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 870**

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INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 7, 2000

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**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Russo and Zisa**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 16, 2000, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/12/2000)**

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16 **rates, and in the same manner and from the same sources as the**  
17 **reporter's salary or per diem fees are paid]** <sup>1</sup>[The manner of  
18 preparation and the payment of fees for a transcript of a stenographic  
19 record or other recording in any court or in any other proceeding  
20 recorded at the direction of the Supreme Court shall be governed by  
21 the Rules of the Courts of New Jersey] When a transcript of a  
22 stenographic record or other recording in any court or in any other  
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24 the request of any person, the original and copies thereof shall be  
25 prepared in the manner prescribed by the Rules of Court of the State  
26 of New Jersey and the standards fixed by the Administrative Director  
27 of the Courts and paid for at the rate of \$3.00 for each page of an  
28 original standard delivery transcript and \$0.50 for each of the copies  
29 thereof. If the transcript is furnished to a judge of the court, by court  
30 order, the reporter shall be paid at the same rates, and in the same  
31 manner and from the same sources as the reporter's salary or per diem  
32 fees are paid.

33 b. Beginning on the first day of July 2005, and on the first day of  
34 each fifth July thereafter, the rates and fees set forth in subsection a.  
35 of this section shall be increased to reflect changes in the Consumer  
36 Price Index (CPI) as follows: the foregoing fees and rates shall be  
37 multiplied by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the CPI for  
38 March 2000 and the numerator of which shall be the CPI for the  
39 March immediately preceding the applicable July 1.

40 For the purposes of this subsection, "CPI" shall mean that table in  
41 the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department

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**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> **Senate SJU committee amendments adopted March 16, 2000.**

1 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, now known as the "Consumer  
2 Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, All Items,  
3 New York-Northern New Jersey (index: 1982-1984 equals 100)." If  
4 this CPI shall be discontinued, then the Administrative Director of the  
5 Courts shall designate any successor Consumer Price Index of the  
6 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or any successor agency  
7 thereto, for the New York-Northern New Jersey area<sup>1</sup>.

8 <sup>1</sup>[b] c<sup>1</sup>. Except as to transcripts that are to be paid for by the State  
9 or county, the person preparing the transcripts may require any person  
10 requesting a transcript to prepay the estimated fee therefor in advance  
11 of delivery of the transcript.

12 <sup>1</sup>d. The Supreme Court may adopt Rules of Court and the  
13 Administrative Director of the Courts may issue directives to  
14 implement the purposes of this act.<sup>1</sup>

15 (cf: P.L.1991, c.119, s.1)

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17 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment.

P.L. 2000, CHAPTER 30, *approved June 23, 2000*  
Senate, No. 870 (*First Reprint*)

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20 **recorded at the direction of the Supreme Court shall be governed by**  
21 **the Rules of the Courts of New Jersey] **When a transcript of a**  
22 **stenographic record or other recording in any court or in any other**  
23 **proceeding recorded at the direction of the Supreme Court is made, at**  
24 **the request of any person, the original and copies thereof shall be**  
25 **prepared in the manner prescribed by the Rules of Court of the State**  
26 **of New Jersey and the standards fixed by the Administrative Director**  
27 **of the Courts and paid for at the rate of \$3.00 for each page of an**  
28 **original standard delivery transcript and \$0.50 for each of the copies**  
29 **thereof. If the transcript is furnished to a judge of the court, by court**  
30 **order, the reporter shall be paid at the same rates, and in the same**  
31 **manner and from the same sources as the reporter's salary or per diem**  
32 **fees are paid.****

33 **b. Beginning on the first day of July 2005, and on the first day of**  
34 **each fifth July thereafter, the rates and fees set forth in subsection a.**  
35 **of this section shall be increased to reflect changes in the Consumer**  
36 **Price Index (CPI) as follows: the foregoing fees and rates shall be**  
37 **multiplied by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the CPI for**  
38 **March 2000 and the numerator of which shall be the CPI for the**  
39 **March immediately preceding the applicable July 1.**

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5 this CPI shall be discontinued, then the Administrative Director of the  
6 Courts shall designate any successor Consumer Price Index of the  
7 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or any successor agency  
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14 Administrative Director of the Courts may issue directives to  
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24 Makes fees for and manner of preparation of court transcripts subject  
to court rules.

## CHAPTER 30

AN ACT concerning transcript fees and preparation and amending N.J.S.2B:7-4.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. N.J.S.2B:7-4 is amended to read as follows:

Transcript; fees.

2B:7-4. Transcript; Fees. a. When a transcript of a stenographic record or other recording in any court or in any other proceeding recorded at the direction of the Supreme Court is made, at the request of any person, the original and copies thereof shall be prepared in the manner prescribed by the Rules of Court of the State of New Jersey and the standards fixed by the Administrative Director of the Courts and paid for at the rate of \$3.00 for each page of an original standard delivery transcript and \$0.50 for each of the copies thereof. If the transcript is furnished to a judge of the court, by court order, the reporter shall be paid at the same rates, and in the same manner and from the same sources as the reporter's salary or per diem fees are paid.

b. Beginning on the first day of July 2005, and on the first day of each fifth July thereafter, the rates and fees set forth in subsection a. of this section shall be increased to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as follows: the foregoing fees and rates shall be multiplied by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the CPI for March 2000 and the numerator of which shall be the CPI for the March immediately preceding the applicable July 1.

For the purposes of this subsection, "CPI" shall mean that table in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, now known as the "Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, All Items, New York-Northern New Jersey (index: 1982-1984 equals 100)." If this CPI shall be discontinued, then the Administrative Director of the Courts shall designate any successor Consumer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or any successor agency thereto, for the New York-Northern New Jersey area.

c. Except as to transcripts that are to be paid for by the State or county, the person preparing the transcripts may require any person requesting a transcript to prepay the estimated fee therefor in advance of delivery of the transcript.

d. The Supreme Court may adopt Rules of Court and the Administrative Director of the Courts may issue directives to implement the purposes of this act.

2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment.

Approved June 23, 2000.

*Office of the Governor*  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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RELEASE: June 23, 2000

**Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following legislation:**

**S-987**, sponsored by Senator Robert J. Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), and Assemblymen David W. Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Reed Gusciora (D-Mercer), creates an exemption to New Jersey's child labor laws by permitting minors, who have approval of a parent or guardian and who have reached the ninth grade level or higher, to participate or work in hands-on, supervised, science education programs. The student cannot participate more than 20 hours per week during the school year.

Under the current law, individuals must be 18 years of age or older to work in an industrial laboratory setting. This prevents many employers from inviting talented young students into their laboratories to conduct hands-on science projects. This bill will allow New Jersey's youth with a unique opportunity to participate in educational programs sponsored by high technology and science based corporations.

**S-870**, sponsored by Senator James S. Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Assemblymen David C. Russo (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Charles Zisa (D-Bergen), would raise the page rate court transcribers can charge to litigants for transcripts of stenographic records and other court recordings. This bill is intended to bring New Jersey's court transcript fees in line with those paid to court transcribers by other states and the federal government.

Currently, court transcribers are paid \$1.50 for each page of the original and \$.50 for each page of a copy. This bill would raise the page rate to \$3.00 for each page of the original. The fee for each page of a copy would remain at \$.50.

The bill also provides that these rates would be increased every five years to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. Lastly, the bill makes a technical amendment to the statute governing transcript fees to reflect that the court transcripts are to be prepared in the manner prescribed by the Rules of the Court of the State of New Jersey.