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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Bill No. 5238

Sponsor(s) A. Russo

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This bill establishes a legislative internship program for high school students.

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SENATE, No. 238

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1980 SESSION

By Senators A. RUSSO, HAMILTON, VREELAND, GREGORIO,
SHEIL and FRIEDLAND

AN ACT establishing a legislative internship program and supplementing subtitle 2 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the youth of this State
2 should receive an opportunity to better understand and appreciate
3 the legislative process; that such an opportunity would encourage
4 youth to actively participate in the day-to-day affairs of State
5 government; that the establishment of a legislative internship
6 program would enable State legislators to gain an understanding
7 and appreciation of the views of the State's youth toward their
8 State on contemporary issues; and that such a program would
9 further the Legislature's historic role of promoting citizenship
10 training in our high schools.

1 2. The Legislature, in cooperation with the New Jersey Association
2 of High School Councils shall select public and private
3 secondary school students to participate in a legislative internship
4 program. Each State legislator participating in the legislative
5 internship program shall be assigned a legislative intern.

1 3. Students shall be selected from legislative districts, nominated
2 on a competitive basis by their student governments, but only one
3 student may be nominated from each school. Each student shall
4 submit an application indicating his interests and the scope of his
5 school and community activities. The New Jersey Association of
6 High School Councils shall appoint a committee in each legislative
7 district, consisting of a secondary school principal, a student government
8 advisor, a student and a State legislator. The committee
9 shall make the final selection of students for the program based
10 on the application, a recommendation by the student's school and a
11 personal interview; except that participation of the student shall
12 be subject to local board of education policy.

1 4. Legislative student interns shall perform such legislative
2 services as may be directed by the legislator to whom they are
3 assigned. Such services shall be designed to offer the interns a
4 broad experience in legislative activities, and may, as the presiding
5 officers of either House of the Legislature permits, include atten-
6 dance on the floor of legislative sessions.

1 5. The legislative internship program shall terminate during
2 the spring of each year with a model legislative session. This
3 session shall include the introduction, debate and voting of legisla-
4 tive bills in both Houses, and shall follow, as closely as possible,
5 the rules and procedure governing both Houses of the Legislature.

1 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill establishes a legislative internship program for high school students.

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 238

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 1981

This bill would establish a legislative internship program for high school students. Each State legislator electing to participate in the internship program would be assigned a legislative intern. Selection would be on a competitive basis, with a maximum of one nomination from each public or private high school.

The Division of Budget and Program Review of the Office of Legislative Services notes that "the bill is silent with reference to any provisions which might carry cost implications for the State or local school districts. Specifically, it is not clear whether the interns would receive pay and/or reimbursement for necessary expenses (e.g., transportation), and if so, whether such amounts would require a State appropriation or would be charged to members' staff allowances. In addition there is a question of accident/injury liability coverage for interns on assignment to legislators. Whether such coverage adheres to the State or to the student's school district (or neither) might depend on whether the student was performing legislative functions on a release program during regular school hours or whether school credit was being granted for internship service."

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FISCAL NOTE TO
SENATE, No. 238

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 9, 1980

Senate Bill No. 238 of 1980 would establish a legislative internship program for high school students. Each State legislator electing to participate in the internship program would be assigned a legislative intern. Selection would be on a competitive basis, with a maximum of one nomination from each public and/or private high school.

The Office of Legislative Services points out that the bill is silent with reference to any provisions which might carry cost implications for the State or local school districts. Specifically, it is not clear whether the interns would receive pay and/or reimbursement for necessary expenses (e.g., transportation), and if so, whether such amounts would require a State appropriation or would be charged to members' staff allowances. In addition there is a question of accident/injury liability coverage for interns on assignment to legislators. Whether such coverage adheres to the State or to the student's school district (or neither) might depend on whether the student was performing legislative functions on a release program during regular school hours or whether school credit was being granted for internship service.

Without further clarification, it is not possible to estimate the costs of the bill, if any.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.