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County
Vocational School
District
Partnership Grant
Program.
§§1-3 -
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18A:6-134

P.L.2014, CHAPTER 73, *approved December 3, 2014*
Assembly, No. 3337

1 **AN ACT** establishing a County Vocational School District
2 Partnership Grant Program in the Department of Education and
3 supplementing chapter 6 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.
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ASSEMBLY, No. 3337

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 22, 2014

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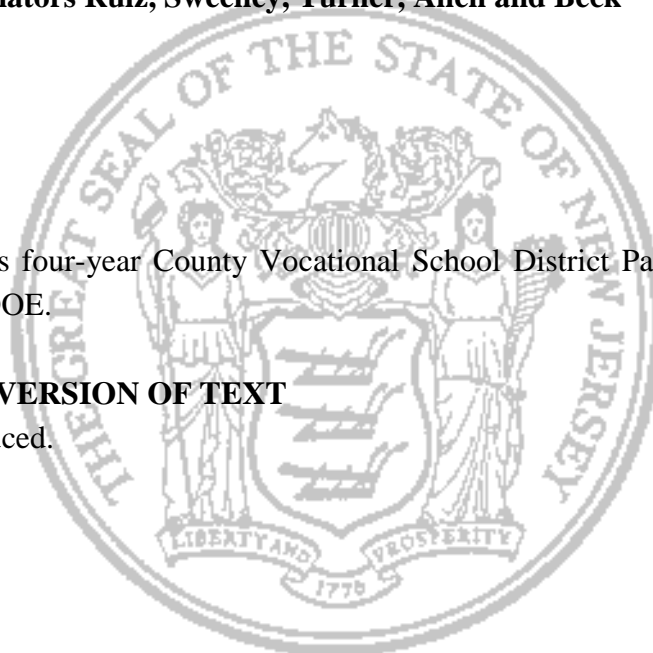
Assemblywomen Pinkin, Jasey, Watson Coleman, Assemblymen Wolfe, Singleton, Assemblywomen Sumter, Riley, Assemblymen Fiocchi, Eustace, Diegnan, Senators Ruiz, Sweeney, Turner, Allen and Beck

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3337

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 12, 2014

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3337.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to establish a four-year County Vocational School District Partnership Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to create an incentive program in which grants are awarded to county vocational school districts to partner with urban districts, other school districts, county colleges, and other entities to create high-quality career and technical education programs in existing facilities.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3337

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2014

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably on Assembly Bill No. 3337.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to establish a four-year County Vocational School District Partnership Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to create an incentive program in which grants are awarded to county vocational school districts to partner with urban districts, other school districts, county colleges, and other entities to create high-quality career and technical education programs in existing facilities.

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The bill requires that, four years following the grant program's establishment, the commissioner submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature on the outcomes of the grant program that includes a recommendation on the establishment of a permanent source of funding for these career and technical education partnership programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services notes that the bill may lead to an increase in State expenditures and a corresponding increase in revenue to school districts. The amount of the increase would be determined by the grants awarded by the Commissioner of Education, which would be limited by the availability of State appropriations.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 3337
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 24, 2014

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes four-year County Vocational School District Partnership Grant Program in DOE.

Type of Impact: Possible Expenditure Increase in General Fund

Agencies Affected: Department of Education; Certain School Districts

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Possible Indeterminate Increase		
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services notes that Assembly Bill No. 3337 may lead to an increase in State expenditures and a corresponding increase in revenues for county vocational school districts that receive a grant. The total increase would be determined by the number and amount of grants awarded by the commissioner to county vocational school districts. The grant awards would be limited by the amount of available State appropriations.

Section: Education
Analyst: Allen T. Dupree
Lead Fiscal Analyst
Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3337

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 3337.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2228, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 9, 2014

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3337.

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SENATE, No. 2228

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 16, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

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8 proposed partnership program, including the cost of any facility
9 repairs or modification, equipment and supplies, curriculum
10 development and materials, and professional salaries;

11 (9) an explanation of why the facilities of the county vocational
12 school district could not accommodate the new career and technical
13 education program;

14 (10) the plan to sustain the career and technical education
15 partnership program beyond the period of grant funding using other
16 State, federal, and local resources; and

17 (11) any other information that the commissioner deems
18 appropriate.

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20 3. The commissioner shall submit a report to the Governor, and
21 the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
22 19.1), four years after the establishment of the County Vocational
23 School District Partnership Grant Program. The report shall include,
24 but need not be limited to, information on the number of grant
25 applicants, the number of grant awards, the number of career and
26 technical education partnership programs established under the
27 grant program, the number of students who completed the career
28 and technical education partnership programs established under the
29 grant program, the costs and any savings realized through the
30 sharing of facilities under the grant program, and a recommendation
31 on the establishment of a permanent source of funding for such
32 career and technical education partnership programs.

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34 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to establish a
40 four-year County Vocational School District Partnership Grant
41 Program. The purpose of the program is to create an incentive
42 program in which grants are awarded to county vocational school
43 districts to partner with urban districts, other school districts,
44 county colleges, and other entities to create high-quality career and
45 technical education programs in existing facilities.

46 Under the bill, the commissioner will develop and administer the
47 grant program. The commissioner will award grants, within the
48 limit of State appropriations, to selected county vocational school

1 districts to support the development and implementation of a career
2 and technical education program in an existing school or college
3 facility that is not owned or leased by the county vocational school
4 district. The commissioner will determine the amount of each grant
5 awarded under the program and may award multi-year grants. The
6 grant application submitted by a county vocational school district
7 that seeks to participate in the program will include information on
8 the following:

- 9 • a description of the career and technical education
10 partnership program to be developed with the grant funding;
- 11 • a description of the partnership with the school district,
12 county college, or other entity that will host the program,
13 including the responsibilities of each partner for providing
14 education and support services to students and teacher
15 supervision and professional development;
- 16 • a description of any partnerships with local employers that
17 will support the proposed career and technical education
18 partnership program, and the number of students that could
19 be accommodated in the partnership program;
- 20 • the projected demand for the program, and an explanation of
21 whether the proposed partnership will replicate an existing
22 approved career and technical education program or if new
23 approval will be sought;
- 24 • the location of the facility in which the partnership program
25 will be located and whether the location is conducive to
26 serving populations targeted by the career and technical
27 education partnership program;
- 28 • the estimated start-up and initial operational costs of the
29 program;
- 30 • an explanation of why the facilities of the county vocational
31 school district could not accommodate the new career and
32 technical education program;
- 33 • the plan to sustain the partnership beyond the period of grant
34 funding using other State, federal, or local resources; and
- 35 • any other information that the commissioner deems
36 appropriate.

37 Four years following the grant program's establishment, the
38 commissioner will submit a report to the Governor and the
39 Legislature on the outcomes of the grant program that includes a
40 recommendation on the establishment of a permanent source of
41 funding for such career and technical education partnership
42 programs.

43 The State's 21 county vocational school districts serve over
44 32,000 students in full-time and shared-time programs and the
45 demand for these programs far exceeds the space available. This bill
46 attempts to encourage the establishment of additional career and
47 technical education programs through the use of existing facilities.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 2228
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: OCTOBER 3, 2014

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes four-year County Vocational School District Partnership Grant Program in DOE.

Type of Impact: Possible Expenditure Increase in General Fund

Agencies Affected: Department of Education; Certain School Districts

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost		Possible Indeterminate Increase	
Local Revenue		Possible Indeterminate Increase	

- The Office of Legislative Services notes that Senate Bill No. 2228 may lead to an increase in State expenditures and a corresponding increase in revenue to school districts. The amount of the increase would be determined by the grants awarded by the Commissioner of Education, which would be limited by the availability of State appropriations.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 2228 of 2014 requires the Commissioner of Education to establish a four-year County Vocational School District Partnership Grant Program in the Department of Education. The purpose of the program is to create an incentive program in which grants are awarded to county vocational school districts to partner with urban districts, other school districts, county colleges, and other entities to create high-quality career and technical education programs in existing facilities. Under the program, the commissioner would award grants, within the limits of State appropriations, to county vocational school districts to support the development and implementation of career and technical education programs in existing school or college facilities that are not owned or leased by the county vocational school district. The commissioner will determine the amount of each grant award and may award multi-year grants. Four years after the program's establishment, the commissioner would submit a report to the Governor and to the Legislature on the outcomes of the program, and would make a

recommendation regarding establishing a permanent funding source for such partnership programs.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services notes that Senate Bill No. 2228 may lead to an increase in State expenditures and a corresponding increase in revenues for county vocational school districts that receive a grant. The total increase would be determined by the number and amount of grants awarded by the commissioner to county vocational school districts. The grant awards would be limited by the amount of available State appropriations.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2228

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2228.

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serving populations targeted by the career and technical education partnership program;

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- the plan to sustain the partnership beyond the period of grant funding using other State, federal, or local resources; and
- any other information that the commissioner deems appropriate.

Four years following the grant program's establishment, the commissioner will submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature on the outcomes of the grant program that includes a recommendation on the establishment of a permanent source of funding for such career and technical education partnership programs.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3337, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2228

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 9, 2014

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