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Sponsor(s) Hurley, Chinnici and Jackman

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Senate Education

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3573

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED AUGUST 23, 1979

By Assemblymen HURLEY, CHINNICI and JACKMAN

(Without Reference)

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2 *of New Jersey:*

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5 ing said award.

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8 for the expenditure of the entitlement as part of the established
9 final application process.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Chapter 74 of P. L. 1978 provided for a limitation on the aid allocated annually to districts equal to the September 30, 1976 district enrollment multiplied by \$25.00 and that bonds in all cases must be authorized and sold. The expense for such authorization and sales to districts which received entitlements \$25,000.00 and under became prohibitive when considered as a percent of their entitlement. This bill clarifies that condition and permits certain districts to be allocated their total entitlement within 1 year of award of entitlement. The maximum amount could be \$85,000.00 and affect a total of five districts.

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3573

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 19, 1979

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports this bill which permits certain districts to receive their total entitlement under "The Additional State School Building Act" (P. L. 1978, c. 74) within 1 year of the award of that entitlement.

PROBLEM ADDRESSED:

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The following districts would be eligible to apply for this single payment:

District	Amount
Chesilhurst	\$24,000
Cape May Special Services	\$23,000
Greenwich (Cumberland)	\$17,000
Shiloh	\$11,000
N. Hudson Jointure Commission	\$11,000
Maximum	\$86,000

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JANUARY 24, 1980

KATHRYN FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed A-3573, sponsored by Assemblyman James R. Hurley (R-Cumberland), which permits school districts entitled to less than \$25,000 under the 1978 "Additional School Building Aid Act" to receive their full allocations within one year following the award of their entitlement.

Five school districts will receive funds under the bill. They are:

Chesilhurst Borough, Camden County	\$23,000
Cape May County Special Services District	\$23,000
Greenwich Township, Cumberland County	\$17,000
Shiloh Borough, Cumberland County	\$11,000
North Hudson County Jointure Commission	\$11,000

The 1978 law authorized the state to pay the full annual debt service on \$100 million of principal on locally issued bonds to assist local school districts in renovating deteriorating school buildings or in constructing new facilities.

In order to receive funds, a school district must submit a plan of expenditure for the entitlement to the Commissioner of Education for approval. The amount to which each district is entitled is determined by a number factors, including the age of the existing buildings and the wealth of the district.

However, the original law permits only an amount equal to the number of pupils enrolled in the district on September 30, 1978 multiplied by \$25,000 to be allocated to the district in any one year. The law also requires the school district to authorize and sell bonds before receiving their entitlements.

For the five districts with small entitlements and low enrollments, the allocation they are permitted to receive each year is so small that the expense for the authorization and sale of these very small bond issues is prohibitive as a percentage of the bond value.

The bill will necessitate no additional state or local funds and will save publication and legal fees for the five districts.

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