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BY *Richard, Gallo, Esposito, Call,*  
*and Calabrese, St. Pierre*

STATEMENT

YES

NO

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE

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NO

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 1637**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED APRIL 22, 1974

By Assemblymen PERKINS, GALLO, ESPOSITO, CALI,  
ADUBATO and LEFANTE

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT concerning education and supplementing chapter 64A of  
Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1 1. The board of chosen freeholders of any county which has not  
2 established a county college may, with the consent of the Board  
3 of Higher Education, establish a community college agency.

1 2. A "community college agency" means an educational institu-  
2 tion established or to be established by one or more counties  
3 sponsoring programs of instruction similar to those offered by a  
4 county college and governed by a community college commission  
5 which shall be constituted as provided in section 3 of this act.

1 3. The community college commission shall consist of: one  
2 representative each nominated by the respective boards of trustees  
3 of each of the accredited colleges, whether public or private, the  
4 principal campus of which is located in the county; one representa-  
5 tive from the county vocational-technical school board nominated  
6 by that board; the county superintendent of schools; and four  
7 public members who are residents of the county having no official  
8 connection with the educational institutions hereinbefore men-  
9 tioned. Except for the county superintendent of schools, all  
10 appointments shall be made by the director of the board of chosen  
11 freeholders, with the advice and consent of that board for terms  
12 of 4 years each, except that the initial appointments shall be made  
13 in four classes as nearly equal as possible in number, one class to  
14 serve for 1 year, one class to serve for 2 years, one class to serve  
15 for 3 years, and one class to serve for 4 years. The term of all  
16 members of the commission shall begin on July 1. Members  
17 initially appointed to the commission may serve from the time of

18 their respective appointments, but the term of such office shall be  
 19 deemed to commence as of July 1 of the year in which the appoint-  
 20 ment was made. Each member shall serve until his successor shall  
 21 have been appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled in the  
 22 same manner as the original appointments and for the remainder  
 23 of the unexpired terms. The members of the commission shall  
 24 serve without compensation for their services, but shall be entitled  
 25 to receive reimbursement for all reasonable and necessary expenses  
 26 incurred by virtue of services as a member of the commission.

1 4. When a community college commission is established by more  
 2 than one county, the number of public members shall be increased  
 3 by two for each additional participating county. Each county shall  
 4 also be represented by a member nominated by the county's voca-  
 5 tional-technical school board and the county superintendent of  
 6 schools.

1 5. A community college commission shall be a body corporate  
 2 and shall be known as the "Community College Commission of . . .  
 3 . . . ." (here insert the name of the county).

1 6. The community college commission shall have all the powers,  
 2 duties and responsibilities as granted the board of trustees of a  
 3 county college pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:64A-12 except the power  
 4 of eminent domain.

1 7. The commission shall make an annual report on academic and  
 2 fiscal affairs to the board of chosen freeholders and to the Board  
 3 of Higher Education, and annually recommend the funds necessary  
 4 to be included in the county budget pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:64A-15  
 5 through 20 for the purpose of public higher education in accordance  
 6 with the needs for support and facilities as determined by the  
 7 commission. The first year's estimate of expenses shall be prepared  
 8 and delivered pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:64A-21.

1 8. In accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board  
 2 of Higher Education governing such commissions, a community  
 3 college commission shall be eligible to receive State support for  
 4 operational and capital costs pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:64A-22, and  
 5 to the extent State concurrence may be required, any Federal  
 6 support that may be available under the higher education assistance  
 7 acts or any other appropriate Federal acts. Nothing in this act  
 8 shall prevent the commission from receiving any other public funds  
 9 that may be available.

1 9. Faculty and staff directly employed by the commission shall  
 2 be subject to the provisions of all statutes, regulations and stan-  
 3 dards governing equivalent positions at a county college.

1 10. Institutional representation of the community college com-  
2 mission shall not be construed to impair or modify any power,  
3 privilege, exemption, or responsibility granted to any institution  
4 of higher education under its charter or pursuant to N. J. S.  
5 18A :68-6.

1 11. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

The intent of this bill is to allow a county board of freeholders to create a public higher education agency which can contract for educational programs from existing colleges as an alternative to creating a new county college.

The community college commission would have the same powers as a county college board of trustees, with the exception of the right of eminent domain. The commission would have the power to grant the associate degree and conduct degree programs in its own right.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1637

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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DATED: JUNE 13, 1974

This bill would allow the board of freeholders of a county in which no community college existed to establish a community college agency which could contract for educational programs from existing colleges within its county as an alternative to creating a new county college. This bill is designed to meet the needs of Hudson county, although it would also apply to Warren, Sussex and Hunterdon.

The agency would be governed by a community college commission, which would have the same powers as a county college board of trustees, except for the right of eminent domain. The commission would have the power to grant associate degrees and conduct degree programs. As presently envisioned, its programs would be career-oriented, and thus not directly competitive with 4-year college programs.

Students would pay their tuition to the agency, which would negotiate a rate of payment to the host colleges, the difference between the two to be paid by the county with the same State level of assistance as provided to a county college.

FISCAL NOTE TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 1637

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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DATED: JUNE 13, 1974

Assembly Bill No. 1637 permits county freeholders to create a community college commission which can contract for educational programs from existing colleges.

Hudson county is the only county able to implement the provisions of the bill at the present time. Based on the projection of the number of Hudson county students who would enroll in the program, the Department of Higher Education estimates that enactment of this legislation would require an additional State expenditure of \$180,000.00 in fiscal 1974-75 and \$240,000.00 in fiscal 1975-76.

Present State support to Community Colleges is \$600.00 per full time equated student. It is estimated that the additional number of full time equated students who would avail themselves of the opportunities provided in this legislation would be 300 in fiscal 1974-75 and 400 in fiscal 1975-76.

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The fiscal note is based on an estimate of costs rather than actual cost information.

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