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(Historical Commission - special programs)

BILL NO:A1854 (Substituted for S933)

SPONSOR(S):Bagger and Lance

DATE INTRODUCED: March 23, 1998

COMMITTEE:

*ASSEMBLY:*Environment; Appropriations

SENATE:-----

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE:

*ASSEMBLY:*May 10, 1999

*SENATE:*May 10, 1999

DATE OF APPROVAL:June 25, 1999

THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL: *Yes*1st Reprint

(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

A1854

SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes*(Begins on page 6 of original bill)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY:Yes

September 17, 1998 (Environment)

October 5, 1998 (Appropriations)

SENATE:No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: *No*

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *No*

S933

SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes*(Begins on page 7 of original bill)

Sponsor's Statement identical to A1854

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: *No*

SENATE: *Yes*

February 18, 1999 (Environment)

March 18, 1999 (Budget & Appropriations)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:*No*

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *No*

GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS

VETO MESSAGE: *No*

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: *Yes*

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REPORTS:

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Rutgers University. Center for Urban Policy Research. Task Force on New Jersey History.

Economic impacts of historic preservation.

Trenton. June, 1997.

HEARINGS: *No*

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:*No*

§§1 - 4
C. 18A:73-22.1
To 18A:73-22.4
§5 Approp.
§6 Note To §5

P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 131, *approved June 25, 1999*
Assembly, No. 1854 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT requiring the New Jersey Historical Commission to establish
2 two programs for the support of activities in New Jersey history,
3 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and making an
4 appropriation.

5

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

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9 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

10 a. ¹**[A]** The¹ Task Force on New Jersey History was established
11 ¹pursuant to P.L.1994, c.146¹ to study the ways history services are
12 delivered to the people of this State and to make recommendations for
13 improvements in the delivery of such services ¹**[.]** ;¹

14 b. The Task Force conducted a detailed and comprehensive study
15 and submitted its report to the Legislature and the Governor in June
16 of 1997 ¹**[.]** ;¹

17 c. The report includes ¹**[thirty six]** 36¹ recommendations for ways
18 to strengthen the structure and function of agencies and organizations
19 that provide New Jersey history services to the public ¹**[.]** ;¹

20 d. In combination with other recent studies of aspects of New
21 Jersey history and the cultural life of New Jersey, the Task Force's
22 report provides indisputable proof that New Jersey's program of
23 history services has suffered for many years from severe underfunding,
24 especially in comparison with funding provided to other cultural
25 interests in the State and to history services in other states ¹**[.]** ; and¹

26 e. This underfunding has resulted in deteriorating historic sites and
27 collections of historical artifacts and materials; inadequate education
28 of collections management personnel in the techniques of collection
29 preservation; inadequate training of volunteers who staff historic sites;
30 insufficient research and publication on New Jersey history; inadequate
31 maintenance and interpretation of State-owned and other historic sites;
32 and low levels of innovation in and support of the tourism industry on
33 New Jersey's heritage.

34 ¹**[f.]** The Legislature ¹therefore¹ deems it necessary that the
35 residents of a democratic and increasingly diverse society such as the
36 State of New Jersey be provided with greater access to the materials

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AEN committee amendments adopted September 17, 1998.

1 of their history in order to understand how our society developed and
2 to safeguard its continued free and open evolution ¹ [. The Legislature
3 also deems it necessary to provide] ; and that¹ increased funding for
4 history services ¹ is needed¹ so that the agencies and organizations that
5 provide these services can provide them more adequately to the people
6 of New Jersey and their historical institutions.

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8 2. For the purposes of this act:

9 "¹ ~~[general]~~ General¹ operating support" means support for
10 expenses incurred in categories such as, but not limited to: wages,
11 salaries and fringe benefits; insurance; utilities; installation and
12 maintenance of appropriate environmental conditions in which to
13 maintain collections; facility and equipment leases and rentals; facility
14 maintenance; materials, supplies, and equipment; and staff training in
15 museum operations, collections acquisition and maintenance, or
16 management, exhibition, and presentation of educational programs for
17 the public by historical agencies, organizations or entities;

18 "¹ ~~[historic]~~ Historic¹ site" means a structure or a site associated
19 with the history of New Jersey that is on the State or National
20 Register of Historic Places, or is eligible for placement on the State or
21 national register, and that is owned or administered by a not-for-profit
22 organization ¹ ~~[or by the State]~~¹ or by an agency of county or local
23 government;

24 "¹ ~~[historical]~~ Historical¹ society" ¹ or "historical library"¹ or
25 "history museum" means a not-for-profit organization ¹ or an agency
26 of county or local government¹ that, within a museum ¹ or library¹
27 environment, houses collections of New Jersey historical materials,
28 presents historical collections to the public in the form of exhibitions
29 or educational programs, and makes such collections available to the
30 public for research; and

31 "¹ ~~[related]~~ Related¹ agency or organization" means a not-for-profit
32 entity that performs functions similar to those carried out by history
33 museums, historic sites, historical societies, ¹ historical libraries,¹
34 historical agencies of local or county government for the purpose of
35 providing history services, and that adheres to the same standards of
36 performance as those museums, ¹ libraries,¹ sites, societies or agencies,
37 although its primary mission may not be the provision of New Jersey
38 history services to the public.

39
40 3. a. The New Jersey Historical Commission within the
41 Department of State shall establish:

42 (1) ¹ ~~[a]~~ A¹ program for the purpose of awarding grants from the
43 fund established pursuant to subsection a. of section 4 of this act for
44 general operating support to public or private ¹ historical libraries,¹
45 history museums, historical societies, historic sites, historical agencies
46 of county or local governments, or any related agency or organization;

1 and

2 (2) ¹ **["a] A** program for the purpose of awarding grants ¹ **["or**
3 **loans"]** from the fund established pursuant to subsection a. of section
4 4 of this act to organizations, entities or individuals in support of
5 research and publication on New Jersey history.

6 b. (1) The commission shall develop guidelines and criteria for
7 each program established pursuant to subsection a. of this section.
8 The guidelines and criteria shall include, but not be limited to:
9 eligibility requirements for applicants; conditions under which
10 applications will be approved; ¹ **["conditions under which loans rather**
11 **than grants will be awarded; loan terms, including length of loan**
12 **period and interest rate;"]** conditions which may be required to be met
13 by approved applicants; forms for applications; application contents;
14 ¹ **an** application acceptance and review process; ¹ **the** manner of
15 awarding of monies to approved applicants; and oversight or
16 accountability for the expenditure of monies awarded to approved
17 applicants. ¹ **["The interest rate set by the commission for a loan award**
18 **under the program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection**
19 **a. of this section shall be a reasonable rate of interest. The guidelines**
20 **and criteria shall be developed to ensure that approved applicants will**
21 **reflect the racial, ethnic, and geographical diversity of the State.]** The
22 commission shall establish program guidelines and criteria and
23 advertise the programs in such a way as to develop a pool of
24 applicants that reflects the racial, ethnic, and geographical diversity of
25 the State.¹

26 (2) The commission shall develop the guidelines and criteria for
27 each program utilizing the definitions set forth in section 2 of this act
28 and in consultation with: Advocates for New Jersey History; New
29 Jersey State Archives; Association of New Jersey County Cultural and
30 Historic Agencies; Division of Parks and Forestry, Department of
31 Environmental Protection; Genealogical Society of New Jersey;
32 Historic Preservation Office, Department of Environmental Protection;
33 League of Historical Societies of New Jersey; Newark Public Library;
34 New Jersey Association of Museums; New Jersey Caucus, Mid-
35 Atlantic Regional Archives Conference; New Jersey Council for the
36 Humanities; New Jersey Council for the Social Studies; New Jersey
37 Historic Trust; New Jersey Historical Society; New Jersey Library
38 Association; New Jersey State Library; New Jersey State Museum;
39 New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance; Northern New Jersey Museum
40 Round Table; Preservation New Jersey; and Special Collections and
41 University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries. In addition, the
42 commission shall consult with at least three historians distinguished by
43 their knowledge of New Jersey history and their record of publication
44 in the field in developing the guidelines and criteria for the program
45 established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of this section.

46 c. (1) All applications received by the commission ¹ for grants to

1 be awarded¹ under the programs established pursuant to this section¹
2 shall be reviewed and evaluated by a panel of reviewers selected by the
3 commission. A separate panel of reviewers shall be selected for each
4 program. The commission shall identify a pool of potential panel
5 reviewers for each program and shall select from that pool the panel
6 for each program to review the applications received for the program.¹
7 Each panel shall be composed of persons who are experts in the area
8 for which the program provides support. ¹【All applications received
9 in a program shall be reviewed by a panel selected for that program.
10 The commission shall identify a pool of potential panel reviewers for
11 each program and shall select from that pool the panel to review an
12 application or group of applications. A】 The¹ panel of reviewers ¹for
13 each program¹ shall evaluate each application received ¹for a grant to
14 be awarded under the program¹ and make recommendations to the
15 commission.

16 (2) The commission shall make the final decision on each
17 application received, taking into consideration the recommendations
18 of the panel of reviewers. The commission, may within its discretion,
19 offer an approved applicant an award amount less than the amount
20 requested by the applicant. ¹【The commission may, in its discretion,
21 determine that no interest shall be assessed for a loan awarded to an
22 applicant under the program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of
23 subsection a. of this section.】¹

24 d. (1) The commission shall inform the public about the programs
25 established pursuant to subsection a. of this section in a manner
26 determined by the commission to result in as wide a dissemination of
27 information as possible within the limits of monies available to the
28 commission for this purpose. The commission may utilize such
29 methods for the dissemination of information as may be ¹【provided by
30 law for】 available to¹ State agencies 【to disseminate】 ¹for the
31 dissemination of¹ information on other such programs.

32 (2) ¹【The】 At the request of the applicant, the¹ commission shall
33 provide advice, in any manner the commission deems appropriate, to
34 interested applicants on the preparation of their applications.
35

36 4. a. There is hereby established within the Department of State
37 a revolving, nonlapsing fund which shall be credited with the monies
38 appropriated in section 5 of this act and such other monies as may be
39 appropriated or made available to the New Jersey Historical
40 Commission for the purposes of the programs established pursuant to
41 subsection a. of section 3 of this act. The fund shall be administered
42 by the Secretary of State and all disbursements from the fund shall be
43 made by the ¹【Secretary】 secretary¹ at the ¹【direction】 request¹
44 of the commission. Disbursements from the fund shall be solely for the
45 purposes of the programs established in subsection a. of section 3 of
46 this act and disbursements for a program shall be made from the

1 separate account in the fund created for the purposes of that program.
2 Any interest that shall accrue on the monies in the fund shall be
3 credited to the fund, and to each separate account within the fund as
4 determined by the secretary.

5 b. The ¹~~Secretary~~ secretary ¹ shall create two separate accounts
6 within the fund. The first of the accounts shall be credited with the
7 monies appropriated or made available for the purposes of the
8 program established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of
9 section 3 of this act. The second of the accounts shall be credited
10 with the monies appropriated or made available for the purposes of the
11 program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of
12 section 3 of this act.

13 c. Of the monies credited to the account created for the purposes
14 of the program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a.
15 of section 3 of this act, the commission may annually expend an
16 amount of up to 10 % of the monies in the account to undertake
17 special initiatives to stimulate research and publication in the field of
18 New Jersey history.

19 d. (1) Of the monies credited to the account created for the
20 purposes of the program established pursuant to paragraph (1) of
21 subsection a. of section 3 of this act, the commission may expend
22 annually an amount of up to ¹~~0.75~~ 1.75 ¹ % of the monies in the
23 account for necessary expenses incurred for the administration of that
24 program, including expenses in categories such as, but not limited to
25 ¹~~1.~~ ¹ salary and fringe benefits for one assistant grant administrator;
26 office equipment and supplies; printing and postage to publish program
27 guidelines and criteria and advertise the program; and travel and
28 maintenance for the members of the review panel selected pursuant to
29 paragraph (1) of subsection c. of section 3 of this act.

30 (2) Of the monies credited to the account created for the purposes
31 of the program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a.
32 of section 3 of this act, the commission may expend annually an
33 amount of up to ¹~~0.5~~ 2.0 ¹ % of the monies in the account for
34 necessary expenses incurred for the administration of that program,
35 including expenses in categories such as, but not limited to, office
36 equipment and supplies; printing and postage to publish ¹program¹
37 guidelines and criteria and advertise the program; and travel and
38 maintenance for the members of the review panel selected pursuant to
39 paragraph (1) of subsection c. of section 3 of this act.

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41 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department
42 of State \$4,500,000 for deposit into the fund established pursuant to
43 subsection a. of section 4 of this act. Of the amount herein
44 appropriated, \$4,000,000 shall be credited to the account created for
45 the purposes of the program established pursuant to paragraph (1) of
46 subsection a. of section 3 of this act, and \$500,000 shall be credited

1 to the account created for the purposes of the program established
2 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of this act.

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4 6. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section 5 shall
5 remain inoperative until ¹~~July 1, 1998~~ July 1st next following
6 enactment¹ .

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11 Requires New Jersey Historical Commission to establish two programs
12 for support of certain activities in New Jersey history; appropriates
13 \$4.5 million.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1854

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 23, 1998

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RICHARD H. BAGGER

District 22 (Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Assemblyman LEONARD LANCE

District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Romano, Barnes, Assemblywoman Buono, Assemblymen

Conaway, Conners, Felice and Assemblywoman Weinberg

SYNOPSIS

Requires New Jersey Historical Commission to establish two programs for support of certain activities in New Jersey history; appropriates \$4.5 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/28/1998)

1 AN ACT requiring the New Jersey Historical Commission to establish
2 two programs for the support of activities in New Jersey history,
3 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and making an
4 appropriation.

5

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

8

9 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

10 a. A Task Force on New Jersey History was established to study
11 the ways history services are delivered to the people of this State and
12 to make recommendations for improvements in the delivery of such
13 services.

14 b. The Task Force conducted a detailed and comprehensive study
15 and submitted its report to the Legislature and the Governor in June
16 of 1997.

17 c. The report includes thirty six recommendations for ways to
18 strengthen the structure and function of agencies and organizations
19 that provide New Jersey history services to the public.

20 d. In combination with other recent studies of aspects of New
21 Jersey history and the cultural life of New Jersey, the Task Force's
22 report provides indisputable proof that New Jersey's program of
23 history services has suffered for many years from severe underfunding,
24 especially in comparison with funding provided to other cultural
25 interests in the State and to history services in other states.

26 e. This underfunding has resulted in deteriorating historic sites and
27 collections of historical artifacts and materials; inadequate education
28 of collections management personnel in the techniques of collection
29 preservation; inadequate training of volunteers who staff historic sites;
30 insufficient research and publication on New Jersey history; inadequate
31 maintenance and interpretation of State-owned and other historic sites;
32 and low levels of innovation in and support of the tourism industry on
33 New Jersey's heritage.

34 f. The Legislature deems it necessary that the residents of a
35 democratic and increasingly diverse society such as the State of New
36 Jersey be provided with greater access to the materials of their history
37 in order to understand how our society developed and to safeguard its
38 continued free and open evolution. The Legislature also deems it
39 necessary to provide increased funding for history services so that the
40 agencies and organizations that provide these services can provide
41 them more adequately to the people of New Jersey and their historical
42 institutions.

43

44 2. For the purposes of this act:

45 "general operating support" means support for expenses incurred
46 in categories such as, but not limited to: wages, salaries and fringe

1 benefits; insurance; utilities; installation and maintenance of
2 appropriate environmental conditions in which to maintain collections;
3 facility and equipment leases and rentals; facility maintenance;
4 materials, supplies, and equipment; and staff training in museum
5 operations, collections acquisition and maintenance, or management,
6 exhibition, and presentation of educational programs for the public by
7 historical agencies, organizations or entities;

8 "historic site" means a structure or a site associated with the
9 history of New Jersey that is on the State or National Register of
10 Historic Places, or is eligible for placement on the State or national
11 register, and that is owned or administered by a not-for-profit
12 organization or by the State or by an agency of county or local
13 government;

14 "historical society" or "history museum" means a not-for-profit
15 organization that, within a museum environment, houses collections of
16 New Jersey historical materials, presents historical collections to the
17 public in the form of exhibitions or educational programs, and makes
18 such collections available to the public for research; and

19 "related agency or organization" means a not-for-profit entity that
20 performs functions similar to those carried out by history museums,
21 historic sites, historical societies, or historical agencies of local or
22 county government for the purpose of providing history services, and
23 that adheres to the same standards of performance as those museums,
24 sites, societies or agencies, although its primary mission may not be
25 the provision of New Jersey history services to the public.

26

27 3. a. The New Jersey Historical Commission within the
28 Department of State shall establish:

29 (1) a program for the purpose of awarding grants from the fund
30 established pursuant to subsection a. of section 4 of this act for general
31 operating support to public or private history museums, historical
32 societies, historic sites, historical agencies of county or local
33 governments, or any related agency or organization; and

34 (2) a program for the purpose of awarding grants or loans from the
35 fund established pursuant to subsection a. of section 4 of this act to
36 organizations, entities or individuals in support of research and
37 publication on New Jersey history.

38 b. (1) The commission shall develop guidelines and criteria for
39 each program established pursuant to subsection a. of this section.
40 The guidelines and criteria shall include, but not be limited to:
41 eligibility requirements for applicants; conditions under which
42 applications will be approved; conditions under which loans rather
43 than grants will be awarded; loan terms, including length of loan
44 period and interest rate; conditions which may be required to be met
45 by approved applicants; forms for applications; application contents;
46 application acceptance and review process; manner of awarding of

1 monies to approved applicants; and oversight or accountability for the
2 expenditure of monies awarded to approved applicants. The interest
3 rate set by the commission for a loan award under the program
4 established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of this section
5 shall be a reasonable rate of interest. The guidelines and criteria shall
6 be developed to ensure that approved applicants will reflect the racial,
7 ethnic, and geographical diversity of the State.

8 (2) The commission shall develop the guidelines and criteria for
9 each program utilizing the definitions set forth in section 2 of this act
10 and in consultation with: Advocates for New Jersey History; New
11 Jersey State Archives; Association of New Jersey County Cultural and
12 Historic Agencies; Division of Parks and Forestry, Department of
13 Environmental Protection; Genealogical Society of New Jersey;
14 Historic Preservation Office, Department of Environmental Protection;
15 League of Historical Societies of New Jersey; Newark Public Library;
16 New Jersey Association of Museums; New Jersey Caucus, Mid-
17 Atlantic Regional Archives Conference; New Jersey Council for the
18 Humanities; New Jersey Council for the Social Studies; New Jersey
19 Historic Trust; New Jersey Historical Society; New Jersey Library
20 Association; New Jersey State Library; New Jersey State Museum;
21 New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance; Northern New Jersey Museum
22 Round Table; Preservation New Jersey; and Special Collections and
23 University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries. In addition, the
24 commission shall consult with at least three historians distinguished by
25 their knowledge of New Jersey history and their record of publication
26 in the field in developing the guidelines and criteria for the program
27 established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of this section.

28 c. (1) All applications received by the commission under the
29 programs shall be reviewed and evaluated by a panel of reviewers
30 selected by the commission. A separate panel of reviewers shall be
31 selected for each program. Each panel shall be composed of persons
32 who are experts in the area for which the program provides support.
33 All applications received in a program shall be reviewed by a panel
34 selected for that program. The commission shall identify a pool of
35 potential panel reviewers for each program and shall select from that
36 pool the panel to review an application or group of applications. A
37 panel of reviewers shall evaluate each application received and make
38 recommendations to the commission.

39 (2) The commission shall make the final decision on each
40 application received, taking into consideration the recommendations
41 of the panel of reviewers. The commission, may within its discretion,
42 offer an approved applicant an award amount less than the amount
43 requested by the applicant. The commission may, in its discretion,
44 determine that no interest shall be assessed for a loan awarded to an
45 applicant under the program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of
46 subsection a. of this section.

1 d. (1) The commission shall inform the public about the programs
2 established pursuant to subsection a. of this section in a manner
3 determined by the commission to result in as wide a dissemination of
4 information as possible within the limits of monies available to the
5 commission for this purpose. The commission may utilize such
6 methods for the dissemination of information as may be provided by
7 law for State agencies to disseminate information on other such
8 programs.

9 (2) The commission shall provide advice, in any manner the
10 commission deems appropriate, to interested applicants on the
11 preparation of their applications.

12

13 4. a. There is hereby established within the Department of State
14 a revolving, nonlapsing fund which shall be credited with the monies
15 appropriated in section 5 of this act and such other monies as may be
16 appropriated or made available to the New Jersey Historical
17 Commission for the purposes of the programs established pursuant to
18 subsection a. of section 3 of this act. The fund shall be administered
19 by the Secretary of State and all disbursements from the fund shall be
20 made by the Secretary at the direction of the commission.
21 Disbursements from the fund shall be solely for the purposes of the
22 programs established in subsection a. of section 3 of this act and
23 disbursements for a program shall be made from the separate account
24 in the fund created for the purposes of that program. Any interest that
25 shall accrue on the monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund,
26 and to each separate account within the fund as determined by the
27 secretary.

28 b. The Secretary shall create two separate accounts within the
29 fund. The first of the accounts shall be credited with the monies
30 appropriated or made available for the purposes of the program
31 established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 3 of
32 this act. The second of the accounts shall be credited with the
33 monies appropriated or made available for the purposes of the
34 program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of
35 section 3 of this act.

36 c. Of the monies credited to the account created for the purposes
37 of the program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a.
38 of section 3 of this act, the commission may annually expend an
39 amount of up to 10 % of the monies in the account to undertake
40 special initiatives to stimulate research and publication in the field of
41 New Jersey history.

42 d. (1) Of the monies credited to the account created for the
43 purposes of the program established pursuant to paragraph (1) of
44 subsection a. of section 3 of this act, the commission may expend
45 annually an amount of up to 0.75 % of the monies in the account for
46 necessary expenses incurred for the administration of that program,

1 including expenses in categories such as, but not limited to, salary and
2 fringe benefits for one assistant grant administrator; office equipment
3 and supplies; printing and postage to publish program guidelines and
4 criteria and advertise the program; and travel and maintenance for the
5 members of the review panel selected pursuant to paragraph (1) of
6 subsection c. of section 3 of this act.

7 (2) Of the monies credited to the account created for the purposes
8 of the program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a.
9 of section 3 of this act, the commission may expend annually an
10 amount of up to 0.5 % of the monies in the account for necessary
11 expenses incurred for the administration of that program, including
12 expenses in categories such as, but not limited to, office equipment
13 and supplies; printing and postage to publish guidelines and criteria
14 and advertise the program; and travel and maintenance for the
15 members of the review panel selected pursuant to paragraph (1) of
16 subsection c. of section 3 of this act.

17
18 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department
19 of State \$4,500,000 for deposit into the fund established pursuant to
20 subsection a. of section 4 of this act. Of the amount herein
21 appropriated, \$4,000,000 shall be credited to the account created for
22 the purposes of the program established pursuant to paragraph (1) of
23 subsection a. of section 3 of this act, and \$500,000 shall be credited
24 to the account created for the purposes of the program established
25 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of this act.

26
27 6. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section 5 shall
28 remain inoperative until July 1, 1998.

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31 STATEMENT

32
33 Under this bill, the New Jersey Historical Commission in the
34 Department of State is required to create two new programs. The first
35 program will be established for the purpose of awarding grants as
36 general operating support to public and private history museums,
37 historical societies, historic sites, historical agencies of county or local
38 governments, or any related agency or organization. The bill
39 appropriates \$4 million for the first program. The second program will
40 be established for the purpose of awarding grants or loans to
41 organizations, entities or individuals to support research and
42 publication on New Jersey history. The bill appropriates \$500,000 for
43 this second program.

44 The bill authorizes the commission to use a certain percentage of
45 the monies appropriated for necessary expenses incurred for the
46 administration of these programs

47 In 1996, the Task Force on New Jersey History commissioned a
48 study by the Center for Urban Policy Research on New Jersey History.

1 The report of that study, *The Economic Impacts of Historic*
2 *Preservation*, quantifies the unfunded need by history museums,
3 historic sites, and related agencies as more than \$35 million per year
4 for: collection conservation and a variety of other purposes
5 (\$6.1 million); expanded educational services for the public
6 (\$10.4 million); maintenance to existing facilities (\$4.2 million); and
7 improvement and rehabilitation of existing facilities (\$14.9 million).
8 The report concluded that investing money in the State's museums and
9 historic sites would increase visitation to the sites and general revenue
10 to the State's economy by a magnitude of 75% to 100%.

11 A recent Eagleton Institute study, *The Status of Museums in New*
12 *Jersey*, reported that almost half (48%) of all museums in the State do
13 not have even one full-time staff person, the majority being small, local
14 historical societies and historic sites. Half of all museums struggle to
15 operate on less than \$66,400 a year. A correlation appears between
16 staff and budget size and audience appeal. The study shows that the
17 same museums that struggle to survive with no full-time professional
18 staff and annual budgets under \$66,400 cannot attract more than 4,000
19 visitors a year.

20 According to a 1991 survey commissioned by the New Jersey
21 Division of Travel and Tourism, only 4% of visitors to this State
22 reported visiting history museums, compared with an average of 19%
23 in other states. While 31% of museum goers in all states reported
24 positive reactions, New Jersey's rating was just 16%. Despite
25 excellent museums, landmarks, and architecture, only 28% of New
26 Jersey visitors reported a positive perception of the State's landmarks,
27 compared with 50% of visitors to landmarks nationwide.

28 Enactment of this bill would help bring the treasures of New Jersey
29 history to the widest possible public. With some 25% of the nation's
30 population living within a day's driving distance of New Jersey, even
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32 historical societies, and historic sites could yield expanded audiences
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44 in the schools. Lack of support for scholarship and publication on
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46 because of the need for up-to-date research and publication.
47 Therefore, this bill is designed to address this problem also.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1854

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

The Assembly Environment Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1854 with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended by the committee, directs the New Jersey Historical Commission in the Department of State to create two new programs. The first program would be established for the purpose of awarding grants as general operating support to public and private history museums, historical societies, historic sites, historical agencies of county or local governments, or any related agency or organization. The bill appropriates \$4 million for the first program. The second program would be established for the purpose of awarding grants to organizations, entities or individuals to support research and publication on New Jersey history. The bill appropriates \$500,000 for this second program.

The bill authorizes the commission to use a certain percentage of the monies appropriated for necessary expenses incurred for the administration of these programs.

The committee amendments eliminate the loan program under the research and publication program and make clarifying and technical corrections to the bill.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1854

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 5, 1998

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1854 (1R).

Assembly Bill No. 1854 (1R) directs the New Jersey Historical Commission in the Department of State to create two new programs. The first program awards general operating support grants to not-for-profit and county or local government history museums, historical societies, historical libraries, historic sites, or any related agency or organization. The second program awards grants to organizations, entities or individuals to support research and publication on New Jersey history.

The Historical Commission will develop program guidelines and grant criteria in consultation with public and nonprofit New Jersey historical organizations. Grant applications will be reviewed by panels of experts in program areas, although the commission will make final award decisions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note. The bill appropriates \$4.5 million from the General Fund to the Department of State, \$4 million of which is allocated to an account for grants to New Jersey historic institutions for their general operating support and \$500,000 of which is allocated to an account for grants to organizations, entities or individuals to support research and publication on New Jersey history. Of the monies allocated to grants for operating support, up to 1.75% of the monies in the account may be annually expended for administrative expenses. Of the monies allocated to grants to support research, up to 10 % may be expended annually to undertake special initiatives to stimulate research and publication in New Jersey history and 2% may be expended for administrative expenses.

SENATE, No. 933

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 23, 1998

Sponsored by:

Senator ROBERT E. LITTELL

District 24 (Sussex, Hunterdon and Morris)

Senator JOSEPH M. KYRILLOS, JR.

District 13 (Middlesex and Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Requires New Jersey Historical Commission to establish two programs for support of certain activities in New Jersey history; appropriates \$4.5 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT requiring the New Jersey Historical Commission to establish
2 two programs for the support of activities in New Jersey history,
3 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and making an
4 appropriation.

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

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9 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

10 a. A Task Force on New Jersey History was established to study
11 the ways history services are delivered to the people of this State and
12 to make recommendations for improvements in the delivery of such
13 services.

14 b. The Task Force conducted a detailed and comprehensive study
15 and submitted its report to the Legislature and the Governor in June
16 of 1997.

17 c. The report includes thirty six recommendations for ways to
18 strengthen the structure and function of agencies and organizations
19 that provide New Jersey history services to the public.

20 d. In combination with other recent studies of aspects of New
21 Jersey history and the cultural life of New Jersey, the Task Force's
22 report provides indisputable proof that New Jersey's program of
23 history services has suffered for many years from severe underfunding,
24 especially in comparison with funding provided to other cultural
25 interests in the State and to history services in other states.

26 e. This underfunding has resulted in deteriorating historic sites and
27 collections of historical artifacts and materials; inadequate education
28 of collections management personnel in the techniques of collection
29 preservation; inadequate training of volunteers who staff historic sites;
30 insufficient research and publication on New Jersey history; inadequate
31 maintenance and interpretation of State-owned and other historic sites;
32 and low levels of innovation in and support of the tourism industry on
33 New Jersey's heritage.

34 f. The Legislature deems it necessary that the residents of a
35 democratic and increasingly diverse society such as the State of New
36 Jersey be provided with greater access to the materials of their history
37 in order to understand how our society developed and to safeguard its
38 continued free and open evolution. The Legislature also deems it
39 necessary to provide increased funding for history services so that the
40 agencies and organizations that provide these services can provide
41 them more adequately to the people of New Jersey and their historical
42 institutions.

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44 2. For the purposes of this act:

45 "General operating support" means support for expenses incurred
46 in categories such as, but not limited to: wages, salaries and fringe

1 benefits; insurance; utilities; installation and maintenance of
2 appropriate environmental conditions in which to maintain collections;
3 facility and equipment leases and rentals; facility maintenance;
4 materials, supplies, and equipment; and staff training in museum
5 operations, collections acquisition and maintenance, or management,
6 exhibition, and presentation of educational programs for the public by
7 historical agencies, organizations or entities;

8 "Historic site" means a structure or a site associated with the
9 history of New Jersey that is on the State or National Register of
10 Historic Places, or is eligible for placement on the State or national
11 register, and that is owned or administered by a not-for-profit
12 organization or by the State or by an agency of county or local
13 government;

14 "Historical society" or "history museum" means a not-for-profit
15 organization that, within a museum environment, houses collections of
16 New Jersey historical materials, presents historical collections to the
17 public in the form of exhibitions or educational programs, and makes
18 such collections available to the public for research; and

19 "Related agency or organization" means a not-for-profit entity that
20 performs functions similar to those carried out by history museums,
21 historic sites, historical societies, or historical agencies of local or
22 county government for the purpose of providing history services, and
23 that adheres to the same standards of performance as those museums,
24 sites, societies or agencies, although its primary mission may not be
25 the provision of New Jersey history services to the public.

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27 3. a. The New Jersey Historical Commission within the
28 Department of State shall establish:

29 (1) A program for the purpose of awarding grants and matching
30 grants from the fund established pursuant to subsection a. of section
31 4 of this act for general operating support to public or private history
32 museums, historical societies, historic sites, historical agencies of
33 county or local governments, or any related agency or organization;
34 and

35 (2) A program for the purpose of awarding grants or loans from
36 the fund established pursuant to subsection a. of section 4 of this act
37 to organizations, entities or individuals in support of research and
38 publication on New Jersey history.

39 b. The matching grants awarded pursuant to paragraph (1) of
40 subsection a. of this section shall provide not more than 50% of the
41 general operating support of the public or private history museums,
42 historical societies, historic sites, historical agencies, or related agency
43 or organization applying for the matching grant. No more than 50%
44 of the total amount appropriated to the account created for the
45 purposes of this program pursuant to subsection b. of section 4 of this
46 act shall be made available for matching grants. Funds required to

1 match a grant may be obtained by public or private history museums,
2 historical societies, historic sites, historical agencies of county or local
3 governments, or any related agency or organization through donations
4 from individuals, contributions from public, private, for-profit or not-
5 for-profit foundations, groups or organizations, or other sources. The
6 remaining moneys appropriated to the account created for the
7 purposes of this program pursuant to subsection b. of section 4 of this
8 act may be awarded as grants under the program established in
9 paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section to applicants that have
10 shown sufficient hardship to warrant a grant instead of a matching
11 grant.

12 c. (1) The commission shall develop guidelines and criteria for
13 each program established pursuant to subsection a. of this section.
14 The guidelines and criteria shall include, but shall not be limited to:
15 eligibility requirements for applicants; conditions under which
16 applications will be approved; conditions under which a grant rather
17 than a matching grant shall be awarded; conditions under which loans
18 rather than grants will be awarded; loan terms, including length of loan
19 period and interest rate; conditions which may be required to be met
20 by approved applicants; forms for applications; application contents;
21 application acceptance and review process; manner of awarding of
22 monies to approved applicants; and oversight or accountability for the
23 expenditure of monies awarded to approved applicants. The interest
24 rate set by the commission for a loan award under the program
25 established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of this section
26 shall be a reasonable rate of interest. The guidelines and criteria shall
27 be developed to ensure that approved applicants will reflect the racial,
28 ethnic, and geographical diversity of the State.

29 (2) The commission shall develop the guidelines and criteria for
30 each program utilizing the definitions set forth in section 2 of this act
31 and in consultation with: Advocates for New Jersey History; New
32 Jersey State Archives; Association of New Jersey County Cultural and
33 Historic Agencies; Division of Parks and Forestry, Department of
34 Environmental Protection; Genealogical Society of New Jersey;
35 Historic Preservation Office, Department of Environmental Protection;
36 League of Historical Societies of New Jersey; Newark Public Library;
37 New Jersey Association of Museums; New Jersey Caucus, Mid-
38 Atlantic Regional Archives Conference; New Jersey Council for the
39 Humanities; New Jersey Council for the Social Studies; New Jersey
40 Historic Trust; New Jersey Historical Society; New Jersey Library
41 Association; New Jersey State Library; New Jersey State Museum;
42 New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance; Northern New Jersey Museum
43 Round Table; Preservation New Jersey; and Special Collections and
44 University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries. In addition, the
45 commission shall consult with at least three historians distinguished by
46 their knowledge of New Jersey history and their record of publication

1 in the field in developing the guidelines and criteria for the program
2 established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of this section.

3 d. (1) All applications received by the commission under the
4 programs shall be reviewed and evaluated by a panel of reviewers
5 selected by the commission. A separate panel of reviewers shall be
6 selected for each program. Each panel shall be composed of persons
7 who are experts in the area for which the program provides support.
8 All applications received in a program shall be reviewed by a panel
9 selected for that program. The commission shall identify a pool of
10 potential panel reviewers for each program and shall select from that
11 pool the panel to review an application or group of applications. A
12 panel of reviewers shall evaluate each application received and make
13 recommendations to the commission.

14 (2) The commission shall make the final decision on each
15 application received, taking into consideration the recommendations
16 of the panel of reviewers. The commission, may within its discretion,
17 offer an approved applicant an award amount less than the amount
18 requested by the applicant. The commission may, in its discretion,
19 determine that no interest shall be assessed for a loan awarded to an
20 applicant under the program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of
21 subsection a. of this section.

22 e. (1) The commission shall inform the public about the programs
23 established pursuant to subsection a. of this section in a manner
24 determined by the commission to result in as wide a dissemination of
25 information as possible within the limits of monies available to the
26 commission for this purpose. The commission may utilize such
27 methods for the dissemination of information as may be provided by
28 law for State agencies to disseminate information on other such
29 programs.

30 (2) The commission shall provide advice, in any manner the
31 commission deems appropriate, to interested applicants on the
32 preparation of their applications.

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34 4. a. There is hereby established within the Department of State
35 a revolving, nonlapsing fund which shall be credited with the monies
36 appropriated in section 5 of this act and such other monies as may be
37 appropriated or made available to the New Jersey Historical
38 Commission for the purposes of the programs established pursuant to
39 subsection a. of section 3 of this act. The fund shall be administered
40 by the Secretary of State and all disbursements from the fund shall be
41 made by the Secretary at the direction of the commission.
42 Disbursements from the fund shall be solely for the purposes of the
43 programs established in subsection a. of section 3 of this act and
44 disbursements for a program shall be made from the separate account
45 in the fund created for the purposes of that program. Any interest that
46 shall accrue on the monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund,

1 and to each separate account within the fund as determined by the
2 secretary.

3 b. The Secretary shall create two separate accounts within the
4 fund. The first of the accounts shall be credited with the monies
5 appropriated or made available for the purposes of the program
6 established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 3 of
7 this act. The second of the accounts shall be credited with the
8 monies appropriated or made available for the purposes of the
9 program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of
10 section 3 of this act.

11 c. Of the monies credited to the account created for the purposes
12 of the program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a.
13 of section 3 of this act, the commission may annually expend an
14 amount of up to 10 % of the monies in the account to undertake
15 special initiatives to stimulate research and publication in the field of
16 New Jersey history.

17 d. (1) Of the monies credited to the account created for the
18 purposes of the program established pursuant to paragraph (1) of
19 subsection a. of section 3 of this act, no more than 50% may be used
20 for matching grants. The commission may expend annually an amount
21 of up to 0.75 % of the monies in the account for necessary expenses
22 incurred for the administration of that program, including expenses in
23 categories such as, but not limited to, salary and fringe benefits for one
24 assistant grant administrator; office equipment and supplies; printing
25 and postage to publish program guidelines and criteria and advertise
26 the program; and travel and maintenance for the members of the
27 review panel selected pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection d. of
28 section 3 of this act; provided that these administrative expenses are
29 evenly divided between the portion of the account moneys used for
30 matching grants and the portion used for grants.

31 (2) Of the monies credited to the account created for the
32 purposes of the program established pursuant to paragraph (2) of
33 subsection a. of section 3 of this act, the commission may expend
34 annually an amount of up to 0.5 % of the monies in the account for
35 necessary expenses incurred for the administration of that program,
36 including expenses in categories such as, but not limited to, office
37 equipment and supplies; printing and postage to publish guidelines and
38 criteria and advertise the program; and travel and maintenance for the
39 members of the review panel selected pursuant to paragraph (1) of
40 subsection d. of section 3 of this act.

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42 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department
43 of State \$4,500,000 for deposit into the fund established pursuant to
44 subsection a. of section 4 of this act. Of the amount herein
45 appropriated, \$4,000,000 shall be credited to the account created for
46 the purposes of the program established pursuant to paragraph (1) of

1 subsection a. of section 3 of this act, and \$500,000 shall be credited
2 to the account created for the purposes of the program established
3 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of this act.

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5 6. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section 5 shall
6 remain inoperative until July 1, 1998.

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8 STATEMENT

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10 Under this bill, the New Jersey Historical Commission in the
11 Department of State is required to create two new programs. The first
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15 of county or local governments, or any related agency or organization.
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23 this second program.

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27 In 1996, the Task Force on New Jersey History commissioned a
28 study by the Center for Urban Policy Research on New Jersey History.
29 The report of that study, *The Economic Impacts of Historic*
30 *Preservation*, quantifies the unfunded need by history museums,
31 historic sites, and related agencies as more than \$35 million per year
32 for: collection conservation and a variety of other purposes (\$6.1
33 million); expanded educational services for the public (\$10.4 million);
34 maintenance to existing facilities (\$4.2 million); and improvement and
35 rehabilitation of existing facilities (\$14.9 million). The report
36 concluded that investing money in the State's museums and historic
37 sites would increase visitation to the sites and general revenue to the
38 State's economy by a magnitude of 75% to 100%.

39 A recent Eagleton Institute study, *The Status of Museums in New*
40 *Jersey*, reported that almost half (48%) of all museums in the State do
41 not have even one full-time staff person, the majority being small, local
42 historical societies and historic sites. Half of all museums struggle to
43 operate on less than \$66,400 a year. A correlation appears between
44 staff and budget size and audience appeal. The study shows that the
45 same museums that struggle to survive with no full-time professional
46 staff and annual budgets under \$66,400 cannot attract more than 4,000

1 visitors a year.

2 According to a 1991 survey commissioned by the New Jersey
3 Division of Travel and Tourism, only 4% of visitors to this State
4 reported visiting history museums, compared with an average of 19%
5 in other states. While 31% of museum goers in all states reported
6 positive reactions, New Jersey's rating was just 16%. Despite
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SENATE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 933

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 18, 1999

The Senate Environment Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 933 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill would require the New Jersey Historical Commission in the Department of State to create two new programs. The first program will be established for the purpose of awarding grants as general operating support to public and private history museums, historical societies, historic sites, historical agencies of county or local governments, or any related agency or organization. The bill appropriates \$4 million for the first program. The second program will be established for the purpose of awarding grants to organizations, entities or individuals to support research and publication on New Jersey history. The bill appropriates \$500,000 for this second program.

The bill authorizes the commission to use a certain percentage of the monies appropriated for necessary expenses incurred for the administration of these programs

The committee amendments would eliminate the requirement that \$2 million be spent for matching grants and would allow the entire \$4 million for grants. The committee amendments would also make numerous technical corrections. Finally, the amendments would require that prior to the award of any grants, the New Jersey Historical Commission shall submit a list of projects to the Legislature for its approval, which shall be in the form of the passage of a concurrent resolution.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 933

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 18, 1999

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 933 (1R).

This bill requires the New Jersey Historical Commission in the Department of State to create two new programs. The purpose of the first program would be to award grants for general operating support to public and private historical libraries, history museums, historical societies, historic sites, historical agencies of county or local governments, or any related agency or organization. The purpose of the second program would be to award grants to organizations, entities or individuals to support research and publication on New Jersey history.

The bill directs the commission to develop guidelines and criteria for the two programs, covering such matters as the grant application and approval process, eligibility requirements for grant applicants, performance conditions for grant recipients, and recipients' accountability for their use of grant monies. The bill provides for the establishment, for each program, of a panel of reviewers to evaluate grant applications and to submit award recommendations to the commission. The commission would make the final decision to award any grant, subject to the Legislature's approval by concurrent resolution.

The bill authorizes the commission to use a certain percentage of the monies appropriated for necessary expenses incurred for the administration of the two programs.

The bill appropriates \$4 million for the first program and \$500,000 for the second program.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of State \$4.5 million for deposit into a fund from which all grants awarded under the legislation are to be paid.

To afford an idea of current State budgetary support for history programs, it is noted that, according to the Governor's proposed FY1999-2000 budget, the FY1998-99 adjusted appropriations for the Department of State include \$2.79 million for the development of

historical resources, including (1) direct State services appropriations for maintenance of the Old Barracks (\$375,000) and for support of the Historic Trust (\$463,000), and (2) grants-in-aid for such programs as the New Jersey Historical Society relocation (\$1.2 million) and the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission (\$200,000).

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Office of the Governor
NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: June 25, 1999

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

A-2467, sponsored by Assembly Members James W. Holzapfel (R- Monmouth/Ocean) and Gerald J. Luongo (R-Camden/Gloucester), prohibits the manufacture of certain drugs -- often referred to as date rape drugs -- by a leader of a narcotics trafficking network and operation of a production facility for these drugs. Although the Governor recently signed a law criminalizing the sale of the drugs, gamma hydroxybutyrate and flunitrazepam, the law did not include a prohibition on the manufacture of these two drugs. The legislation seeks to correct that oversight and includes these two drugs among the substances to which the offenses of maintaining a drug manufacturing facility and being the leader of a narcotics trafficking network apply. The drugs are used to incapacitate victims and are often referred to as date rape drugs.

A-1300, sponsored by Assembly Members Marion Crecco (R- Essex/Passaic) and Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen) and Senator Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden), provides additional civil and criminal penalties for deceptive consumer practices. The bill attempts to protect seniors and persons with disabilities from deceptive consumer practices as follows: (1) a penalty of not more than \$10,000 if the violation caused the victim of the violation pecuniary injury and the person knew or should have known that the victim was a senior citizen or a person with a disability; or (2) a penalty of not more than \$30,000 if the violation was part of a scheme, plan, or course of conduct directed at senior citizens or persons with disabilities in connection with sales or advertisements. Any penalties assessed will be dedicated to consumer education for seniors and the disabled.

S-442, sponsored by Senator C. Louis Bassano (R-Essex/Union) and Assembly Members Paul DiGaetano (Bergen/Essex/Passaic) and John V. Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), requires each board of education which operates a health education program for students in grades seven through 12 to offer instruction in breast self-examination. The bill specifies that the instruction shall take place as part of the district's implementation of the Core Curriculum Content Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, and further stipulates that the comprehensive health and physical education curriculum framework shall provide school districts with sample activities that may be used to support implementation of the instructional requirement.

A-2299, sponsored by Assembly Members Nicholas Asselta (R- Cape/May/Atlantic/ Cumberland) and John C. Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Senators Anthony R. Bucco (R-Morris) and John A. Girgenti (D-Passaic), permits government retirees to repay pension loans through deductions from their retirement allowances. Under previous law, pension loans taken out by an active member of the various government employee pension systems were required to be repaid upon retirement before pension payments were made.

A-1854, sponsored by Assembly Members Richard H. Bagger (R- Middlesex/Morris /Somerset/ Union) and Leonard Lance (R- Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Senators Robert E. Littell (R- Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Joseph M. Kyriillos, Jr. (R-Middlesex/Monmouth), appropriates \$4.5 million to fund the creation of two new grants programs by the New Jersey Historical Commission in the Department of State. Funded with \$4 million, the first program will award grants and matching grants as general operating support to public and private history museums, historical societies, historic sites, historical agencies of county or local governments or any related agency or organization. The bill establishes a second grants program with the remaining \$500,000 appropriation to support research and publication projects on New Jersey history.

A-1639, sponsored by Assembly Members John C. Gibson (R- Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland) and Nicholas Asselta (R- Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland) and Senators James E. Cafiero (R- Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland) and Robert W. Singer (R- Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean), makes permanent the premium reduction rate for completion of defensive driving courses. The law providing for a mandatory reduction in automobile insurance rates for drivers that successfully completed an approved motor vehicle defensive driving course had been scheduled to sunset on Jan. 1, 2000.

S-316, sponsored by Senators Robert W. Singer (R- Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Louis F. Kosko (R-Bergen) and Assembly Members Melvin Cottrell (R-Burlington. Monmouth/Ocean), Joseph R. Malone, 3d (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Jack Connors (D-Burlington /Camden), allows holders of the Silver Star special license plate to affix a Silver Star insignia to their license plates. The Silver Star is a medal awarded by the armed forces for gallantry in action. The insignia affixed to the Silver Star special license plate highlights the achievement on holders' license plates. The bill authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue regulations governing the insignia.

AJR-51, sponsored by Assembly Member LeRoy J. Jones, Jr. (D-Essex) and Senators John O. Bennett (R-Monmouth) and John J. Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester), recognizes the "Code Adam" program and commends and encourages adoption of such programs by retail and business establishments. Code Adam is a program developed and utilized by Wal-Mart stores and SAM's Clubs throughout the nation, as well as Shop-Rite stores in New Jersey and New York, to prevent child abductions. Specifically, the Code Adam alarm signals a missing child and alerts all sales personnel to begin a coordinated and pre-arranged search effort to ensure that the child is not removed from the store.

AJR-61, sponsored by Assembly Members Barbara Wright (R- Mercer/Middlesex) and Paul Kramer (R-Mercer/Middlesex) and Senator Peter A. Inverso (R-Mercer/Middlesex), designates certain roads as the Washington Victory Trail. The bill provides that the routes traversed by General George Washington and 2,400 soldiers of the Continental Army during their historic nine-mile march from their landing site in New Jersey to Trenton in 1776 shall be designated as the Washington Victory Trail. In addition, the resolution directs the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the New Jersey Historical Commission, to identify and designate these routes of march with appropriate signs.