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P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 219, *approved September 22, 1999*
Senate, No. 585 (*First Reprint*)

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2 the Arts in awarding grants**]** the eligibility of certain institutions for
3 funding from the "New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers and
4 Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1987"¹ and supplementing
5 P.L.1966, c.214 (C.52:16A-25 et seq.).
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7 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
8 of New Jersey:
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10 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
11 New Jersey State Council on the Arts, created pursuant to P.L.1966,
12 c.214 (C.52:16A-25 et seq.), shall not ¹**[**deny any grant from a bond
13 fund or any other funding source, for any purpose, to any
14 organization, institution or association with an affiliation with any
15 particular religion, spiritual creed or system of beliefs because that
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17 supports that particular religion, spiritual creed or system of beliefs or
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19 affiliated with other organizations, institutions or associations
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26 Act of 1987," P.L.1987, c.265¹.
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35 Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Bond
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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 Senate floor amendments adopted June 22, 1998.

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 585

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 23, 1998

Sponsored by:

Senator BERNARD F. KENNY

District 33 (Hudson)

Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

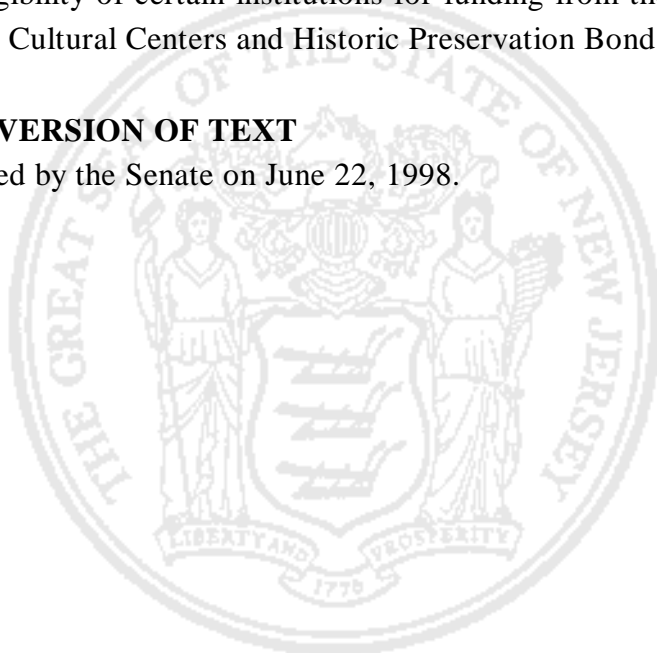
**Senators McNamara, Cardinale, Lesniak, Ciesla, Schluter, Singer, Martin,
Codey and O'Connor**

SYNOPSIS

Concerns eligibility of certain institutions for funding from the "New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1987."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on June 22, 1998.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/23/1998)

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2 the Arts in awarding grants] the eligibility of certain institutions for
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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 585

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 20, 1999

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Senate, No. 585 (1R).

This bill requires the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to include four-year colleges and universities, fraternal organizations, public and private elementary or secondary schools, and religious organizations as eligible for funding for cultural center development projects under the "New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1987," P.L.1987, c.265. Council guidelines and application materials have indicated that these groups are ineligible for the capital project grants.

Senate, No. 585 (1R) is identical to Assembly, No. 1787 (1R), which was also reported by this committee today.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, BANKING AND FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 585

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 1998

The Senate State Government, Banking and Financial Institutions Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 585.

This bill prohibits the New Jersey State Council on the Arts from denying any grant from a bond fund or any other funding source, for any purpose, to any organization, institution or association with an affiliation with any particular religion, spiritual creed or system of beliefs because that organization, institution or association expresses or in any way supports that particular religion, spiritual creed or system of beliefs or because that organization, institution or association is supported by or affiliated with other organizations, institutions or associations expressing the same religion, spiritual creed or system of beliefs.

This bill is the same as Assembly Bill No. 1787.

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 585

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator KENNY)

ADOPTED: JUNE 22, 1998

The purpose of this floor amendment is to include four-year colleges and universities, fraternal organizations and public and private elementary or secondary schools, in addition to religious organizations, in the group of organizations eligible for funding for cultural center projects pursuant to the "New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1987," P.L.1987, c.265.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1787

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 2, 1998

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RAUL "RUDY" GARCIA

District 33 (Hudson)

Assemblyman NICHOLAS R. FELICE

District 40 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

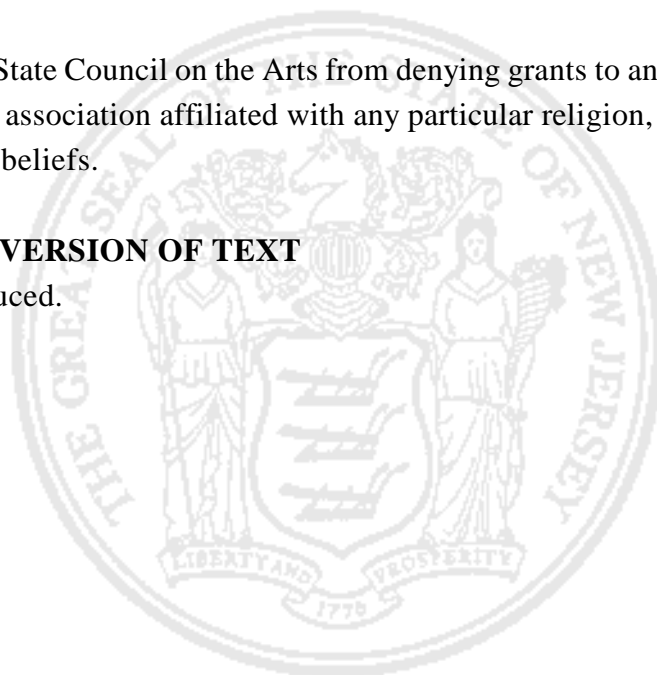
**Assemblymen Payne, Azzolina, Impreveduto, Stanley, Arnone, Charles,
Assemblywoman Cruz-Perez, Assemblyman Green, Assemblywoman
Quigley, Assemblymen Doria, Blee, Zecker, Assemblywoman Crecco,
Assemblymen Holzapfel, Wolfe, Assemblywomen Watson Coleman and
Weinberg**

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits State Council on the Arts from denying grants to any organization, institution or association affiliated with any particular religion, spiritual creed or system of beliefs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/11/1999)

1 AN ACT concerning certain criteria used by the State Council on the
2 Arts in awarding grants and supplementing P.L.1966, c.214
3 (C.52:16A-25).

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

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8 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
9 New Jersey State Council on the Arts, created pursuant to P.L.1966,
10 c.214 (C.52:16A-25 et seq.), shall not deny any grant from a bond
11 fund or any other funding source, for any purpose, to any
12 organization, institution or association with an affiliation with any
13 particular religion, spiritual creed or system of beliefs because that
14 organization, institution or association expresses or in any way
15 supports that particular religion, spiritual creed or system of beliefs or
16 because that organization, institution or association is supported by or
17 affiliated with other organizations, institutions or associations
18 expressing the same religion, spiritual creed or system of beliefs.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the New Jersey State Council
26 on the Arts from denying any grant from a bond fund or any other
27 funding source, for any purpose, to any organization, institution or
28 association with an affiliation with any particular religion, spiritual
29 creed or system of beliefs because that organization, institution or
30 association expresses or in any way supports that particular religion,
31 spiritual creed or system of beliefs or because that organization,
32 institution or association is supported by or affiliated with other
33 organizations, institutions or associations expressing the same religion,
34 spiritual creed or system of beliefs.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1787

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 20, 1999

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1787.

As amended, this bill requires that the New Jersey State Council on the Arts include four-year colleges and universities, fraternal organizations, public and private elementary or secondary schools, and religious organizations as eligible for funding for cultural center development projects under the "New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1987," P.L.1987, c.265. In the past, council guidelines and application materials have indicated that these groups are ineligible for the capital project grants.

The committee amended the bill to delete the prohibition against the Council on the Arts denying grants from any source, for any purpose, to any organization, institution or association with a religious affiliation.

As amended, Assembly, No.1787 is identical to Senate, No.585 (1R), which was also reported by this committee today.

Office of the Governor
NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: September 22, 1999

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

S-1789, the New Jersey Homeless Youth Act, sponsored by Senators William L. Gormley (R-Atlantic) and Joseph F. Vitale (D-Middlesex) and Assembly Members Kenneth C. LeFevre (R-Atlantic) and Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic), appropriates \$1 million to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish and support a comprehensive program for homeless youth. The Commissioner of the DHS will develop rules and regulations for the licensing of street outreach, basic center shelters and transitional living home programs.

Street outreach will enhance the homeless youth's accessibility to resources by locating, contacting and providing services to the youth through community-based, mobile outreach. Services may include assistance in finding shelter, food, clothing, medical care and counseling.

The basic center shelter program will provide a homeless youth with 24-hour, seven-day-a-week access to a stable out-of-home placement. Services may include family reunification, counseling, food, clothing, medical care, educational services and recreation. The shelter will help reunite the family unless it is not in the youth's best interest.

The transitional living home program will provide residential care and treatment services for up to 18 months to homeless youths between the ages of 16 and 21 who demonstrate the maturity to function with minimal adult supervision. The goal is to prepare the youth for independence and self-sufficiency. The legislation also eliminates the requirement in current law that prohibits homeless youths from obtaining emergency shelter without first obtaining either a court order or a guardian's permission.

S-160, sponsored by Senators Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr. (R- Middlesex/Monmouth) and Joseph A. Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Assembly Members Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth), authorizes certain federal law enforcement officers to make arrests for violations of New Jersey law. The bill expands the list of federal law enforcement officers authorized to make arrests when serious state crimes are committed or about to be committed in their presence to include the Department of the Interior special agents, investigators, park police and park rangers and the United States postal police. The power of postal police officers is limited to offenses occurring on postal property while they are on duty.

S-995, sponsored by the late Senator Wynona M. Lipman (D- Essex/Union) and Senator Ronald L. Rice (D-Essex) and Assembly Member William D. Payne (D-Essex/Union), allows for the extension of property tax exemptions for certain non-profit housing corporations beyond the 35 year limit set by the 1991 Long Term Tax Exemption Law. The bill applies only to limited-dividend and non-profit housing corporations. This bill would allow a municipality to extend the term of any such tax exemption to coincide with the term of the housing corporation's mortgage financing. The mortgage duration and the

terms of any such extension shall be set forth in an agreement between the developer of the housing corporation and the affected municipality.

S-1133, sponsored by Senators Peter A. Inverso (R- Mercer/Middlesex) and Anthony R. Bucco (R-Morris) and Assembly Members Charlotte Vandervalk (R-Bergen), Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth) and Neil M. Cohen (D-Union), provides a tax deduction to self-employers for 100% of the cost of health insurance. Under previous law, self-employers were treated the same as individuals could only deduct premiums in excess of 2% of their income as medical expense. This will change the tax treatment for self-employers to make it analogous to corporations. Under the law, corporations may deduct 100% of the cost of providing employee health insurance from their corporate income for the purpose of calculating the Corporate Business Tax.

S-585, sponsored by Senator Bernard F. Kenny, Jr. (D-Hudson) and Assembly Members Raul "Rudy" Garcia (D-Hudson) and Nicholas R. Felice (R-Bergen/Passaic), makes religious organizations, fraternal organizations, and certain educational institutions eligible for funding from the New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1987, in addition to non-profit cultural centers that are currently eligible.

S-1448, sponsored by Senator Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Assembly Members Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen) and Jerry Green (D- Middlesex/Somerset/Union), appropriates \$95,000 to establish a permanent Council on Gender Parity in Labor and Education with the State Employment and Training Commission. The new council will help ensure that federal and state gender equity initiatives are implemented effectively in communities, schools and public agencies.

S-1960, sponsored by Senators Henry P. McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Robert E. Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Assembly Members E. Scott Garrett (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/ Morris) and Guy R. Gregg (R- Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris), formalizes and makes permanent the municipal financial aid offset formula and program for the loss of property tax revenue as a result of the moratorium on the sale of watershed lands. For the last several years, the offset has been provided for through language inserted in the state annual Appropriations Act.

The amount of aid to be provided annually to every municipality where property is subject to the watershed moratorium is based on a formula of \$68.50 per acre of such lands in the municipality, to be adjusted annually by reference to the Consumer Price Index. The bill also appropriates \$3.4 million from the General Fund to the Department of Community Affairs for the purpose of providing watershed moratorium offset aid to qualifying municipalities for Fiscal Year 2000.

SCS for A-1983 and S-1237, sponsored by Assembly Members Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic) and David W. Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Wayne R. Bryant (D-Camden/Gloucester) and John J. Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester), creates the Higher Education Incentive Funding Program Act and appropriates \$5 million for state matching funds. The bill establishes within the Department of Treasury a program under which New Jersey's public and private institutions of higher education that receive substantial gifts of cash or marketable securities would qualify for state funds partially matching those gifts. The amount of matching funds payable would depend upon whether the gifts were endowment contributions or donations, and also upon the type of institution to which the gifts are made.

S-1074, sponsored by Senators Donald T. DiFrancesco (R- Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union) and Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr. (R- Middlesex/Monmouth) and Assembly Members Joseph Azzolina (R- Middlesex/Monmouth) and Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson, provides expanded sales and use tax exemptions for the film and video industry. Under current law, film production equipment including cameras, lighting equipment, sound recorders and film are exempt from the sales tax. This legislation expands the list to mirror those exempted in New York by exempting all products used and consumed directly and primarily in the production of a film. Newly tax exempt products include cars, lumber and supplies used in the production of a film. Tangible personal property incidental to the making of a film such as accommodations, prepared foods, and other products used by the film crew and actors and actresses would continue to be taxable.