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Senate, No. 1626

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# SENATE, No. 1626

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 6, 2002

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator BERNARD F. KENNY, JR.**

**District 33 (Hudson)**

**Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN**

**District 26 (Morris and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO**

**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**

**Assemblywoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN**

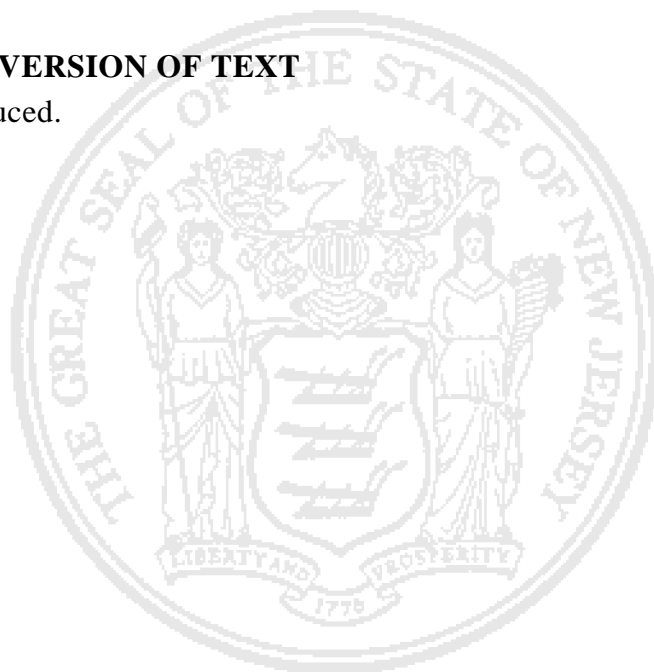
**District 15 (Mercer)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1626**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 21, 2002

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1626.

Senate Bill No. 1626 increases the percentage of Higher Education Capital Improvement Fund grants that can be used within student-support facilities.

Enacted in 1999, the "Higher Education Capital Improvement Fund Act" authorizes the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority to issue up to \$550 million in bonds to finance grants to public and independent institutions of higher education for the renewal and renovation of existing instructional, laboratory, communication, research, and administrative facilities. Currently under the act, an institution of higher education may use up to 5% of a grant award within student-support facilities for fire code renovations, health and safety code renovations, and other State and federal code-related renovations. Student-support facilities include student residence halls, dining facilities, activity centers, and health centers.

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As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2637 as also reported by the committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This bill has not been certified as requiring a fiscal note. An institution of higher education may utilize more of its grant award for student-support facilities.



# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 1626**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 13, 2002

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1626.

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# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1626

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 2637

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 30, 2002

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO**

**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**

**Assemblywoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN**

**District 15 (Mercer)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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