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remediation)

BILL NO: S1473 (Substituted for A2821)

SPONSOR(S) Adler and others

DATE INTRODUCED: February 27, 2006

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Environment and Solid Waste

SENATE: Environment

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 6 of original bill)

Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: <u>ASSEMBLY</u>: <u>Yes</u>

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE: No

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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 6 of original bill)

Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: <u>ASSEMBLY</u>: <u>Yes</u>

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

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P.L. 2006, CHAPTER 89, *approved August 21*, 2006 Senate, No. 1473

AN ACT concerning site remediation grants to local governments, and amending P.L.1993, c.139.

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

- 1. Section 28 of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-6) is amended to read as follows:
- 28. a. Except for moneys deposited in the remediation fund for specific purposes, financial assistance and grants from the remediation fund shall be rendered for the following purposes. A written report shall be sent to the Senate Environment Committee, and the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, or their successors at the end of each calendar quarter detailing the allocation and expenditures related to the financial assistance and grants from the fund.
- (1) Moneys shall be allocated for financial assistance to persons, for remediation of real property located in a qualifying municipality as defined in section 1 of P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178);
- (2) Moneys shall be allocated to: (a) municipalities, counties, or redevelopment entities authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4), for:
- (i) projects in brownfield development areas pursuant to subsection f. of section 27 of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-5),
- (ii) matching grants up to a cumulative total amount from the fund of \$5,000,000 per year of up to 75% of the costs of the remedial action for projects involving the redevelopment of contaminated property for recreation and conservation purposes, provided that the use of the property for recreation and conservation purposes is included in the comprehensive plan for the development or redevelopment of contaminated property, or up to 50% of the costs of the remedial action for projects involving the redevelopment of contaminated property for affordable housing pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et seq.),
- (iii) grants for preliminary assessment, site investigation or remedial investigation of a contaminated site,
- (iv) financial assistance for the implementation of a remedial action, or
- (v) financial assistance for remediation activities at sites that have been contaminated by a discharge of a hazardous substance or hazardous waste, or at which there is an imminent and significant threat of a discharge of a hazardous substance or hazardous waste, and the discharge or threatened discharge poses or would pose an imminent and significant threat to a drinking water source, to human health, or to a sensitive or significant ecological area; or

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(b) persons for financial assistance for remediation activities at sites that have been contaminated by a discharge of a hazardous substance or hazardous waste, or at which there is an imminent and significant threat of a discharge of a hazardous substance or hazardous waste, and the discharge or threatened discharge poses or would pose an imminent and significant threat to a drinking water source, to human health, or to a sensitive or significant ecological area.

8 9 Except as provided in subsection f. of section 27 of P.L.1993, 10 c.139 (C.58:10B-5),financial assistance and grants 11 municipalities, counties, or redevelopment entities authorized to 12 exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, 13 c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) may be made for real property: (1) on which 14 they hold a tax sale certificate; (2) that they have acquired through 15 foreclosure or other similar means; or (3) that they have acquired, 16 or, in the case of a county governed by a board of chosen 17 freeholders, have passed a resolution or, in the case of a 18 municipality or a county operating under the "Optional County 19 Charter Law," P.L.1972, c.154 (C.40:41A-1 et seq.), have passed an 20 ordinance or other appropriate document to acquire, by voluntary 21 conveyance for the purpose of redevelopment, or for recreation and 22 conservation purposes. Financial assistance and grants may only be 23 awarded for real property on which there has been or on which there 24 is suspected of being a discharge of a hazardous substance or a 25 hazardous waste. Grants and financial assistance provided pursuant 26 to this paragraph shall be used for performing preliminary 27 assessments, site investigations, remedial investigations, and 28 remedial actions on real property in order to determine the existence 29 or extent of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste 30 contamination, and to remediate the site in compliance with the 31 applicable health risk and environmental standards on those 32 properties. No financial assistance or grants for a remedial action 33 shall be awarded until the municipality, county, or redevelopment 34 entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to 35 section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4), actually owns the real 36 property, provided that a matching grant for 75% of the costs of a 37 remedial action for a project involving the redevelopment of 38 contaminated property for recreation and conservation purposes, or 39 a matching grant for 50% of the costs of a remedial action for a 40 project involving the redevelopment of contaminated property for 41 affordable housing pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et 42 seq.) may be made to a municipality, county, or redevelopment 43 entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to 44 section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 even if it does not own the real property 45 and a grant may be made to a municipality, county, or 46 redevelopment entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers 47 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) for a 48 remediation in a brownfield development area pursuant to

subsection f. of section 27 of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-5) even if the entity does not own the real property. No grant shall be awarded for a remedial action for a project involving the redevelopment of contaminated property for recreation or conservation purposes unless the use of the property is preserved for recreation and conservation purposes by conveyance of a development easement, conservation restriction or easement, or other restriction or easement permanently restricting development, which shall be recorded and indexed with the deed in the registry of deeds for the county. A municipality that has performed, or on which there has been performed, a preliminary assessment, site investigation or remedial investigation on property may obtain a loan for the purpose of continuing the remediation on those properties as necessary to comply with the applicable remediation regulations adopted by the department. No grant shall be awarded pursuant to this paragraph to a municipality, a county, or a redevelopment entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) unless that entity has adopted by ordinance or resolution a comprehensive plan specifically for the development or redevelopment of contaminated or potentially contaminated real property in that municipality or the entity can demonstrate to the authority that a realistic opportunity exists that the subject real property will be developed or redeveloped within a three-year period from the completion of the remediation;

- (3) Moneys shall be allocated for financial assistance to persons who voluntarily perform a remediation of a hazardous substance or hazardous waste discharge;
- (4) Moneys shall be allocated for grants to persons who own real property on which there has been a discharge of a hazardous substance or a hazardous waste and that person qualifies for an innocent party grant. A person qualifies for an innocent party grant if that person acquired the property prior to December 31, 1983, the hazardous substance or hazardous waste that was discharged at the property was not used by the person at that site, and that person certifies that he did not discharge any hazardous substance or hazardous waste at an area where a discharge is discovered. A grant authorized pursuant to this paragraph may be for up to 50% of the remediation costs at the area of concern for which the person qualifies for an innocent party grant, except that no grant awarded pursuant to this paragraph to any person may exceed \$1,000,000;
- (5) Moneys shall be allocated for (a) financial assistance to persons who own and plan to remediate an environmental opportunity zone for which an exemption from real property taxes has been granted pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1995, c.413 (C.54:4-3.154), or (b) matching grants for up to 25% of the project costs to qualifying persons, municipalities, counties, and redevelopment entities authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to

section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4), who propose to perform a remedial action that uses an innovative technology, or for the implementation of a limited restricted use remedial action or an unrestricted use remedial action except that no grant awarded pursuant to this paragraph may exceed \$250,000; and

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(6) Twenty percent of the moneys in the remediation fund shall be allocated for financial assistance or grants for any of the purposes enumerated in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection.

For the purposes of paragraph (5) of this subsection, "qualifying persons" means any person who has a net worth of not more than \$2,000,000 and "project costs" means that portion of the total costs of a remediation that is specifically for the use of an innovative technology or to implement an unrestricted use remedial action or a limited restricted use remedial action, as applicable.

b. Loans issued from the remediation fund shall be for a term not to exceed ten years, except that upon the transfer of ownership of any real property for which the loan was made, the unpaid balance of the loan shall become immediately payable in full. The unpaid balance of a loan for the remediation of real property that is transferred by devise or succession shall not become immediately payable in full, and loan repayments shall be made by the person who acquires the property. Loans to municipalities, counties, and redevelopment entities authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4), shall bear an interest rate equal to 2 points below the Federal Discount Rate at the time of approval or at the time of loan closing, whichever is lower, except that the rate shall be no lower than 3 percent. All other loans shall bear an interest rate equal to the Federal Discount Rate at the time of approval or at the time of the loan closing, whichever is lower, except that the rate on such loans shall be no lower than five percent. Financial assistance and grants may be issued for up to 100% of the estimated applicable remediation cost, except that the cumulative maximum amount of financial assistance which may be issued to a person, in any calendar year, for one or more properties, shall be \$1,000,000. Financial assistance and grants to any one municipality, county, or redevelopment entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) may not exceed \$3,000,000 in any calendar year except as provided in subsection f. of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-5). Grants to a municipality, county, or redevelopment entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 may be for up to 100% of the total costs of the preliminary assessment, site investigation, or remedial investigation regardless of when the application was received by the department. Grants to a municipality, a county, or a redevelopment entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992,

c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) may not exceed 75% of the total costs of the Iremediation remedial action at any one site for any application received by the department on or after September 15, 2005. Repayments of principal and interest on the loans issued from the remediation fund shall be paid to the authority and shall be deposited into the remediation fund.

The total amount of grant moneys awarded in any one year may not exceed 70 percent of the total amount of financial assistance and grants awarded in that year.

- c. No person, other than a qualified person planning to use an innovative technology for the cost of that technology, a qualified person planning to use a limited restricted use remedial action or an unrestricted use remedial action for the cost of the remedial action, a person performing a remediation in an environmental opportunity zone, or a person voluntarily performing a remediation, shall be eligible for financial assistance from the remediation fund to the extent that person is capable of establishing a remediation funding source for the remediation as required pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-3).
- d. The authority may use a sum that represents up to 2% of the moneys issued as financial assistance or grants from the remediation fund each year for administrative expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the fund and the issuance of financial assistance and grants.
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(cf: P.L.2005, c.223, s.4)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would change the limits on grants from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund to municipalities, counties and redevelopment agencies authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:12A-4. Current law limits grants

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to those entities to 75% of the total costs of the remediation. This bill would authorize grants to those entities for up to 100% of the costs of the preliminary assessment, site investigation and remedial investigation regardless of the date the application for funding was submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection. It would authorize grants for up to 75% of the costs of the remedial action of a contaminated site for applications received by the department after September 15, 2005.

Changes funding limits for grants to local governments from hazardous discharge fund for site remediation.

SENATE, No. 1473

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 2006

Sponsored by:
Senator JOHN H. ADLER
District 6 (Camden)
Assemblyman JOHN F. MCKEON
District 27 (Essex)
Assemblyman DOUGLAS H. FISHER
District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)
Assemblyman UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA
District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)
Assemblyman JOSEPH VAS
District 19 (Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by: Assemblymen Gordon and Manzo

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/10/2006)

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(cf: P.L.2005, c.223, s.4)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would change the limits on grants from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund to municipalities, counties and redevelopment agencies authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:12A-4. Current law limits grants

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SENATE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1473

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 6, 2006

The Senate Environment Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1473.

This bill would change the limits on grants from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund to municipalities, counties and redevelopment agencies authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) (the "Local Redevelopment and Housing Law"). Current law limits grants to those entities to 75% of the total costs of the remediation. This bill would authorize grants to those entities for up to 100% of the costs of the preliminary assessment, site investigation and remedial investigation regardless of the date the application for funding was submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection. It would authorize grants for up to 75% of the costs of the remedial action of a contaminated site for applications received by the department after September 15, 2005.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1473

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 15, 2006

The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1473.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No.2821 as also reported by the committee.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2821

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED MARCH 9, 2006

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SYNOPSIS

Changes funding limits for grants to local governments from hazardous discharge fund for site remediation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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AN ACT concerning site remediation grants to local governments, and amending P.L.1993, c.139.

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

- 1. Section 28 of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-6) is amended to read as follows:
- 28. a. Except for moneys deposited in the remediation fund for specific purposes, financial assistance and grants from the remediation fund shall be rendered for the following purposes. A written report shall be sent to the Senate Environment Committee, and the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, or their successors at the end of each calendar quarter detailing the allocation and expenditures related to the financial assistance and grants from the fund.
- (1) Moneys shall be allocated for financial assistance to persons, for remediation of real property located in a qualifying municipality as defined in section 1 of P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178);
- (2) Moneys shall be allocated to: (a) municipalities, counties, or redevelopment entities authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4), for:
- (i) projects in brownfield development areas pursuant to subsection f. of section 27 of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-5),
- (ii) matching grants up to a cumulative total amount from the fund of \$5,000,000 per year of up to 75% of the costs of the remedial action for projects involving the redevelopment of contaminated property for recreation and conservation purposes, provided that the use of the property for recreation and conservation purposes is included in the comprehensive plan for the development or redevelopment of contaminated property, or up to 50% of the costs of the remedial action for projects involving the redevelopment of contaminated property for affordable housing pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et seq.),
- (iii) grants for preliminary assessment, site investigation or remedial investigation of a contaminated site,
 - (iv) financial assistance for the implementation of a remedial action, or
- (v) financial assistance for remediation activities at sites that have been contaminated by a discharge of a hazardous substance or hazardous waste, or at which there is an imminent and significant threat of a discharge of a hazardous substance or hazardous waste, and the discharge or threatened discharge poses or would pose an imminent and significant threat to a drinking water source, to human health, or to a sensitive or significant ecological area; or

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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(b) persons for financial assistance for remediation activities at sites that have been contaminated by a discharge of a hazardous substance or hazardous waste, or at which there is an imminent and significant threat of a discharge of a hazardous substance or hazardous waste, and the discharge or threatened discharge poses or would pose an imminent and significant threat to a drinking water source, to human health, or to a sensitive or significant ecological area

8 9 Except as provided in subsection f. of section 27 of P.L.1993, 10 c.139 (C.58:10B-5),financial assistance and grants municipalities, counties, or redevelopment entities authorized to 11 12 exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, 13 c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) may be made for real property: (1) on which 14 they hold a tax sale certificate; (2) that they have acquired through 15 foreclosure or other similar means; or (3) that they have acquired, 16 or, in the case of a county governed by a board of chosen 17 freeholders, have passed a resolution or, in the case of a 18 municipality or a county operating under the "Optional County 19 Charter Law," P.L.1972, c.154 (C.40:41A-1 et seq.), have passed an 20 ordinance or other appropriate document to acquire, by voluntary 21 conveyance for the purpose of redevelopment, or for recreation and 22 conservation purposes. Financial assistance and grants may only be 23 awarded for real property on which there has been or on which there 24 is suspected of being a discharge of a hazardous substance or a 25 hazardous waste. Grants and financial assistance provided pursuant 26 to this paragraph shall be used for performing preliminary 27 assessments, site investigations, remedial investigations, and 28 remedial actions on real property in order to determine the existence 29 or extent of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste 30 contamination, and to remediate the site in compliance with the 31 applicable health risk and environmental standards on those 32 properties. No financial assistance or grants for a remedial action 33 shall be awarded until the municipality, county, or redevelopment 34 entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to 35 section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4), actually owns the real 36 property, provided that a matching grant for 75% of the costs of a 37 remedial action for a project involving the redevelopment of 38 contaminated property for recreation and conservation purposes, or 39 a matching grant for 50% of the costs of a remedial action for a 40 project involving the redevelopment of contaminated property for 41 affordable housing pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et 42 seq.) may be made to a municipality, county, or redevelopment 43 entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to 44 section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 even if it does not own the real property 45 and a grant may be made to a municipality, county, or 46 redevelopment entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers 47 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) for a 48 remediation in a brownfield development area pursuant to

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subsection f. of section 27 of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-5) even if the entity does not own the real property. No grant shall be awarded for a remedial action for a project involving the redevelopment of contaminated property for recreation or conservation purposes unless the use of the property is preserved for recreation and conservation purposes by conveyance of a development easement, conservation restriction or easement, or other restriction or easement permanently restricting development, which shall be recorded and indexed with the deed in the registry of deeds for the county. A municipality that has performed, or on which there has been performed, a preliminary assessment, site investigation or remedial investigation on property may obtain a loan for the purpose of continuing the remediation on those properties as necessary to comply with the applicable remediation regulations adopted by the department. No grant shall be awarded pursuant to this paragraph to a municipality, a county, or a redevelopment entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) unless that entity has adopted by ordinance or resolution a comprehensive plan specifically for the development or redevelopment of contaminated or potentially contaminated real property in that municipality or the entity can demonstrate to the authority that a realistic opportunity exists that the subject real property will be developed or redeveloped within a three-year period from the completion of the remediation;

- (3) Moneys shall be allocated for financial assistance to persons who voluntarily perform a remediation of a hazardous substance or hazardous waste discharge;
- (4) Moneys shall be allocated for grants to persons who own real property on which there has been a discharge of a hazardous substance or a hazardous waste and that person qualifies for an innocent party grant. A person qualifies for an innocent party grant if that person acquired the property prior to December 31, 1983, the hazardous substance or hazardous waste that was discharged at the property was not used by the person at that site, and that person certifies that he did not discharge any hazardous substance or hazardous waste at an area where a discharge is discovered. A grant authorized pursuant to this paragraph may be for up to 50% of the remediation costs at the area of concern for which the person qualifies for an innocent party grant, except that no grant awarded pursuant to this paragraph to any person may exceed \$1,000,000;
- (5) Moneys shall be allocated for (a) financial assistance to persons who own and plan to remediate an environmental opportunity zone for which an exemption from real property taxes has been granted pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1995, c.413 (C.54:4-3.154), or (b) matching grants for up to 25% of the project costs to qualifying persons, municipalities, counties, and redevelopment entities authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to

section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4), who propose to perform a remedial action that uses an innovative technology, or for the implementation of a limited restricted use remedial action or an unrestricted use remedial action except that no grant awarded pursuant to this paragraph may exceed \$250,000; and

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(6) Twenty percent of the moneys in the remediation fund shall be allocated for financial assistance or grants for any of the purposes enumerated in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection.

For the purposes of paragraph (5) of this subsection, "qualifying persons" means any person who has a net worth of not more than \$2,000,000 and "project costs" means that portion of the total costs of a remediation that is specifically for the use of an innovative technology or to implement an unrestricted use remedial action or a limited restricted use remedial action, as applicable.

b. Loans issued from the remediation fund shall be for a term not to exceed ten years, except that upon the transfer of ownership of any real property for which the loan was made, the unpaid balance of the loan shall become immediately payable in full. The unpaid balance of a loan for the remediation of real property that is transferred by devise or succession shall not become immediately payable in full, and loan repayments shall be made by the person who acquires the property. Loans to municipalities, counties, and redevelopment entities authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4), shall bear an interest rate equal to 2 points below the Federal Discount Rate at the time of approval or at the time of loan closing, whichever is lower, except that the rate shall be no lower than 3 percent. All other loans shall bear an interest rate equal to the Federal Discount Rate at the time of approval or at the time of the loan closing, whichever is lower, except that the rate on such loans shall be no lower than five percent. Financial assistance and grants may be issued for up to 100% of the estimated applicable remediation cost, except that the cumulative maximum amount of financial assistance which may be issued to a person, in any calendar year, for one or more properties, shall be \$1,000,000. Financial assistance and grants to any one municipality, county, or redevelopment entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) may not exceed \$3,000,000 in any calendar year except as provided in subsection f. of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-5). Grants to a municipality, county, or redevelopment entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 may be for up to 100% of the total costs of the preliminary assessment, site investigation, or remedial investigation regardless of when the application was received by the department. Grants to a municipality, a county, or a redevelopment entity authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992,

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- c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) may not exceed 75% of the total costs of the Iremediation remedial action at any one site for any application received by the department on or after September 15, 2005.

 Repayments of principal and interest on the loans issued from the
- remediation fund shall be paid to the authority and shall be deposited into the remediation fund.

The total amount of grant moneys awarded in any one year may not exceed 70 percent of the total amount of financial assistance and grants awarded in that year.

- c. No person, other than a qualified person planning to use an innovative technology for the cost of that technology, a qualified person planning to use a limited restricted use remedial action or an unrestricted use remedial action for the cost of the remedial action, a person performing a remediation in an environmental opportunity zone, or a person voluntarily performing a remediation, shall be eligible for financial assistance from the remediation fund to the extent that person is capable of establishing a remediation funding source for the remediation as required pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-3).
- d. The authority may use a sum that represents up to 2% of the moneys issued as financial assistance or grants from the remediation fund each year for administrative expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the fund and the issuance of financial assistance and grants.
- e. Prior to March 1 of each year, the authority shall submit to the Senate Environment Committee and the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, or their successors, a report detailing the amount of money that was available for financial assistance and grants from the remediation fund for the previous calendar year, the amount of money estimated to be available for financial assistance and grants for the current calendar year, the amount of financial assistance and grants issued for the previous calendar year and the category for which each financial assistance and grant was rendered, and any suggestions for legislative action the authority deems advisable to further the legislative intent to facilitate remediation and promote the redevelopment and use of existing industrial sites.

(cf: P.L.2005, c.223, s.4)

(61. 1.2.2003, 6.223, 5.1)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would change the limits on grants from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund to municipalities, counties and redevelopment agencies authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:12A-4. Current law limits grants

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- to those entities to 75% of the total costs of the remediation. This bill would authorize grants to those entities for up to 100% of the costs of the preliminary assessment, site investigation and remedial investigation regardless of the date the application for funding was submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection. It would authorize grants for up to 75% of the costs of the remedial action of a contaminated site for applications received by the department
- 8 after September 15, 2005.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2821

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 15, 2006

The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2821.

This bill would change the limits on grants from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund to municipalities, counties and redevelopment agencies authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-4) (the "Local Redevelopment and Housing Law"). Current law limits grants to those entities to 75% of the total costs of the remediation. This bill would authorize grants to those entities for up to 100% of the costs of the preliminary assessment, site investigation and remedial investigation regardless of the date the application for funding was submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection. It would authorize grants for up to 75% of the costs of the remedial action of a contaminated site for applications received by the department after September 15, 2005.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No.1473 as also reported by the committee.