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('Volunteer Youth Corp Act')

LAWS OF: 1984

CHAPTER: 198

Bill No: A1154

Sponsor(s): Schwartz and others

Date Introduced: January 30, 1984

Committee: Assembly: Housing and Urban Policy

Senate: Labor, Industry and Professions

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement:

Yes

(Below)

Committee statement:

Assembly

Yes

Senate

Yes

Fiscal Note:

No

Veto Message:

Yes

Message on Signing:

Yes

Following were printed:

Reports:

No

Hearings:

No

Sponsors' statement:

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs to establish the New Jersey Volunteer Youth Corps.

See newspaper clipping--"Star Ledger, 11-28-84"--attached

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1154

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 30, 1984

By Assemblyman SCHWARTZ, Assemblywoman PERUN, Assemblymen WATSON, CHARLES and MILLER

AN ACT to authorize the establishment of the New Jersey ****[Volunteer]**** Youth Corps in the Department of Community Affairs and prescribing the purposes and organization thereof.

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

1 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jersey
2 ****[Volunteer]**** Youth Corps Act."

1 2. a. The Legislature finds and declares:

2 (1) There persist in the State and especially in the urban com-
3 munities of New Jersey, areas of economic decay and declining
4 housing stock and human deprivation, marked by the progressive
5 deterioration of housing and community facilities and installations
6 of the economic infrastructure.

7 (2) The ****[darth]**** ***dearth*** of employment opportunities
8 for young persons in these areas has chronically exceeded any
9 life problems experienced in other areas and under current eco-
10 nomic conditions, has reached catastrophic proportions, particularly
11 with respect to minority youth.

12 (3) The persistence of these problems despite the fact that the
13 very youth thus affected present a vast and largely untapped
14 resource of talent, energy and zeal sufficient to make a significant
15 contribution to the revitalization of our urban and urbanized areas,
16 suggests the need and desirability of establishing some mechanism
17 to recruit, organize and direct the boundless energy and vigorous
18 idealism of youth, so as to match their hitherto neglected potential
19 against the currently intractable problems of urban reconstruction.

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

Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Assembly committee amendments adopted February 23, 1984.

**—Assembly Amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations September 20, 1984.

20 b. Accordingly, it is the purpose of the Legislature in enacting
 21 this act to establish a New Jersey ****[Volunteer]**** Youth Corps to
 22 recruit, train and employ young persons to supplement and assist
 23 in preserving, conserving and enhancing those assets that are
 24 necessary to a sound and flourishing community life and are cur-
 25 rently threatened by ongoing forces of urban decay.

26 c. Specifically, but without limiting the generality of the fore-
 27 going, it is the intent of the Legislature that the New Jersey
 28 ****[Volunteer]**** Youth Corps would be employed in such projects
 29 as the rehabilitation of substandard housing; ****[the preparation of**
 30 **land for the redevelopment, the assembly of modular and prefabri-**
 31 **cated housing,]**** the repair, restoration and maintenance of
 32 ****[public buildings, parks, streets and other]**** public facilities
 33 and amenities; assisting in the organization and delivery of educa-
 34 tional and health services and other social services required by
 35 various segments of urban populations.

36 d. It is the further intent of the Legislature that the New Jersey
 37 ****[Volunteer]**** Youth Corps, in recruiting young persons for
 38 service thereon, should aim primarily at providing socially worth-
 39 while and reasonably remunerative employment to urban youth to
 40 whom these opportunities might not otherwise be available****[, and**
 41 **also, if secondarily, at enlisting the talents and zeal of other young**
 42 **persons who, whatever their opportunities for other employment,**
 43 **may volunteer their special skills or training for community service**
 44 **within the context of this program]****.

45 e. It is further intended by the Legislature that the proposed
 46 New Jersey ****[Volunteer]**** Youth Corps be operated in a busi-
 47 ness like manner, with due regard to the true cost-effectiveness of
 48 ****[the]**** ***such*** projects as it may engage in; that its activities
 49 be coordinated with apprenticeship or other youth-oriented pro-
 50 grams as may be concurrently conducted by State government, and
 51 that adequate departmental cooperation and liaison be established
 52 to secure that coordination; and that its resources not be in any
 53 way employed in unfair price or wage competition with business or
 54 individuals. **Nothing in this act shall be construed as giving the*
 55 *administrator any authority by virtue of which the* ****[Urban**
 56 **Volunteer]**** *Youth Corps or any member or subdivision thereof*
 57 *may compete for any project on which an incorporated business or*
 58 *recognized labor union has expressed intention to bid.**

1 3. For the purposes of this act:

2 a. "Corps" means the New Jersey ****[Volunteer]**** Youth Corps
 3 created by section 4 of this act.

4 b. "Administrator" means the Commissioner of the Department
 5 of Community Affairs or any ****[mayor exercising delegated admin-
 6 istrative authority]**** *community service project sponsor under
 6A an agreement*** pursuant to section 5 of this act.

7 c. "Community Service Project" means any undertaking designed
 8 to provide, or assist in providing, services to promote public health,
 9 education and welfare among the general population or segments
 10 thereof having identifiable needs or deficiencies in those areas.
 11 The term includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing,
 12 projects for the rehabilitation of substandard housing; ****[the
 13 preparation of land for the redevelopment, the assembly of modular
 14 and prefabricated housing,]**** the repair, restoration and mainten-
 15 ance of ****[public buildings, parks, streets and other]**** public
 16 facilities and amenities; assisting in the organization and delivery
 17 of educational and health services and other social services required
 18 by various segments of urban populations.

19 d. "Eligible youth" means any person ****[not less than 16 nor
 20 more than 25 years of age, who is in compliance with section 6 of
 21 this act and]**** who ***(1) is between such ages as may be specified
 22 by rule or regulation adopted pursuant to section 9 of this act, but
 23 in any event is not less than 16 nor more than 25 years of age, (2)
 24 is in compliance with section 6 of this act, and who***

25 ****[(1)]**** ***(3)*** is unable, through lack of employable skills
 26 or unavailability of job opportunities appropriate to the nature or
 27 level of his skills, to obtain socially worthwhile and reasonably re-
 28 munerative employment in or near the municipality of his resi-
 29 dence; or

30 ****[(2)]**** ***(4)*** possesses skills and interests peculiarly ap-
 31 propriate to a particular community service project or projects in
 32 which he is recruited to serve.

33 ***e. "Community Service Project Sponsor" means any county,
 34 municipality or school district, or public or private non-profit
 35 corporations.***

1 4. a. The Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs
 2 is hereby authorized to create the New Jersey ****[Volunteer]****
 3 Youth Corps within the Department of Community Affairs. The
 4 function of the corps shall be to recruit, train and employ eligible
 5 youth in community service projects designated by the administra-
 6 tor, so as to accomplish the purposes set forth in section 2 of this act.

7 b. The commissioner or person administering the office of com-
 8 missioner of that department shall be the administrator of the
 9 corps, and all personnel, budgetary and other administrative ser-

10 vices necessary or incidental to its proper functioning shall be
11 provided by and through that department.

12 c. The administrator may enter into agreements with the Depart-
13 ment of Education or the Department of Labor, or with any public
14 or private educational institution approved for the purpose and
15 for the design, provision or supervision of educational, vocational-
16 training or apprenticeship programs necessary or expedient to
17 the implementation of this act; **but all State funds requisite to
18 these purposes shall be budgeted and appropriated to, and ex-
19 pended through, the corps in the Department of Community
20 Affairs]**. Approval of any public or private educational institu-
21 tion for purposes of this subsection shall be, in all cases, by the Com-
22 missioner of Education and, in regard to programs involving job
23 training by the Commissioner of Labor.

24 **d. The administrator may enter into agreements with recognized*
25 *labor unions, or any member or representative thereof, for provi-*
26 *vision of supervisory services on any project, or of vocational train-*
27 *ing or apprenticeship programs, or, where appropriate, a combina-*
28 *tion of supervisory and training services in connection with any*
29 *project, and may provide for just compensation of such services.*
30 *The agreements shall be subject to approval by the Commissioner*
31 *of Labor.**

1 5. a. **The administrator may, by special agreement or general
2 regulation, delegate to the mayor or other chief executive officer
3 of any municipality, or of any class or category of municipalities,
4 or to the Executive Director of the New Jersey Housing and
5 Mortgage Finance Agency as he may deem expedient for the more
6 effectual carrying out of the purposes of this act, the authority,
7 duty and function of recruiting eligible youth for the corps, of
8 providing or procuring their training, and of designating com-
9 munity service projects on which they are to be employed, within
10 any municipality wherein a delegation is made.*** *The Commis-*
10A *sioner of Community Affairs is authorized to enter into agreements*
10B *with sponsors of community service projects for the employment of*
10C *the Corps in these projects. The agreement may delegate to the*
10D *sponsor the recruitment of eligible youth into the Corps for employ-*
10E *ment in the project or provision for recruitment of their training*
10F *or both. The sponsor may be required to contribute a portion of the*
10G *cost. Any eligible youth employed or assigned pursuant to the pro-*
10H *visions of this act shall be so employed or assigned without regard*
10I *to the provisions of Title II or the Revised Statutes where other-*
10J *wise applicable.***

11 b. An agreement ****[under which administrative authority is**
 12 **delegated]**** under subsection a. of this section shall set forth:

13 (1) A general description of each community service project
 14 ****[proposed for designation]**** ***designated***.

15 (2) ****[An estimate of the]**** ***The*** number of corps members
 16 to be ****[recruited for]**** ***assigned to*** each project; a descrip-
 17 tion of the nature and duration of their employment.

18 (3) ****[An estimate of the]**** ***The*** amount of funds required
 19 to sustain each ****[proposed]**** project, distinguishing between
 20 the amounts required for corps members' stipends and the amounts
 21 required for other purposes.

22 (4) A statement of the amount ***and purpose*** of State funds
 23 to be contributed toward the expenses set forth in paragraph (3),
 24 above, and the manner and timing of their disbursement.

25 (5) A further description of projects or budgetary detail as the
 26 Commissioner of Community Affairs may require.

27 c. ****[No delegation of administrative authority under general**
 28 **regulation pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall take effect**
 29 **until a statement containing substantially the same descriptions,**
 30 **estimates and other matter set forth in subsection b. of this section**
 31 **is submitted to, and approved by, the Commissioner of Community**
 32 **Affairs.]**** ***No disadvantaged youth shall be employed or as-*
 32A *signed pursuant to the provisions of this act for a period in excess*
 32B *of 52 weeks unless the commissioner shall find, in the exercise of*
 32C *his discretion, that a longer period is required if appropriate.*

32D d. *Each community service project sponsor shall submit to the*
 32E *commissioner, within 60 days of the termination of each community*
 32F *service project for which a grant has been received, a report on the*
 32G *accomplishments of the goals and objectives of the project and may*
 32H *be required to submit an audit of the project conducted by an*
 32I *independent certified public accountant according to regulations*
 32J *specified by the commissioner.***

33 ****[d.]**** ***e.*** It is lawful ****[for the New Jersey Housing and**
 34 **Mortgage Finance Agency and]**** for the governing body of a
 35 municipality to appropriate funds of the municipality, or to receive
 36 and expend money or anything of value made available to it for
 37 the purpose from any public or private source, for the support
 38 of any activities or projects of the corps within the municipality
 39 pursuant to delegation of administrative authority under this
 39A section.

40 ****[e.** In a municipality in which a delegation of administrative
 41 authority has been made under this section the administrator

42 shall, from time to time, in the manner and form prescribed in
 43 the agreement pursuant to subsection b., or the statement required
 44 pursuant to subsection c., of this section, make requisition upon
 45 the Commissioner of Community Affairs for State funds in ac-
 46 cordance with the terms of that agreement or statement. If the
 47 Commissioner determines that the requisition conforms with the
 48 terms of the agreement, he shall so certify; and the State Treas-
 49 urer, upon certificate of the commissioner and warrant of the
 50 Director Comptroller, shall disburse the required funds.】**

1 6. In order to be eligible for enrollment in the corps, and for
 2 continued membership therein:

3 a. a person who has not satisfactorily completed the course of
 4 instruction prescribed for graduation from a public high school
 5 of this State, or the equivalent, shall agree to enroll in, and shall
 6 pursue, such further educational program as the administrator,
 7 shall approve;

8 b. a person whom the administrator shall determine to be
 9 deficient in job skills, or to have aptitude for those skills requiring
 10 special training for its development, shall agree to enroll in, and
 11 shall pursue, a course of training approved by the administrator,
 12 whether that course of training be provided by or through the
 13 corps, or by any other public or private agency or institution
 14 approved by the administrator for the purpose.

15 c. persons shall be deemed by the administrator or his designee
 16 to have such skills, character and initiative, or the potential to
 17 develop same, as will benefit the corps.

1 7. a. Members of the corps while engaged in community service
 2 projects shall receive reasonably remunerative stipends, to be
 3 determined in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the
 4 Commissioner of Community Affairs **【in consultation with the
 5 advisory board created under section 8 of this act】**.

6 b. Guidelines established for this purpose shall take into account:
 7 (1) the necessity of offering sufficient inducement for partici-
 8 pation in the corps by those persons whose enrollment will conduce
 9 to a realization of the aims and purposes set forth in section 2
 10 of this act;

11 (2) the requirements, expressed in subsection e. of section 2
 12 of this act, as to efficient operation and avoidance of unfair price
 13 and wage competition.

1 8. The Commissioner of Community Affairs shall establish an
 2 advisory board to assist him in the formulation of policy and
 3 regulations incident to carrying out the terms and purposes of this
 4 act. The board shall consist of the Commissioners of Community

5 Affairs, Education, and Labor, ex officio, and of at least five addi-
 6 tional members, including at least one from each of the following
 7 categories: (1) mayors of urban municipalities, (2) persons of
 8 recognized leadership in volunteer civic service and community
 9 organization, (3) representatives of organized labor, (4) educators
 10 and specialists in vocational training and counseling; and (5) busi-
 11 ness leaders in the State of New Jersey.

1 9. The Commissioner of Community Affairs is authorized to
 2 adopt, in accordance with the "Administrative Procedures Act,"
 3 P. L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), the rules and regulations
 4 necessary to carry this act into effect, and to enter into any agree-
 5 ments authorized under this act for that purpose.

1 10. The Commissioner of Community Affairs is authorized to
 2 expend such sums from the existing administrative and discre-
 3 tionary grant or aid accounts of the department and related
 4 agencies as he may deem required to establish and maintain the
 5 Volunteer Youth Corps.

1 11. The Commissioner of Community Affairs is ****[further]****
 2 authorized to receive and expend for the purpose of stipends or
 3 other expenses of the corps those sums as may from time to time be
 4 appropriated for those purposes by the Legislature or otherwise
 5 made available out of State funds, grants from the federal govern-
 6 ment ****[of]**** ****or**** any of its agencies, or from any private or
 7 public source******; *but an amount not to exceed 10% of the aggregate*
 8 *of these sums may be utilized for administration of the program,*
 9 *subject to such constraints as may be imposed on particular funds*
 10 *by their source. For fiscal year 1985, there is appropriated*
 11 *\$1,500,000.00 to enable the planning and initiation of the New Jersey*
 12 *Youth Corps Program. Unexpended funds may be carried over from*
 13 *one fiscal year to the next fiscal year******.*

1 12. This act shall take effect immediately.

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6 ment of any of its agencies, or from any private or public sources.

12. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of
Community Affairs to establish the New Jersey Volunteer Youth
Corps.

ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND URBAN POLICY
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1154

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 16, 1984

Assembly Bill No. 1154 is reported favorably, with amendments.

This bill provides for establishment of a "New Jersey Volunteer Youth Corps" to employ young persons, aged 16 to 21, in community service projects in the State's economically distressed areas.

The bill authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs to establish the Volunteer Youth Corps, but adds provisions for decentralization of its administration: with the approval of the Commissioner, the chief executives of the several municipalities in which the Corps is engaged in projects may administer those projects and related Corps activities.

Provision is made for Corps members to be given not only employment, but also vocational training and, where appropriate, additional basic education. The bill envisages two bases for membership in the Corps: (1) those young persons to whom other opportunities for socially worthwhile and reasonably remunerative employment are unavailable, and (2) those who, whatever their other employment prospects, have talents applicable to community-service projects and a disposition to volunteer for such service.

The committee adopted amendments which:

1) Prohibit the Volunteer Youth Corps from seeking to provide its services under circumstances where that would constitute competition with private business, or with organized labor.

2) Authorize the retaining of labor unions to provide supervisory services or training programs, or a combination thereof. Such services and the compensation therefor, would be by agreement between the administrator and the union or its representative, subject to approval by the Commissioner of Labor.

SENATE LABOR, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1154

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 18, 1984

The bill provides for the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs to establish the "New Jersey Volunteer Youth Corps." The corps would be employed in such projects as the rehabilitation of substandard housing; the preparation of land for redevelopment, the assembly of modular and prefabricated housing, the repair, restoration and maintenance of public buildings, parks, streets and other public facilities and amenities; assisting in the organization and delivery of educational and health services and other social services required by various segments of urban populations.

The corps would employ young persons who are 16 through 25 years of age and who either are unable, through lack of skills or jobs, to find work or possess skills and interests appropriate to community service projects. To enroll and continue membership in the corps, a person without a high school diploma or its equivalent must pursue additional education and a person who is deficient in job skills or who has a aptitude for developing special skills must agree to pursue a course of training. Members of the corps would receive reasonable remunerative stipends while engaged in community service projects.

In addition to the authority to enter agreements with the Department of Education or the Department of Labor, or with any public or private educational institution for the design, provision or supervision of educational, vocational-training or apprenticeship programs, the commissioner may retain recognized labor unions to provide supervisory services on projects or vocational training or apprenticeship programs, or a combination thereof, for just compensation.

The commissioner may delegate to mayors or chief executive officers of municipalities or to the Executive Director of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency the authority to recruit youth for the corps, procure their training and designate the community service projects.

The corps must be used on cost-effective projects; may not be employed in unfair price or wage competition with business or individuals; and may not compete for any project on which an incorporated business or recognized labor union has expressed an intention to bid.

September 13, 1984

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1154 (OCR)

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1154 (OCR), with my objections, for reconsideration.

I am in full agreement with the purposes of this legislation to address the problem of youth unemployment in New Jersey.

It should be noted that significant amounts of money under the Job Training Partnership Act, a Federal program, are spent in New Jersey as part of our efforts to address this problem. These Federal funds are distributed locally through the New Jersey Department of Labor, and \$27 million has been spent on the program in New Jersey for the summer of 1984.

The program contemplated under A-1154 should not be duplicative of the Job Training Partnership Act effort. Rather, our efforts under this legislation should be targeted toward those most in need who may not qualify for training under other programs. I recommend calling the program the New Jersey Youth Corps Act.

I envision and my recommendations suggest a program under which the Department of Community Affairs could designate community service project sponsors to recruit, train and employ eligible youth in community service projects for a period not ordinarily to exceed 52 weeks. Sponsors could include any county, municipality or school district, or public or private non-profit corporations.

My recommendations include a provision that the sponsors may be required to contribute a portion of the cost of funding of this program, and no more than 10% of the money appropriated for this program should be utilized for its administration.

The program would be targeted to those between the ages of 16 and 25 who have not completed the course of instruction prescribed for graduation from high school and who have the skills, character and initiative, or the potential to develop them, to benefit from the corps.

I am recommending an initial appropriation of \$1.5 million for this. This will ensure that the program is well targeted, but it is a sufficient amount of money to create a meaningful program.

I am also proposing various minor amendments to facilitate the administration of the program.

Therefore, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 1154 (OCR) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 1, Section Title: Omit "Volunteer"

Page 1, Section 1, Line 2: Omit "Volunteer"

Page 1, Section 2, Line 7: Omit "darth"; insert "dearth"

Page 2, Section 2, Line 21: Omit "Volunteer"

Page 2, Section 2, Line 28: Omit "Volunteer"

Page 2, Section 2, Lines 29-32: Omit "the preparation of land" on line 29; omit line 30; omit "housing" on line 31; omit "public buildings, parks, streets and other" on lines 31 and 32.

Page 2, Section 2, Line 37: Omit "Volunteer"

Page 2, Section 2, Lines 40-44: In line 40 omit ", and also, if"; omit lines 41, 42, 43; omit "within the context of this program" on line 44

Page 2, Section 2, Line 46: Omit "Volunteer"

Page 2, Section 2, Line 47: After "of" omit "the" and insert "such"

Page 2, Section 2, Line 55: Omit "Urban Volunteer"

Page 2, Section 3, Line 2: Omit "Volunteer"

Page 3, Section 3, Lines 5 and 6: Omit "mayor exercising delegated administrative authority," and insert "community service project sponsor under an agreement"

Page 3, Section 3, Lines 12-14: Omit "the preparation of land for the redevelopment, the assembly of modular and prefabricated housing,"

Page 3, Section 3, Line 15: Omit "public buildings, parks, streets and other"

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Page 3, Section 3, Lines 19-21: After "person" omit rest of line 19; omit line 20; omit line 21; insert "who (1) is between such ages as may be specified by rule or regulation adopted pursuant to section 9 of this act, but in any event is not less than 16 nor more than 25 years of age, (2) is in compliance with section 6 of this act, and who"

Page 3, Section 3, Line 22: Omit "(1)" and insert "(3)"

Page 3, Section 3, Line 26: Omit "(2)" and insert "(4)"

Page 3, Section 3, After line 28: Insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"e. "Community Service Project Sponsor" means any county, municipality or school district, or public or private non-profit corporations"

Page 3, Section 4, Line 2: Omit "Volunteer"

Pages 3-4, Section 4, Lines 17-20: Omit "but all State funds requisite to" on line 17; omit lines 18-19; omit "affairs" on line 20

Page 4, Section 5, Lines 1-10: After "5.a." omit these lines in their entirety and insert the following paragraph:

"The Commissioner of Community Affairs is authorized to enter into agreements with sponsors of community service projects for the employment of the Corps in these projects. The agreement may delegate to the sponsor the recruitment of eligible youth into the Corps for employment in the project or provision for recruitment of their training or both. The sponsor may be required to contribute a portion of the cost. Any eligible youth employed or assigned pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be so employed or assigned without regard to the provisions of Title II or the Revised Statutes where otherwise applicable."

Page 4, Section 5, Lines 11-12: Omit "under which administrative authority is delegated"

Page 4, Section 5, Line 14: Omit "proposed for designation," insert "designated"

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Page 4, Section 5, Line 15: Omit "An estimate of the"; insert "The"

Page 4, Section 5, Lines 15-16: Omit "recruited for" and insert "assigned to"

Page 4, Section 5, Line 18: Omit "An estimate of the"; insert "The"

Page 4, Section 5, Line 19: Omit "proposed"

Page 4, Section 5, Line 22: After "amount" insert "and purpose"

Page 4, Section 5, Lines 27-32: After "c." omit these lines in their entirety, and insert the following:

"No disadvantaged youth shall be employed or assigned pursuant to the provisions of this act for a period in excess of 52 weeks unless the commissioner shall find, in the exercise of his discretion, that a longer period is required if appropriate.

d. Each community service project sponsor shall submit to the commissioner, within 60 days of the termination of each community service project for which a grant has been received, a report on the accomplishments of the goals and objectives of the project and may be required to submit an audit of the project conducted by an independent certified public accountant according to regulations specified by the commissioner."

Page 5, Section 5, Line 33: Omit "d" and insert "e"

Page 5, Section 5, Lines 33 and 34: Omit "for the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency and"

Page 5, Section 5, Lines 40-50: Omit these lines in their entirety

Page 5, Section 7, Lines 4 and 5: Omit "in consultation with the advisory board created under Section 8 of this act"

Page 6, Section 11, Line 1: Omit "further"

Page 6, Section 11, Line 6: Omit "of" and insert "or"

Page 6, Section 11, Line 6: After "sources" insert ";but an amount not to exceed 10% of the aggregate of these sums may be utilized for administration of the program, subject to such constraints as may be imposed on particular funds

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by their source. For fiscal year 1985, there is appropriated \$1,500,000.00 to enable the planning and initiation of the New Jersey Youth Corps Program. Unexpended funds may be carried over from one fiscal year to the next fiscal year."

Respectfully,

/s/ Thomas H. Kean

GOVERNOR

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Attest:

/s/ W. Cary Edwards

Chief Counsel

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR NEWS RELEASE

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Release: TUES., JUNE 25, 1985

Governor Thomas H. Kean unveiled the New Jersey Youth Corps Program today calling it one of the most unique of its kind in the nation.

He officiated at ceremonies where nine sponsors of the new State-financed program were awarded grants to provide education and employment for some 600 high school dropouts aged 16 to 25.

"It is with a great deal of pride that I point to the implementation of this program as a major accomplishment of my Administration," Kean said. "We will reap the benefits for many years to come."

The ceremonies launching the program were held at the St. Joseph's Home for Elderly Women in Paterson.

The program provides paying jobs and the basic education necessary to achieve a high school diploma for young people who cannot read or write well and lack a sustained employment experience.

"It's a second chance for people. It puts high school dropouts back into the classroom and gives them employment and an income while teaching them good work habits," the Governor said.

The program is sponsored jointly by the State Departments of Community Affairs and Education with appropriation of \$1.5 million and \$500,000 respectively. The year-long program is being divided into two six-month segments.

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185 W. State Street
Trenton, N. J.

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Commissioner Saul Cooperman of the State Department of Education said, "This program isn't just another plan to give young people a summer job picking up litter or pulling weeds --- it provides them with a sustained employment experience and teaches them how to work. Most important, however, it brings them back to school with an opportunity to earn their high school diplomas."

The program's participants will be required to spend four hours a day in the classroom and four hours working in carefully supervised community service projects. They will be paid \$3.35 an hour for their work.

"There are other youth corps programs in the nation, but this is the first one written exclusively to help high school dropouts earn their diplomas," said Commissioner John P. Renna of the State Department of Community Affairs.

"The type of person this plan will assist has dropped out of high school for one reason or another and is already having problems functioning in our society. The program will change the attitudes and behavior of these young adults by providing counseling, job experience and academic training," he said.

A pilot program to judge the value and efficiency of the project has been underway in this city for three months. The Adult Education School of Paterson was selected to administer the experimental program.

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It involves 20 young people studying for their high school diplomas in the adult education facilities and working in places like the local library, a church-operated day-care center, the Paterson Welfare Office and helping to distribute food to the needy.

Renna said the pilot program here has been closely monitored and is considered to be very successful.

"We are pleased with what we have seen demonstrated here and are anxious to proceed with the program with new sponsors," Renna said.

The nine sponsors, the amount of their contracts and the number of youths participating are as follows:

Trenton Board of Education	\$ 242,428	60
Paterson Board of Education	227,219	72
Middlesex Vo-Tech	336,570	75
Cumberland County Freeholders	112,590	60
Pequannock Mental Health Center	160,232	89
Hunterdon Occupational Tng. Center	75,000	20
Neptune Board of Education	291,549	84
Newark Intl. Youth Organization	101,112	48
Camden County Freeholders	248,118	100
TOTAL	\$1,794,909	608
Paterson Pilot Project	67,000	20
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,861,909	628

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