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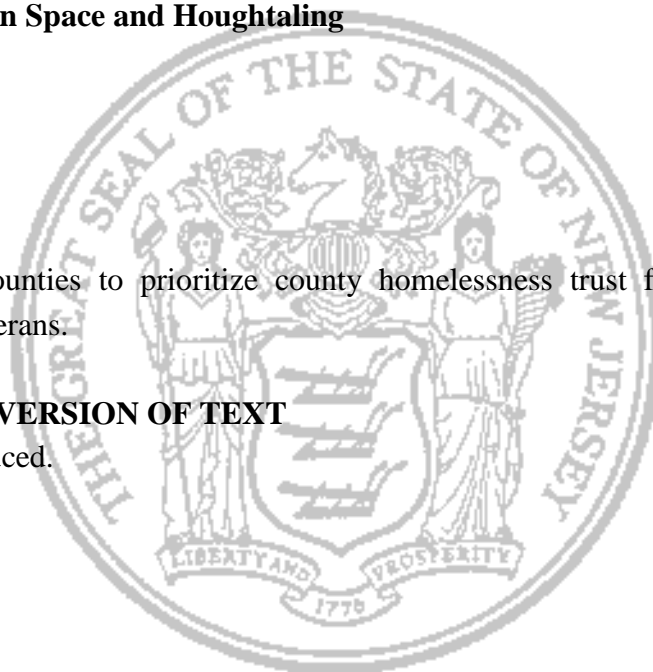
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**SYNOPSIS**

Allows counties to prioritize county homelessness trust fund grants for homeless veterans.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT allowing counties to prioritize certain funds for homeless  
2 veterans and amending P.L.2009, c.123.

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

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7 1. Section 6 of P.L.2009, c.123 (C.52:27D-287f) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 6. a. Each county shall utilize its County Homelessness Trust  
10 Fund with the advice of the County Homelessness Trust Fund Task  
11 Force for the operation of a homeless housing grant program. This  
12 program is established in order to provide:

13 (1) for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of housing  
14 projects or units within housing projects that supply permanent  
15 affordable housing for homeless persons or families, including  
16 those at risk of homelessness;

17 (2) rental assistance vouchers, including tenant and project  
18 based subsidies, for affordable housing projects or units within  
19 housing projects that provide permanent affordable housing for  
20 homeless persons or families, including those at risk of  
21 homelessness;

22 (3) supportive services as may be required by homeless  
23 individuals or families in order to obtain or maintain, or both,  
24 permanent affordable housing; and

25 (4) prevention services for at risk homeless individuals or  
26 families so that they can obtain and maintain permanent affordable  
27 housing.

28 b. Grants awarded by the governing body of the county shall be  
29 used to support projects that:

30 (1) measurably reduce homelessness;

31 (2) demonstrate government cost savings over time;

32 (3) employ evidence-based models;

33 (4) can be replicated in other counties;

34 (5) include an outcome measurement component;

35 (6) are consistent with the local homeless housing plan; or

36 (7) fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation projects  
37 that will serve homeless individuals or families for a period of at  
38 least 30 years or the equal to the longest term of affordability  
39 required by other funding sources.

40 c. Each county that has established a County Homelessness  
41 Trust Fund shall transmit information concerning the uses of the  
42 funds to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency in  
43 accordance with requirements established by that agency.

44 d. The governing body of a county may by resolution establish a  
45 preference for veterans that gives first priority, in the distribution of

**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 underlined thus is new matter.

1 grants, for the benefit of homeless veterans, including those at risk  
2 of homelessness.

3 (cf: P.L.2009, c.123, s.6)

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5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill would allow counties to prioritize grants from county  
11 homelessness trust funds for the benefit of veterans. Grants from  
12 these trust funds may be used to develop affordable housing,  
13 provide rental assistance, and provide supportive and preventative  
14 services to aid the homeless or those at risk of homelessness. This  
15 bill would allow counties to give a preference in the award of grants  
16 for these services for veterans who fall into those categories.