

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 2014
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
214th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 3, 2010

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires State Treasurer to issue cost benefit analysis and security report for conversion of military housing to civilian housing at Earle Naval Weapons Station and places moratorium on issuance of certain State permits and plan approvals.
- Type of Impact:** Indeterminate increase in State costs.
- Agencies Affected:** Departments of Environmental Protection, Military and Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and the Treasury; Office of Homeland Security, the New Jersey State Police, and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate increase - See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services has determined that the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 2014 may result in an indeterminate increase in State costs.
- Several Executive Departments and State agencies, including the Department of the Treasury and the Office of Homeland Security, may have to use additional resources to complete the cost-benefit, economic, and security impact studies required by this legislation.
- If the departments and agencies are able to reallocate existing resources to fulfill the mandate of the bill, then no additional costs may be incurred.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 2014 of 2010 would require the State Treasurer to prepare a report detailing various regional impacts caused by the conversion of federal military housing to civilian housing at the Earle Naval Weapons Station located in parts of Colts Neck Township and Middletown Township in Monmouth County. Specifically, the report would examine the

economic impact of the military to civilian housing conversion on county, municipal, and school district taxpayers, with a cost-benefit analysis of the additional housing units related to any increased school district and municipal services costs; the security impact on surrounding municipalities of housing civilians on a military base; and the increased school district and municipal costs that will be required to adequately address any anticipated increased infrastructure requirements. The report must be issued within six months following the enactment of the bill and be distributed to the Governor, the Legislature, the Departments of Education, Environmental Protection, and Transportation, and various local government and school officials. During the period of time that the report is being prepared, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) would be prohibited from issuing any permits or approving any plans associated with the housing conversion. After the report is issued, the decisions of these departments relating to the issuance of permits and approval of plans would have to be informed by the findings of the report.

The bill states that applications to the DEP and DOT pertaining to the conversion of housing at the Earle Naval Weapons Station would not be “complete” until the report is received by that department. The bill provides that an application pertaining to the conversion of housing at Earle that has been determined to be complete but has not yet been approved, conditioned, or disapproved prior to the bill’s effective date, would not be deemed to have been approved by operation of law. Finally, the bill provides that any time period set forth in a statute, including the 90-day time period specified in sections 3 and 4 of P.L.1975, c.232 (C.13:1D-31 and 13:1D-32), would be extended for a period of time the department deems necessary for it to take into consideration the findings of the report.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

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Section: Local Government

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).