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SYNOPSIS

Requires the New Jersey Schools Development Authority to biannually compile information on school facilities project contracts awarded to minority and female contractors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning school facilities projects and amending and
2 supplementing P.L.2000, c.72.

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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. (New section) Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or
8 regulation to the contrary, the New Jersey Schools Development
9 Authority established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2007, c.137
10 (C.52:18A-237), shall biannually compile information for inclusion
11 in the biannual report required to be submitted by the development
12 authority pursuant to section 24 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-24)
13 the number of school facilities project construction contracts
14 entered into between the development authority and minority and
15 women contractors during the prior six-month period covered in the
16 report. The information shall include the total value of the
17 contracts and the percentage that those contracts represent of all
18 school facilities project contracts entered into between the
19 development authority and contractors in the prior six-month
20 period.

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22 2. Section 24 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-24) shall be
23 amended to read as follows:

24 24. The development authority, in consultation with the State
25 Treasurer, the financing authority, and the commissioner, shall
26 biannually submit to the Governor, the Joint Budget Oversight
27 Committee, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
28 General Assembly a report on the school facilities construction
29 program established pursuant to the provisions of this act. The
30 report shall be submitted no later than June 1 and December 1 of
31 each year and shall include, but not be limited to, the following
32 information for the prior six-month period: the number of school
33 facilities projects approved by the commissioner pursuant to section
34 5 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-5); the number of projects
35 undertaken and funded by the development authority; the
36 information on construction contracts required to be compiled
37 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
38 Legislature as this bill); the aggregate principal amount of bonds,
39 notes or other obligations issued by the financing authority for the
40 State share of construction and renovation of school facilities and
41 whether there is a need to adjust the aggregate principal amount of
42 bonds, notes or other obligations authorized for issuance pursuant to
43 subsection a. of section 14 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-14); the
44 number of approved projects which exceeded the facilities
45 efficiency standards, the components of those projects which

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 exceeded the standards, and the amount of construction by
2 individual districts and Statewide estimated to have exceeded the
3 standards; and recommendations for changes in the school facilities
4 construction program established pursuant to this act which have
5 been formulated as a result of its experience with the program or
6 through collaboration with program stakeholders.

7 In addition, the biannual report shall include a comparison of the
8 costs of school facilities projects undertaken and funded by the
9 development authority to similar school facilities projects
10 constructed in the New York City Metropolitan Statistical Area and
11 the Philadelphia Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the
12 United States Department of Labor. The development authority
13 shall include in the report an explanation of the methodology used
14 in making the comparison.

15 (cf: P.L. 2007, c.137, s.35)

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17 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill directs the New Jersey Schools Development Authority
23 to biannually compile information on the number of school facilities
24 project construction contracts entered into between the authority
25 and minority and women contractors during the prior six-month
26 period. The information must include the total value of the
27 contracts and the percentage that those contracts represent of all
28 school facilities project construction contracts entered into by the
29 development authority.

30 The information compiled will be included in the biannual report
31 on the school construction program currently required to be
32 submitted no later than June 1 and December 1 of each year to the
33 Governor, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, the Senate
34 President, and the Speaker of the General Assembly.