

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 119**

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SYNOPSIS

Approves New Jersey Building Authority projects concerning exterior envelope restoration to Executive State House and relocation of mechanical and electrical equipment in State House Garage.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** expressing the approval of the
2 Legislature for project reports, entitled “Exterior Envelope
3 Restoration and Repairs for the New Jersey Executive State
4 House” and “Relocation of the Mechanical and Electrical
5 Equipment Room in the New Jersey State House Garage,” by the
6 New Jersey Building Authority and expressing the sense of the
7 Legislature that the projects described in the reports should be
8 financed and managed by the authority.

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10 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the “New Jersey Building Authority Act,”
11 P.L.1981, c.120 (C.52:18A-78.1 et seq.), the New Jersey Building
12 Authority is authorized to undertake projects as defined in the act;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, The authority has determined that it is desirable and in the
15 best interests of the authority to undertake certain improvements to
16 the Executive State House, located at 125 West State Street,
17 Trenton, New Jersey, described in the authority project report
18 entitled “Exterior Envelope Restoration and Repairs for the New
19 Jersey Executive State House” and consisting of measures to
20 preserve the structural viability of the Executive State House, repair
21 the ongoing water infiltration issues, permanently fix the various
22 areas of temporary repairs, perform deferred maintenance, and
23 restore the entire exterior envelope of the Executive State House;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, The authority has further determined that it is desirable and
26 in the best interests of the authority to undertake certain
27 improvements to the State House Garage, located at 165 West State
28 Street, Trenton, New Jersey, described in the authority project
29 report entitled “Relocation of the Mechanical and Electrical
30 Equipment Room in the New Jersey State House Garage” and
31 consisting of measures to relocate the electrical and mechanical
32 equipment in the New Jersey State House Garage to an area within
33 the State House complex that is above the 100-year floodplain
34 level; and

35 **WHEREAS**, When proposing to undertake any project whose cost is
36 estimated to exceed \$100,000, the authority must comply with the
37 provisions of the act by, among other things, preparing a project
38 report, submitting the project report to the New Jersey Commission
39 on Capital Budgeting and Planning for its review and findings,
40 holding a public hearing in the municipality where the project is to
41 be located, and submitting to the State Legislature the project report
42 together with the findings of the Commission on Capital Budgeting
43 and Planning, and a transcript of the public hearing; and

44 **WHEREAS**, On May 29, 2012, the Commission on Capital Budgeting
45 and Planning approved the project reports referenced herein that
46 describe the projects that the authority desires to undertake; and

47 **WHEREAS**, The authority will fund the Executive State House project
48 through authority financing and will fund the State House Garage

1 project either through authority financing or grant funding from
2 FEMA or both; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The act requires that a project to be undertaken by the
4 authority be approved by the Legislature within 45 days of
5 submission, or the next meeting date immediately thereafter for a
6 house not meeting on that date, or else the project shall be deemed
7 disapproved; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The project report entitled “Exterior Envelope Restoration
9 and Repairs for the New Jersey Executive State House” proposes
10 the following project:

11 Location – The New Jersey Executive State House, located at 125
12 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey;

13 Description - Preserving the structural viability of the Executive
14 State House, repairing the ongoing water infiltration issues,
15 permanently fixing the various areas of temporary repairs,
16 performing deferred maintenance, and restoring the entire exterior
17 envelope of the Executive State House;

18 Agencies proposed for use – The Office of the Governor and the
19 various offices within the Office of the Governor, the Office of
20 Counsel to the Governor, the Office of the State Treasurer, and the
21 Office of the Secretary of State;

22 Projected costs - \$37.9 million; and

23 **WHEREAS**, The project report entitled “Relocation of the Mechanical
24 and Electrical Equipment Room in the New Jersey State House
25 Garage” proposes the following project:

26 Location – The New Jersey State House Garage, located at 165
27 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey;

28 Description – Relocating electrical and mechanical equipment to an
29 area within the State House complex that is above the 100-year
30 floodplain level;

31 Projected costs - \$6.3 million; and

32 **WHEREAS**, The project described in the authority project report
33 entitled “Exterior Envelope Restoration and Repairs for the New
34 Jersey Executive State House” has a current total working estimated
35 cost of \$37.9 million funded through authority financing, but the
36 ultimate costs will depend upon the results of contract bidding
37 following the final design, and could be as much as 10 to 15 percent
38 above the current project cost estimate; and

39 **WHEREAS**, The project described in the authority project report
40 entitled “Relocation of the Mechanical and Electrical Equipment
41 Room in the New Jersey State House Garage” has a current total
42 working estimated cost of \$6.3 million funded through authority
43 financing and/or potential grant funding to be received from FEMA
44 for this proposed project, but the ultimate costs will depend upon
45 the results of contract bidding following the final design, and could
46 be as much as 10 to 15 percent above the current project cost
47 estimate; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, The Legislature of the State of New Jersey has recognized
2 that it is necessary and in the public interest for the New Jersey
3 Building Authority to have the resources for the renovation and
4 preservation of historic public buildings because they contribute to
5 the preservation of the State's heritage, the promotion of the
6 cultural life of our people, and the development and redevelopment
7 of our municipalities; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The law of the State of New Jersey has repeatedly
9 recognized that our elected representatives are ultimately
10 responsible for making decisions to protect and preserve the historic
11 structures of this State, encouraged by the State's citizens in this
12 regard; now, therefore,

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14 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the
15 General Assembly concurring):

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17 1. The Legislature hereby approves the New Jersey Building
18 Authority's project reports entitled "Exterior Envelope Restoration
19 and Repairs for the New Jersey Executive State House" and
20 "Relocation of the Mechanical and Electrical Equipment Room in
21 the New Jersey State House Garage." Approval of the reports shall
22 constitute approval of the respective projects described therein for
23 the purposes of subsection b. of section 8 of P.L.1981, c.120
24 (C.52:18A-78.8). This approval shall be deemed to include changes
25 or modifications to the projects as to architectural or engineering
26 designs, or changes in the needs of the executive agencies, which
27 such agencies indicate are necessary; provided that such changes or
28 modifications do not materially change the scope or use of the
29 projects or materially increase the cost as described in the project
30 reports after adjustments for the effects of inflation in the
31 construction industry.

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33 2. It is the sense of the Legislature that the New Jersey
34 Building Authority's projects should be funded by authority project
35 funds and, if eligible therefore, federal funds, and managed directly
36 by the authority, with delegation to other state agencies of
37 managerial responsibility only where the authority deems it
38 necessary, but with full control over project management retained
39 by the authority.

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41 3. Duly authenticated copies of this concurrent resolution
42 signed by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary
43 thereof, and signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and
44 attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the New Jersey
45 Building Authority.

