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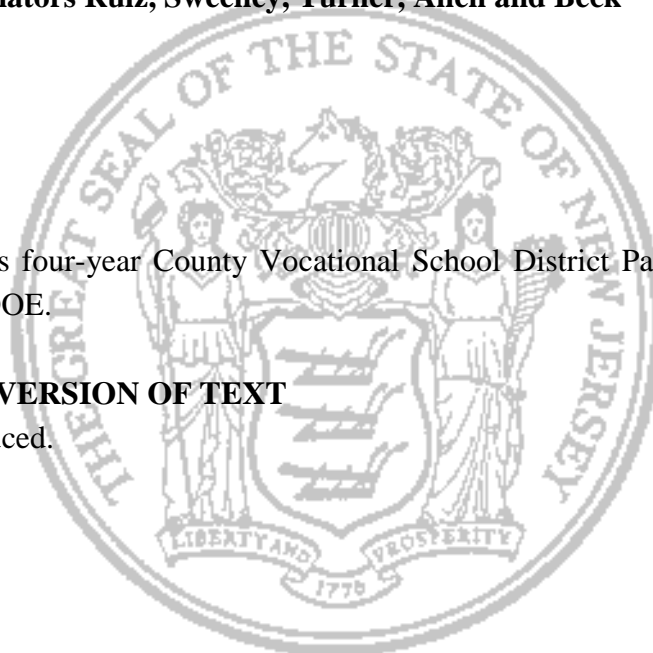
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes four-year County Vocational School District Partnership Grant Program in DOE.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT establishing a County Vocational School District  
2 Partnership Grant Program in the Department of Education and  
3 supplementing chapter 6 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*  
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8 1. The Commissioner of Education shall develop and  
9 administer a four-year County Vocational School District  
10 Partnership Grant Program. The purpose of the program shall be to  
11 award grants to county vocational school districts to partner with  
12 urban districts, other school districts, county colleges, and other  
13 entities to create high-quality career and technical education  
14 programs in existing facilities. The commissioner shall consult with  
15 the New Jersey Council of County Vocational Schools and  
16 employer representatives regarding the design of the grant program.  
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18 2. a. The commissioner shall award grants, within the limit of  
19 available State appropriations, to selected county vocational school  
20 districts to be used to support the development and implementation  
21 of a career and technical education program in an existing school or  
22 college facility that is not owned or leased by the county vocational  
23 school district. The commissioner shall determine the amount of  
24 each grant awarded under the program and may award multi-year  
25 grants.

26 b. A county vocational school district that wants to apply for a  
27 grant shall submit an application to the commissioner. The  
28 application shall include:

29 (1) a description of the career and technical education  
30 partnership program to be developed with the grant funding;

31 (2) a description of the partnership with the school district,  
32 county college, or other entity that will host the program including,  
33 but not limited to, the responsibilities of each partner for providing  
34 education and support services to students and teacher supervision  
35 and professional development;

36 (3) a description of any partnerships with local employers that  
37 will support the proposed career and technical education partnership  
38 program by advising on curriculum, offering work-based learning  
39 opportunities, providing equipment or resources, or other  
40 assistance;

41 (4) the number of students that could be accommodated in the  
42 career and technical education partnership program over each of the  
43 four years of the grant program and in future years;

44 (5) the projected demand for the career and technical education  
45 partnership program;

46 (6) an explanation of whether the proposed partnership will  
47 replicate an existing approved career and technical education

1 program at the county vocational school, or if new approval will be  
2 sought;

3 (7) the location of the facility in which the partnership program  
4 will be located and whether the location is conducive to serving the  
5 populations targeted by the career and technical education  
6 partnership program;

7 (8) the estimated start-up and initial operational costs of the  
8 proposed partnership program, including the cost of any facility  
9 repairs or modification, equipment and supplies, curriculum  
10 development and materials, and professional salaries;

11 (9) an explanation of why the facilities of the county vocational  
12 school district could not accommodate the new career and technical  
13 education program;

14 (10) the plan to sustain the career and technical education  
15 partnership program beyond the period of grant funding using other  
16 State, federal, and local resources; and

17 (11) any other information that the commissioner deems  
18 appropriate.

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20 3. The commissioner shall submit a report to the Governor, and  
21 the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-  
22 19.1), four years after the establishment of the County Vocational  
23 School District Partnership Grant Program. The report shall include,  
24 but need not be limited to, information on the number of grant  
25 applicants, the number of grant awards, the number of career and  
26 technical education partnership programs established under the  
27 grant program, the number of students who completed the career  
28 and technical education partnership programs established under the  
29 grant program, the costs and any savings realized through the  
30 sharing of facilities under the grant program, and a recommendation  
31 on the establishment of a permanent source of funding for such  
32 career and technical education partnership programs.

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34 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to establish a  
40 four-year County Vocational School District Partnership Grant  
41 Program. The purpose of the program is to create an incentive  
42 program in which grants are awarded to county vocational school  
43 districts to partner with urban districts, other school districts,  
44 county colleges, and other entities to create high-quality career and  
45 technical education programs in existing facilities.

46 Under the bill, the commissioner will develop and administer the  
47 grant program. The commissioner will award grants, within the  
48 limit of State appropriations, to selected county vocational school

1 districts to support the development and implementation of a career  
2 and technical education program in an existing school or college  
3 facility that is not owned or leased by the county vocational school  
4 district. The commissioner will determine the amount of each grant  
5 awarded under the program and may award multi-year grants. The  
6 grant application submitted by a county vocational school district  
7 that seeks to participate in the program will include information on  
8 the following:

- 9 • a description of the career and technical education  
10 partnership program to be developed with the grant funding;
- 11 • a description of the partnership with the school district,  
12 county college, or other entity that will host the program,  
13 including the responsibilities of each partner for providing  
14 education and support services to students and teacher  
15 supervision and professional development;
- 16 • a description of any partnerships with local employers that  
17 will support the proposed career and technical education  
18 partnership program, and the number of students that could  
19 be accommodated in the partnership program;
- 20 • the projected demand for the program, and an explanation of  
21 whether the proposed partnership will replicate an existing  
22 approved career and technical education program or if new  
23 approval will be sought;
- 24 • the location of the facility in which the partnership program  
25 will be located and whether the location is conducive to  
26 serving populations targeted by the career and technical  
27 education partnership program;
- 28 • the estimated start-up and initial operational costs of the  
29 program;
- 30 • an explanation of why the facilities of the county vocational  
31 school district could not accommodate the new career and  
32 technical education program;
- 33 • the plan to sustain the partnership beyond the period of grant  
34 funding using other State, federal, or local resources; and
- 35 • any other information that the commissioner deems  
36 appropriate.

37 Four years following the grant program's establishment, the  
38 commissioner will submit a report to the Governor and the  
39 Legislature on the outcomes of the grant program that includes a  
40 recommendation on the establishment of a permanent source of  
41 funding for such career and technical education partnership  
42 programs.

43 The State's 21 county vocational school districts serve over  
44 32,000 students in full-time and shared-time programs and the  
45 demand for these programs far exceeds the space available. This bill  
46 attempts to encourage the establishment of additional career and  
47 technical education programs through the use of existing facilities.