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SYNOPSIS
Appropriates $87,444,690 from “New Jersey Library Construction Fund” to provide grants for construction, reconstruction, development, extension, improvement, and furnishing of New Jersey’s public libraries.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/16/2020)
AN ACT appropriating $87,444,690 from the “New Jersey Library
Construction Fund” to provide grants for the construction, reconstruction, development, extension, improvement, and furnishing of New Jersey’s public libraries.

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

1. a. There is appropriated from the “New Jersey Library Construction Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of P.L.2017, c.149, to the State Librarian the sum of $86,484,040 to provide grants for the construction, reconstruction, development, extension, improvement, and furnishing of New Jersey public libraries. Project grants shall be approved in the amounts set forth in subsection b. of this section.

b. Project grants shall be awarded in the amounts as follows:

(1) $379,960 to the Atlantic City Free Public Library in Atlantic City, Atlantic County;
(2) $322,091 to the Atlantic County Hammonton Branch Library in Hammonton, Atlantic County;
(3) $175,000 to the Avon Public Library in Avon-By-The-Sea Borough, Monmouth County;
(4) $1,000,000 to the Free Public Library and Cultural Center of Bayonne in Bayonne, Hudson County;
(5) $37,500 to the Bernardsville Public Library in Bernardsville Borough, Somerset County;
(6) $3,447,081 to the Cape May County Library at Historic Franklin Street School in Cape May, Cape May County;
(7) $2,329,500 to the Cranbury Public Library in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County;
(8) $524,142 to the Cumberland County Library in Bridgeton, Cumberland County;
(9) $1,200,000 to the Dover Free Public Library in Dover, Morris County;
(10) $500,000 to the East Orange Public Library in East Orange, Essex County;
(11) $3,497,500 to the Fanwood Memorial Library in Fanwood Borough, Union County;
(12) $600,000 to the Franklin Township Public Library in Franklin Township, Gloucester County;
(13) $1,314,000 to the Franklin Township Public Library, Southern Branch, in Franklin Park, Somerset County;
(14) $889,000 to the Freehold Public Library in Freehold Borough, Monmouth County;
(15) $130,404 to the Garfield Public Library in Garfield, Bergen County;
(16) $980,837 to the Hunterdon County Library in Flemington, Hunterdon County;
2. There is appropriated from the “New Jersey Library Construction Fund” to the New Jersey Educational Facilities
Authority the sum of $625,000 and to the State Librarian the sum of
$335,650 for the administrative costs of the agencies in
implementing the provisions of the “New Jersey Library

3. The expenditure of sums appropriated by this act shall be
subject to the provisions and conditions of the “New Jersey Library
Construction Bond Act,” P.L.2017, 149.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill appropriates a total of $87,444,690 from the “New
Jersey Library Construction Fund.” Under the bill, $86,484,040 is
appropriated to the State Librarian for the purpose of providing
project grants for the construction, reconstruction, development,
extension, improvement, and furnishing of New Jersey public
libraries. The bill also appropriates $625,000 and $335,650,
respectively, to the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority and
the State Librarian for the administration of the “New Jersey
Library Construction Bond Act.”