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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes SDA to fund COVID-19-related school facilities projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the construction of certain school facilities
2 projects and supplementing P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.).
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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. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to
8 the contrary, any district or SDA district shall be eligible to apply to
9 the development authority for emergent project program funding
10 related to facilities improvements and equipment installations
11 related to limiting the transmission of COVID-19 in a school
12 building. The development authority, in consultation with the
13 Commissioner of Education, shall review and approve project
14 applications submitted pursuant to this act subject to the availability
15 of funds.
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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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20 STATEMENT
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22 This bill authorizes the New Jersey Schools Development
23 Authority (SDA) to fund COVID-19-related school facilities
24 projects. Under the bill, the SDA may, as part of its emergent
25 project program, fund facilities improvements and equipment
26 installations related to limiting the transmission of COVID-19 in a
27 school building. The SDA, in consultation with the Commissioner
28 of Education, will review and approve project applications subject
29 to the availability of funds.

30 According to the SDA, it is prohibited from funding conditions
31 that are considered maintenance because school districts are
32 responsible for addressing projects that would be considered routine
33 maintenance. State Board of Education regulations at
34 N.J.A.C.6A:26-1.2 defines an "emergent project" to mean a capital
35 project necessitating expedited review and, if applicable, approval,
36 in order to alleviate a condition that, if not corrected on an
37 expedited basis, would render a building or facility so potentially
38 injurious or hazardous that it causes an imminent peril to the health
39 and safety of students or staff. This bill allows school districts and
40 SDA districts to apply to the SDA for emergent project program
41 funding for COVID-19-related school facilities projects.