

ASSEMBLY, No. 905

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman ROCCO

1 AN ACT concerning the use of unclaimed State Lottery prize money
2 for certain education programs and amending P.L.1970, c.13.

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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. Section 17 of P.L.1970, c.13 (C.5:9-17) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 17. a. Unclaimed prize money for the prize on a winning ticket or
10 share shall be retained by the director for the person entitled thereto
11 for [1] one year after the drawing in which the prize was won. If no
12 claim is made for [said] the prize money within such year, the prize
13 money shall be allocated to State institutions and State aid for
14 education in the same manner as lottery revenues are allocated for
15 such purposes under this act; except that the first \$3,000,000 of
16 unclaimed prize money which becomes available during the remainder
17 of the fiscal year in which P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before
18 the Legislature as this bill) takes effect and in each fiscal year
19 thereafter shall be allocated to the Department of Education pursuant
20 to subsections b. and c. of this section.

21 b. \$2,000,000 of unclaimed prize money shall annually be
22 appropriated to the Department of Education to be used by the
23 department to award grants to public school districts to establish and
24 implement Reading Recovery Programs. The programs shall assist
25 first grade students who are diagnosed as being at risk of reading
26 failure. A school district may use the grant to fund the salaries of
27 teacher leaders, to provide teacher leader training support, to support
28 the salaries of Reading Recovery teachers, and to provide site support,
29 evaluation, and other administrative and training support. The
30 department shall not use more than three percent of the amounts it
31 receives under this subsection to pay the costs it incurs in
32 administering the Reading Recovery grant program. Funds distributed

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 under this subsection shall not be used to reduce expenditures from
2 funds received by school districts and the department for Reading
3 Recovery Programs from any other sources.

4 The Department of Education shall annually report to the Governor
5 and the Legislature on progress in establishing and implementing
6 Reading Recovery Programs. The annual report shall include an
7 evaluation of the effectiveness of the Reading Recovery Programs in
8 bringing first grade students up to reading grade level.

9 c. \$1,000,000 of unclaimed prize money shall annually be
10 appropriated to the Department of Education to be used by the
11 department to award grants to public school districts to establish
12 gifted and talented programs within the district. The department shall
13 not use more than three percent of the amounts it receives under this
14 subsection to pay the costs it incurs in administering the gifted and
15 talented grant program. Funds distributed under this subsection shall
16 not be used to reduce expenditures from funds received by school
17 districts and the department for gifted and talented programs from any
18 other source.

19 The Department of Education shall annually report to the Governor
20 and the Legislature on progress in establishing and implementing gifted
21 and talented programs in public school districts.

22 (cf: P.L.1970, c.13, s.17)

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill amends the "State Lottery Law," P.L.1970, c.13, to
30 provide that annually \$3 million of unclaimed prize money shall be
31 appropriated to the Department of Education to award grants to public
32 school districts to establish Reading Recovery Programs and gifted
33 and talented programs.

34 Under the bill's provisions, annually \$2 million is to be used for the
35 establishment of Reading Recovery Programs. A Reading Recovery
36 Program is an early intervention program that enables the lowest 20%
37 of first graders at risk of reading failure to develop strategies to read
38 at average classroom levels. Research on the program indicates a high
39 success rate in raising the reading levels of such students and that
40 upon completion of the program they require no further remediation.

41 The bill also provides that annually \$1 million is to be used for the
42 establishment of gifted and talented programs within school districts.

43 The bill stipulates that no more than 3% of the funds received by
44 the department under the bill's provisions shall be used to cover
45 administrative costs. Also, funds distributed under the bill's provisions
46 shall not be used to reduce expenditures from funds received by school

1 districts and the department for Reading Recovery Programs or gifted
2 and talented programs from any other source.

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7 Provides that \$3 million of unclaimed State Lottery prize money be
8 used annually for the establishment of Reading Recovery Programs
9 and gifted and talented programs in public school districts.