

ASSEMBLY, No. 2115

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman GARRETT

1 AN ACT concerning county and municipal expenditures for certain
2 purposes.

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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. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. The general welfare of the State is promoted and enhanced when
9 a New Jersey student is afforded the opportunity to attend an
10 institution of higher education.

11 b. It is in the public interest that local governments of this State be
12 permitted to provide monies to scholarship funds that benefit students
13 who are in need of financial assistance and who have demonstrated
14 academic achievement in order to inspire other students to excel in
15 their academic endeavors and to pursue higher education.

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17 2. The governing body of a county or municipality may appropriate
18 annually funds to a scholarship fund established by a private, nonprofit
19 organization for the purpose of providing scholarships to financially
20 needy students who have demonstrated high academic achievement
21 and attend a secondary school within a public school district of the
22 county or municipality. The scholarship shall be awarded to defray the
23 expenses of pursuing undergraduate studies at institutions of higher
24 education within the State.

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26 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill permits local governments to appropriate annually monies
32 to a scholarship fund established by a private, nonprofit organization
33 for the purpose of providing a scholarship to a financially needy
34 student at a high school within a school district of the county or
35 municipality who has demonstrated high academic achievement. The
36 monies will be used by the student to defray the expenses of pursuing
37 undergraduate studies at institutions of higher education within the

1 State.

2 The purpose of this bill is to inspire students within the county or
3 municipality to strive for academic excellence and to pursue
4 undergraduate degrees at institutions of higher education, by
5 permitting local governments to contribute to scholarship funds that
6 benefit local student scholars.

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11 Permits counties and municipalities to appropriate funds for
12 scholarships to needy students for college.