

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 111

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman WOLFE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION requesting that the Supreme Court of the State  
2 of New Jersey develop a one-year pilot program in Brick Township  
3 creating a model municipal drug court.

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5 WHEREAS, Every municipality is required to establish a municipal court  
6 which has jurisdiction to hear a range of matters, including violations of  
7 motor vehicle and traffic laws, violations of municipal ordinances,  
8 disorderly and petty disorderly offenses, violations of fish and game laws  
9 and any other proceeding where jurisdiction is granted by statute; and

10 WHEREAS, Municipal courts currently have jurisdiction over certain juvenile  
11 cases which involve disorderly or petty disorderly offenses or motor vehicle  
12 offenses; and

13 WHEREAS, The Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part currently  
14 handle some juvenile cases involving drug offenses; and

15 WHEREAS, The Family Part's caseload, which is overcrowded with juvenile  
16 cases, may be reduced if those juvenile cases involving drug offenses are  
17 redirected to municipal courts; and

18 WHEREAS, Municipal court judges may be more aware of the resources  
19 available in the community which may provide needed services to the  
20 juvenile in need of assistance, especially those juveniles with a drug  
21 problem; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey  
24 (the Senate concurring):

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26 1. That the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey is respectfully  
27 requested to develop a one-year pilot program in Brick Township creating a  
28 model municipal drug court. The pilot program shall authorize the municipal  
29 court to have jurisdiction where a juvenile has been charged with delinquency  
30 for a violation of an offense defined in chapter 35 or 36 of Title 2C of the New  
31 Jersey Statutes.

