

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 84

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman KAVANAUGH

- 1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** expressing the approval of the Legislature for
2 the "Cultural Campus Project - Phase I," involving building renovation for
3 the New Jersey Department of State by the New Jersey Building Authority
4 and expressing the sense of the Legislature that Building Authority projects,
5 particularly those within the State Capitol Complex, should be financed and
6 managed by the authority.
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, In 1993, the New Jersey Building Authority, hereinafter "the
9 Authority," approved a project report for the renovation of the State
10 Education Building for the use of and occupancy by the Department of
11 Education, which project was also approved by the New Jersey
12 Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning and the Legislature
13 (ACR144, 1993); and
- 14 **WHEREAS**, In January, 1994, the Authority sold bonds for a number of
15 projects, including \$15,7000,000 for the renovation of the Education
16 Building; and
- 17 **WHEREAS**, An interdepartmental executive branch task force has
18 recommended that the Education Building would be more appropriately
19 renovated to house the Department of State for, among other purposes, the
20 maintenance and protection of the State Archives; and
- 21 **WHEREAS**, On June 20, 1995, pursuant to the provisions of subsections a. and
22 b. of section 6 of the "New Jersey Building Authority Act," P.L.1981,
23 c.120 (C.52:18A-78.6), hereinafter "the act," the Authority adopted a
24 resolution approving the change of use and a project report entitled
25 "Cultural Campus Project - Phase I," which set forth the pertinent
26 modifications, at the same estimated cost; and
- 27 **WHEREAS**, On August 25, 1995, the New Jersey Commission on Capital
28 Budgeting and Planning adopted Resolution #96-01 approving that project
29 report; and
- 30 **WHEREAS**, On October 10, 1995, the Authority held a public meeting on the
31 project report, in the City of Trenton, pursuant to section 7 of the act; and
- 32 **WHEREAS**, On May 2, 1996, pursuant to section 8 of the act, the Authority
33 submitted the project report and supporting documentation, as required
34 pursuant to subsections d. and e. of section 6 of the act, to the Speaker of
35 the General Assembly and the President of the Senate; and

1 **WHEREAS**, The act requires that a project to be undertaken by the New
2 Jersey Building Authority be approved by the Legislature within 45 days
3 of submission, or the next meeting date immediately thereafter for a house
4 not meeting on that date, or else the project shall be deemed disapproved;
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6 **WHEREAS**, The location of the project, as required by paragraph (5) of
7 subsection e. of section 6 of the act, is consistent with the State's urban
8 policy of concentrating public investments in distressed urban centers,
9 which includes Trenton; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The project will accommodate the present and projected facility
11 needs of the occupying agency, upgrade and modernize building
12 infrastructure and perform life safety and deferred maintenance
13 improvements; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The project report has the following general characteristics:

15 Location - 225 West State Street, Trenton;

16 Description - Renovation and infrastructure replacement and repairs
17 to life safety elements of the building;

18 Size - Approximately 107,250 square feet;

19 Agencies proposed for use - Space is to be used for State archives
20 collection and several other Department of State operations; and

21 Projected costs - \$15.7 million; 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. The project described in the project report entitled "Cultural Campus
27 Project - Phase I" is approved. This approval shall be deemed to include
28 changes or modifications to the project as architectural or engineering designs,
29 or changes in the needs of the executive agencies, indicate are necessary;
30 provided that such changes or modifications do not materially change the
31 scope or use of the project or materially increase the cost as described in the
32 project report after adjustments for the effects of inflation in the construction
33 industry.
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35 2. It is the sense of the Legislature that New Jersey Building Authority
36 projects, particularly those within the State Capitol Complex, should be
37 financed and managed directly by the authority, with delegation to other State
38 agencies of managerial responsibility only where the authority deems it
39 necessary, but with full control over project management retained by the
40 authority. To this end, it is further the sense of the Legislature, that the
41 authority assume the responsibility for the coordination, planning and
42 integration of the sundry projects for the improvement of the State Capitol
43 Complex.

1 3. Duly authenticated copies of this concurrent resolution signed by the
2 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, and
3 signed by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof,
4 shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Building Authority.

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STATEMENT

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9 This resolution approves the "Cultural Campus Project - Phase I," as
10 proposed by the New Jersey Building Authority. Specifically, the resolution
11 approves modifications to a previously approved project for the renovation of
12 the State Education Building for use by the Department of State rather than the
13 Department of Education.

14 This approval is required by the provisions of the "New Jersey Building
15 Authority Act."

16 The resolution also expresses the sense of the Legislature with regard to the
17 financing and management of Building Authority projects.

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22 Approves Building Authority project for the Department of State.