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SENATE, No. 614

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator CIESLA

1 AN ACT establishing special license plates supporting education and
2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. The director may issue special license plates in support of
8 education for a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the
9 State. In addition to the registration number and other markings or
10 identification otherwise prescribed by law, the license plate shall
11 display words or an emblem indicating support for, or interest in,
12 education. The director shall choose the license plate design after
13 soliciting suggestions from the public on the design.

14 b. The director shall collect a \$50 application fee for the special
15 license plate in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for
16 registration of a motor vehicle. The director shall collect annually,
17 subsequent to the year of issuance of the license plate, a \$10 fee for
18 the license plate in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for
19 the registration of a motor vehicle.

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21 ¹[c.] 2. a.¹ Revenue raised from the additional fees for the special
22 license plates shall be ¹[distributed] deposited in a special fund and
23 used¹ in accordance with a county-wide plan developed under the
24 guidance of the county superintendent of schools. All school districts
25 in the county shall have an opportunity to participate in the
26 development of the plan, and the plan shall have the consensus support
27 of the districts. The plan shall describe objectives and activities and
28 shall include a budget for use of the funds. The plan shall be focused
29 on the support of telecommunications infrastructure and information
30 technologies in the schools, with an emphasis on the interconnections
31 among school districts in the county. The plan shall identify the

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SED committee amendments adopted March 7, 1996.

1 district which will serve as the fiscal agent and host for the plan, and
2 the budget shall describe the recipients and uses of the funds.

3 ¹[d.] b. ¹ The funds shall be distributed to support the county
4 telecommunications plan in the county where the applicant for the
5 license plate resides and shall not supplant any other State educational
6 funding source. In the event that small amounts of funds are
7 accumulated in any year, funds may be accumulated by a county for a
8 period not to exceed three years in order to ensure that sufficient funds
9 are available to support the county plan. ¹[The amount of funds
10 distributed to each county shall be determined after reimbursement of
11 the Division of Motor Vehicles for costs reasonably and actually
12 incurred in producing and issuing the plates.]¹

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14 ¹3. a. Prior to the deposit of license plate fees collected pursuant
15 to section 1 of this act into the fund, amounts thereof as are necessary
16 shall be used to reimburse the division for all costs reasonably and
17 actually incurred as stipulated by the director for producing, issuing,
18 renewing, and publicizing the availability of the education license
19 plate, including the cost of any initial computer programming changes.

20 b. The director shall annually certify the average cost incurred in
21 the immediately preceding year. The annual certification of the
22 average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget
23 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

24 c. In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
25 the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,
26 or its successor, is greater than the \$50 applicant fee in two
27 consecutive fiscal years, the director may discontinue the issuance of
28 the education license plate.

29 d. The Commissioner of the Department of Education and the
30 director shall develop and enter into an interagency memorandum of
31 agreement on procedures to be followed to carry out their respective
32 responsibilities under this act.¹

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34 ¹[2.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect on the first day of the ¹[second]
35 seventh¹ month after enactment.

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40 Establishes special license plate to support education.