

SENATE, No. 1996

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 17, 1997

By Senator ADLER

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 or other remedial reading
25 programs. The programs shall assist students in grades one to four
26 who are diagnosed as being at risk of reading failure. A school district
27 may use the grant to fund the salaries of teacher leaders, to provide
28 teacher leader training support, to support the salaries of Reading
29 Recovery teachers, and to provide site support, evaluation, and other
30 administrative and training support. The department shall not use
31 more than three percent of the amounts it receives under this
32 subsection to pay the costs it incurs in administering the grant
33 program. Funds distributed under this subsection shall not be used to
34 reduce expenditures from funds received by school districts and 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.

1 department for Reading Recovery Programs or other remedial reading
2 programs from any other sources.

3 The grants shall be awarded in accordance with the requirements of
4 the Department of Education's grants management process.

5 The Department of Education shall annually report to the Governor
6 and the Legislature on progress in establishing and implementing
7 Reading Recovery Programs and other remedial reading programs.

8 The annual report shall include an evaluation of the effectiveness of
9 the Reading Recovery Programs and other remedial reading programs
10 in bringing students in grades one to four up to reading grade level.

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

21 The grants shall be awarded in accordance with the requirements of
22 the Department of Education's grants management process.

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

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

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill amends the "State Lottery Law," P.L.1970, c.13, to
34 provide that annually \$3 million of unclaimed prize money shall be
35 appropriated to the Department of Education to award grants to public
36 school districts to establish Reading Recovery Programs or other
37 remedial reading programs for students in grades one to four and
38 gifted and talented programs.

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

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

3 The bill stipulates that no more than 3% of the funds received by
4 the department under the bill's provisions shall be used to cover
5 administrative costs. Also, funds distributed under the bill's provisions
6 shall not be used to reduce expenditures from funds received by school
7 districts and the department for Reading Recovery Programs or other
8 remedial reading programs and gifted and talented programs from any
9 other source.

10 The bill also authorizes the use of grant funds for remedial reading
11 programs in addition to Reading Recovery Programs. All grants are
12 to be awarded in accordance with the requirements of the Department
13 of Education's grants management process.

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