

SENATE, No. 2003

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 17, 1997

By Senator GORMLEY

1 AN ACT concerning school district consolidation of services grants  
2 and amending P.L.1996, c.138.

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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 30 of P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-30) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 30. a. The Commissioner of Education shall establish a  
10 Consolidation of Services Grant Program in the 1997-98 school year.  
11 The goal of the grant program shall be to utilize the county special  
12 services school districts and other districts to promote shared  
13 services and regionalization of such services as transportation, child  
14 study teams, related and other specialized services, programs of  
15 professional development, legal and arbitration services, technology,  
16 and purchasing.

17 A county special services school district or other district which  
18 elects to participate in the grant program shall submit an application  
19 to the Department of Education based upon a request for proposal  
20 developed by the department [in consultation with the county special  
21 services school districts]. ~~[Three]~~ Twelve grants in the amount of  
22 \$50,000 per grant shall be awarded by the commissioner in the first  
23 year of the program and an additional ~~[two]~~ eight grants in the second  
24 year. ~~[The total grants awarded by the department in the first year of~~  
25 ~~the program shall be in the amount of \$600,000.]~~

26 b. The commissioner may establish a five-year sending-receiving  
27 school district tuition calculation pilot project for the Ocean Township  
28 School District in Ocean County and the Barnegat School District in  
29 Ocean County. The project shall provide a procedure whereby the  
30 tuition charged by a receiving school district shall be established in  
31 relationship to the maximum T&E budget.

32 (cf: P.L.1996, c.138, s.30)

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**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.**

STATEMENT

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3       This bill provides that school districts, in addition to county special  
4 services school districts, may participate in the Consolidation of  
5 Services Grant Program established under the "Comprehensive  
6 Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996," P.L.1996,  
7 c.138. The goal of that grant program is to promote shared services  
8 and regionalization of services among school districts such as  
9 transportation, child study teams, and other specialized services.

10       The bill provides that in the 1997-98 school year, twelve grants in  
11 the amount of \$50,000 each will be awarded, and in the second year  
12 eight grants will be awarded.

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18 Expands the school districts which may participate in the  
Consolidation of Services Grant Program.