

SENATE, No. 2352

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 18, 1997

By Senator LIPMAN

1 AN ACT concerning the location of highway entry or exit ramps and  
2 schools and supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes and  
3 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Terrell's Law."

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10 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the  
11 contrary, a highway entry or exit ramp shall not be constructed in such  
12 a manner as to direct motor vehicles on to or away from a State,  
13 county or municipal highway or road on which there is an existing  
14 public or private school as defined pursuant to P.L.1967, c.271  
15 (C.18A:1-1) located within 1,000 feet of the proposed location of the  
16 highway entry or exit ramp.

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18 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the  
19 contrary, a public or private school as defined pursuant to P.L.1967,  
20 c.271 (C.18A:1-1) shall not be constructed on a State, county or  
21 municipal highway or road within 1,000 feet of an existing highway  
22 entry or exit ramp.

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24 4. A highway entry or exit ramp currently existing within 1,000  
25 feet of an existing public or private school as defined pursuant to  
26 P.L.1967, c.271 (C.18A:1-1) shall be permanently closed with 30 days  
27 of the effective date of this act. Such ramp may be reopened at such  
28 time that the school is permanently closed and no longer used as an  
29 educational facility.

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31 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill is named "Terrell's Law," in memory of 8-year-old Terrell  
37 James who was killed in a tragic accident that occurred near the

1 Belmont-Runyon Elementary School in Newark, New Jersey on March  
2 10, 1997.

3 This bill prohibits the construction of a highway entry or exit ramp  
4 in such a manner as to direct motor vehicles on to or away from a  
5 State, county or municipal highway or road on which there is an  
6 existing public or private school located within 1,000 feet of the  
7 proposed location of the highway entry or exit ramp. This bill also  
8 prohibits the construction of a public or private school on a State,  
9 county or municipal highway or road within 1,000 feet of an existing  
10 highway entry or exit ramp. Such construction presents a threat to  
11 public safety.

12 In addition, this bill requires the closure of any highway entry or  
13 exit ramp located within 1,000 feet of an existing public or private  
14 school. The bill requires that the closure of such a ramp occur within  
15 30 days of the effective date of this act.

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20 Concerns location of highway entry or exit ramps and schools.