

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 113

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator CIESLA

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** requesting that the Supreme Court of the State
2 of New Jersey develop a one-year pilot program in Brick Township
3 creating a model municipal drug court.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Every municipality is required to establish a municipal court which
6 has jurisdiction to hear a range of matters, including: violations of motor
7 vehicle and traffic laws, violation of municipal ordinances, disorderly and
8 petty disorderly offenses, violations of fish and game laws and any other
9 proceeding where jurisdiction is granted by statute; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Municipal courts currently have jurisdiction over certain juvenile
11 cases which involve disorderly or petty disorderly offenses or motor vehicle
12 offenses; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part currently
14 handles some juvenile cases involving drug offenses; and

15 **WHEREAS**, The Family Part's caseload, which is overcrowded with juvenile
16 cases, may be reduced if those juvenile cases involving drug offenses are
17 redirected to municipal courts; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Municipal court judges may be more aware of the resources
19 available in the community which may provide needed services to the
20 juvenile in need of assistance, especially those juveniles with a drug
21 problem; now, therefore,

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23 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General
24 Assembly concurring):

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26 1. That the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey is respectfully
27 requested to develop a one-year pilot program in Brick Township creating a
28 model municipal drug court. The pilot program shall authorize the municipal
29 court to have jurisdiction where a juvenile has been charged with delinquency
30 for a violation of an offense defined in chapter 35 or 36 of Title 2C of the New
31 Jersey Statutes.

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33 2. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall submit a written report to
34 the Legislature describing and assessing the implementation, operation and
35 results of the pilot program within 6 months after the completion of the pilot

1 program.

2 3. Duly authenticated copies of this concurrent resolution, signed by the
3 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, shall be
4 transmitted to the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme
5 Court of the State of New Jersey.

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STATEMENT

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10 This concurrent resolution would request that the New Jersey Supreme
11 Court develop a one-year pilot program in Brick Township creating a model
12 municipal drug court. The pilot program would authorize the municipal court
13 to have jurisdiction in matters where a juvenile has been charged with
14 delinquency for a violation of an offense defined in chapter 35 or 36 of Title
15 2C of the New Jersey Statutes (controlled dangerous substances). The
16 Administrative Office of the Courts, within 6 months after completion of the
17 pilot program, would be required to submit a written report to the Legislature
18 assessing the pilot program's implementation, operation and results.

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23 Requests the New Jersey Supreme Court to develop a one-year pilot program
24 in Brick Township creating a model municipal drug court.