

[Second Reprint]

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 131

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 22, 1997

By Senators LaROSSA and INVERSO

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** expressing the approval of the Legislature for
2 the "New Jersey State House Dome Restoration and Renovation Project"
3 and the "Labor Building Exterior Recladding and Curtain Wall
4 Replacement Project" by the New Jersey Building Authority ¹[and] ²[1]
5 and² expressing the sense of the Legislature that Building Authority
6 projects, particularly those within the State Capitol Complex, should be
7 financed and managed by the authority ²[¹ and expressing the sentiment of
8 the Legislature that funds remaining from the State Building Revenue
9 Bonds, 1994 Series of the New Jersey Building Authority be used for a
10 specific purpose¹]².

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12 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Building Authority, hereinafter "the authority," has
13 determined that it is desirable and in the best interest of the authority to
14 undertake the projects referenced herein involving the restoration and
15 renovation of the State House Dome and the exterior recladding and
16 curtain wall replacement of the State Labor Building; and

17 **WHEREAS**, On January 21, 1997, pursuant to the provisions of subsections a.
18 and b. of section 6 of the "New Jersey Building Authority Act," P.L.1981,
19 c.120 (C.52:18A-78.6), hereinafter "the act," the authority adopted a
20 resolution approving a project report for the "New Jersey State House
21 Dome Restoration and Renovation Project" and adopted a resolution
22 approving a project report for the "Labor Building Exterior Recladding and
23 Curtain Wall Replacement Project," which set forth the pertinent
24 modifications; and

25 **WHEREAS**, On March 21, 1997, the New Jersey Commission on Capital
26 Budgeting and Planning adopted Resolutions #97-2 and 97-3 approving
27 the above-noted project reports; and

28 **WHEREAS**, On May 8, 1997, pursuant to section 8 of the act, the authority

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 SBA committee amendments adopted June 12, 1997.

² Senate floor amendments adopted June 16, 1997.

1 submitted the project reports and supporting documentation, as required
2 pursuant to subsections d. and e. of section 6 of the act, to the Speaker of
3 the General Assembly and the President of the Senate; and

4 **WHEREAS**, The act requires that a project to be undertaken by the authority
5 be approved by the Legislature within 45 days of submission, or the next
6 meeting date immediately thereafter for a house not meeting on that date,
7 or else the project shall be deemed disapproved; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The location of the project, as required by paragraph (5) of
9 subsection e. of section 6 of the act, is consistent with the State's urban
10 policy of concentrating public investments in distressed urban centers,
11 which include Trenton; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The "State House Dome Project" described in the report entitled
13 "New Jersey State House Dome Restoration and Renovation Project" has
14 the following general characteristics:

15 Location -125 West State Street, Trenton;

16 Description -Restoration and Renovation of State House Dome;

17 Size - The cupola and lantern, which sit on top of the gilded dome, rise 145
18 feet from ground level; and

19 Projected costs - \$12.0 million; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The "Labor Building Project" described in the report entitled
21 "Labor Building Exterior Recladding and Curtain Wall Replacement
22 Project" has the following general characteristics:

23 Location -John Fitch Plaza, Trenton;

24 Description -Exterior recladding and curtain wall replacement;

25 Size - 400,000 square foot building;

26 Agencies Proposed Use -Space is to be used for Department of Labor
27 activities and programs; and

28 Projected costs - \$12.3 million; ¹and

29 **WHEREAS**, The Legislature deems it appropriate to urge the New Jersey
30 Building Authority to redirect for the planning and design of two new
31 juvenile offender secure-care facilities those bond proceeds remaining from
32 the State Building Revenue Bonds, 1994 Series of the New Jersey Building
33 Authority that will not be expended for the cost of the acquisition and
34 construction of South Woods State Prison (the Bridgeton Prison Project);
35 ¹2 now, therefore,

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

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40 1. The projects described in the project reports entitled the "New Jersey
41 State House Dome Restoration and Renovation Project" and the "Labor
42 Building Exterior Recladding and Curtain Wall Replacement Project" are
43 approved. This approval shall be deemed to include changes or modifications

1 to the projects as to architectural or engineering designs, or changes in the
2 needs of the executive agencies, which such agencies indicate are necessary;
3 provided that such changes or modifications do not materially change the
4 scope or use of the projects or materially increase the cost as described in the
5 project reports after adjustments for the effects of inflation in the construction
6 industry.

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8 2. It is the sense of the Legislature that New Jersey Building Authority
9 projects, particularly those within the State Capitol Complex, should be
10 financed and managed directly by the authority, with delegation to other State
11 agencies of managerial responsibility only where the authority deems it
12 necessary, but with full control over project management retained by the
13 authority. To this end, it is further the sense of the Legislature that the authority
14 assume the responsibility for the coordination, planning and integration of the
15 sundry projects for the improvement of the State Capitol Complex.

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17 2[13. It is the sense of the Legislature that the final total acquisition and
18 construction cost of the South Woods State Prison (the Bridgeton Prison
19 Project) will be less than the initial estimate of \$264 million approved by the
20 Legislature in 1993 and which amount was included in the State Building
21 Revenue Bonds, 1994 Series of the New Jersey Building Authority. Although
22 the final cost of the project is not yet known, there are strong indications that
23 there will remain available bond proceeds which may be redirected to other
24 approved New Jersey Building Authority projects. The Legislature deems it
25 appropriate and necessary to urge the authority to redirect and utilize the
26 remaining bond proceeds for the planning and design of two new juvenile
27 offender secure-care facilities.]2

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29 1[3.] 2[4.1] 3.2Duly authenticated copies of this concurrent resolution, signed
30 by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, and
31 signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk
32 thereof, shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Building Authority.

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37 Approves Building Authority projects for State House Dome and Labor
38 Building.