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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] ₁
5 expressing the sense of the Legislature that Building Authority projects,
6 particularly those within the State Capitol Complex, should be financed and
7 managed by the authority ¹, and expressing the sentiment of the Legislature
8 that funds remaining from the State Building Revenue Bonds, 1994 Series
9 of the New Jersey Building Authority be used for a specific purpose.
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Building Authority, hereinafter "the authority," has
12 determined that it is desirable and in the best interest of the authority to
13 undertake the projects referenced herein involving the restoration and
14 renovation of the State House Dome and the exterior recladding and
15 curtain wall replacement of the State Labor Building; and
- 16 **WHEREAS**, On January 21, 1997, pursuant to the provisions of subsections a.
17 and b. of section 6 of the "New Jersey Building Authority Act," P.L.1981,
18 c.120 (C.52:18A-78.6), hereinafter "the act," the authority adopted a
19 resolution approving a project report for the "New Jersey State House
20 Dome Restoration and Renovation Project" and adopted a resolution
21 approving a project report for the "Labor Building Exterior Recladding and
22 Curtain Wall Replacement Project," which set forth the pertinent
23 modifications; and
- 24 **WHEREAS**, On March 21, 1997, the New Jersey Commission on Capital
25 Budgeting and Planning adopted Resolutions #97-2 and 97-3 approving
26 the above-noted project reports; and
- 27 **WHEREAS**, On May 8, 1997, pursuant to section 8 of the act, the authority
28 submitted the project reports and supporting documentation, as required
29 pursuant to subsections d. and e. of section 6 of the act, to the Speaker of

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.

1 the General Assembly and the President of the Senate; and

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

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

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

13 Location -125 West State Street, Trenton;

14 Description -Restoration and Renovation of State House Dome;

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

17 Projected costs - \$12.0 million; and

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

21 Location -John Fitch Plaza, Trenton;

22 Description -Exterior recladding and curtain wall replacement;

23 Size - 400,000 square foot building;

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

26 Projected costs - \$12.3 million; and

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

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

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38 1. The projects described in the project reports entitled the "New Jersey
39 State House Dome Restoration and Renovation Project" and the "Labor
40 Building Exterior Recladding and Curtain Wall Replacement Project" are
41 approved. This approval shall be deemed to include changes or modifications
42 to the projects as to architectural or engineering designs, or changes in the
43 needs of the executive agencies, which such agencies indicate are necessary;

1 provided that such changes or modifications do not materially change the
2 scope or use of the projects or materially increase the cost as described in the
3 project reports after adjustments for the effects of inflation in the construction
4 industry.

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

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15 3. It is the sense of the Legislature that the final total acquisition and
16 construction cost of the South Woods State Prison (the Bridgeton Prison
17 Project) will be less than the initial estimate of \$264 million approved by the
18 Legislature in 1993 and which amount was included in the State Building
19 Revenue Bonds, 1994 Series of the New Jersey Building Authority. Although
20 the final cost of the project is not yet known, there are strong indications that
21 there will remain available bond proceeds which may be redirected to other
22 approved New Jersey Building Authority projects. The Legislature deems it
23 appropriate and necessary to urge the authority to redirect and utilize the
24 remaining bond proceeds for the planning and design of two new juvenile
25 offender secure-care facilities.¹

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27 ¹[3.]^{4.1} Duly authenticated copies of this concurrent resolution, signed by
28 the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, and signed
29 by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof,
30 shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Building Authority.

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35 Approves Building Authority projects for State House Dome and Labor
36 Building; expresses Legislature's sentiment that certain funds be used for two
37 new juvenile offender secure-care facilities.