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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 69

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators **LITTELL, LaROSSA, Inverso, Ewing, Kyriillos, Kenny,**  
**Lipman and Assemblyman Kavanaugh**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** expressing the approval of the Legislature for  
2 the "Cultural Campus Project - Phase I," involving building renovation for  
3 the New Jersey Department of State by the New Jersey Building Authority  
4 and expressing the sense of the Legislature that Building Authority projects,  
5 particularly those within the State Capitol Complex, should be financed and  
6 managed by the authority.

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8 **WHEREAS**, In 1993, the New Jersey Building Authority, hereinafter "the  
9 Authority," approved a project report for the renovation of the State  
10 Education Building for the use of and occupancy by the Department of  
11 Education, which project was also approved by the New Jersey  
12 Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning and the Legislature (ACR  
13 144, 1993); and

14 **WHEREAS**, In January, 1994, the Authority sold bonds for a number of  
15 projects, including \$15,7000,000 for the renovation of the Education  
16 Building; and

17 **WHEREAS**, An interdepartmental executive branch task force has  
18 recommended that the Education Building would be more appropriately  
19 renovated to house the Department of State for, among other purposes, the  
20 maintenance and protection of the State Archives; and

21 **WHEREAS**, On June 20, 1995, pursuant to the provisions of subsections a. and  
22 b. of section 6 of the "New Jersey Building Authority Act," P.L.1981,  
23 c.120 (C.52:18A-78.6), hereinafter "the act," the Authority adopted a  
24 resolution approving the change of use and a project report entitled  
25 "Cultural Campus Project - Phase I," which set forth the pertinent  
26 modifications, at the same estimated cost; and

27 **Whereas**, On August 25, 1995, the New Jersey Commission on Capital  
28 Budgeting and Planning adopted Resolution #96-01 approving that project

**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:**

**<sup>1</sup> Senate floor amendments adopted June 27, 1996.**

1 report; and

2 **WHEREAS**, On October 10, 1995, the Authority held a public meeting on the  
3 project report, in the City of Trenton, pursuant to section 7 of the act; and

4 **WHEREAS**, On May 2, 1996, pursuant to section 8 of the act, the Authority  
5 submitted the project report and supporting documentation, as required  
6 pursuant to subsections d. and e. of section 6 of the act, to the President  
7 of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The act requires that a project to be undertaken by the New  
9 Jersey Building Authority be approved by the Legislature within 45 days  
10 of submission, or the next meeting date immediately thereafter for a house  
11 not meeting on that date, or else the project shall be deemed disapproved;  
12 and

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

17 **WHEREAS**, The project will accommodate the present and projected facility  
18 needs of the occupying agency, upgrade and modernize building  
19 infrastructure and perform life safety and deferred maintenance  
20 improvements; and

21 **WHEREAS**, The project report has the following general characteristics:

22 Location - 225 West State Street, Trenton;

23 Description - Renovation and infrastructure replacement and repairs  
24 to life safety elements of the building;

25 Size - Approximately 107,250 square feet;

26 Agencies proposed for use - Space is to be used for State archives  
27 collection and several other Department of State operations; and

28 Projected costs - \$15.7 million; now, therefore,

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

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33 1. The project described in the project report entitled "Cultural Campus  
34 Project - Phase I" is approved. This approval shall be deemed to include  
35 changes or modifications to the project as architectural or engineering designs,  
36 or changes in the needs of the executive agencies, indicate are necessary;  
37 provided that such changes or modifications do not materially change the  
38 scope or use of the project or materially increase the cost as described in the  
39 project report after adjustments for the effects of inflation in the construction  
40 industry.

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42 2. The Legislature recognizes that while it did not act on the project within  
43 the 45 days of submission of the plan by the building authority required by

1 section 8 of the "New Jersey Building Authority Act," P.L.1981, c.120, the  
2 Legislature notes that the plan was resubmitted to it by the building authority  
3 on June 27, 1996 and the sense of the Legislature is that the project should  
4 proceed despite the delay.<sup>1</sup>

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6 <sup>1</sup>[2.] 3.<sup>1</sup> It is the sense of the Legislature that New Jersey Building  
7 Authority projects, particularly those within the State Capitol Complex, should  
8 be financed and managed directly by the authority, with delegation to other  
9 State 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  
12 authority assume the responsibility for the coordination, planning and  
13 integration of the sundry projects for the improvement of the State Capitol  
14 Complex.

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16 <sup>1</sup>[3.] 4.<sup>1</sup> Duly authenticated copies of this concurrent resolution signed by  
17 the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, and signed  
18 by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof,  
19 shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Building Authority.

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24 Approves Building Authority project for the Department of State.