

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 82

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BUBBA

1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** directing the Senate State Government Committee
2 to investigate certain budgetary and financial practices of the Passaic
3 County government.
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5 **WHEREAS**, Between 1985 and the present, the annual budget of Passaic
6 County has gone from \$109 million to \$240 million; and
7 **WHEREAS**, During that same period of time, the amount of money borrowed
8 by the county has ballooned from \$75 million to nearly \$400 million, an
9 increase which costs county taxpayers \$20 million in interest payments; and
10 **WHEREAS**, Nearly 100 county employees make more in annual salary than
11 Governor Whitman and many officials in the Passaic County government
12 earn more per year than their counterparts at the State level; and
13 **WHEREAS**, Some county administrators received more than a 10 percent pay
14 raise this year alone, while most of the county government workers
15 received substantially less or no raise at all, and in at least one case, a
16 management specialist at the welfare agency received a 35 percent raise,
17 bringing that person's salary from \$72,643 to \$97,921; and
18 **WHEREAS**, Clearly, it is time to question how Passaic County administrators'
19 salaries are determined, to ascertain whether or not there is a system of
20 guidelines in place that serve as criteria for when a person receives an
21 increase in salary and to ask why so many part-time employees have been
22 hired when it would seem that hiring a few full-time people would be more
23 cost effective; and
24 **WHEREAS**, The taxpayers of Passaic County and of the State deserve to know
25 why the salaries of certain county officials and administrators are increasing
26 at the same time as the budget and indebtedness of Passaic County are
27 also increasing; and
28 **WHEREAS**, It is therefore fitting and proper for the Senate State Government
29 Committee to investigate the budgetary and financial practices of the
30 Passaic County government; now, therefore,
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32 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

