# ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 211

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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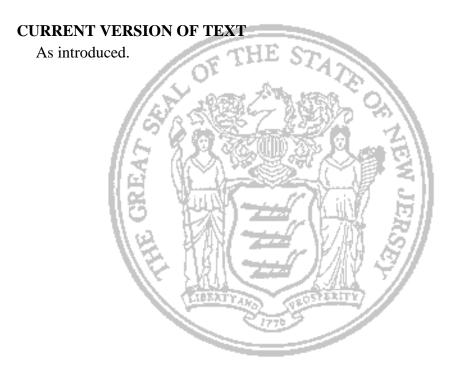
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### **SYNOPSIS**

Urges Congress to pass "National Apprenticeship Act of 2021."



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A JOINT RESOLUTION urging Congress to pass the "National

WHEREAS, Apprenticeships helped build the economy of the United

Apprenticeship Act of 2021."

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5	States and continue to assist in American economic development;
6	and
7	WHEREAS, It is estimated that 94 percent of individuals who complete
8	an apprenticeship retain employment at an average salary of
9	\$70,000 per year; and
10	WHEREAS, A Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), first started
11	in Wisconsin in 1911, is an option available to individuals seeking
12	an apprenticeship; and
13	WHEREAS, RAPs are structured programs sponsored by an employer
14	or a group of employers to apply industry standards to the training
15	and education of the registered apprentices; and
16	WHEREAS, Federal funds are available to employers who sponsor
17	RAPs to help reduce costs associated with instructional needs, on-
18	the-job training, and recruitment; and
19	WHEREAS, Upon completion of a RAP, an apprentice receives a
20	certification that is recognized nationwide and allows the apprentice
21	to be considered a journeyman in the profession for which that
22	individual received certification; and
23	WHEREAS, RAPs gained federal recognition in 1937 under the
24	National Apprenticeship Act, which authorized the United States
25	Department of Labor to formulate and promote the furtherance of
26	labor standards required to protect the welfare of apprentices, and
27	originally focused on manufacturing, construction and utilities
28	industries before expanding to other professionals such as police,
29	firefighters, and emergency medical technicians; and
30	WHEREAS, The New Jersey Apprenticeship Program was established
31	to create and expand on existing pre-apprenticeship and
32	apprenticeship programs that are registered with the United States
33	Department of Labor; and
34	WHEREAS, Federal legislation, H.R. 447, the "National
35	Apprenticeship Act of 2021," was introduced in the 117th Congress
36	to reauthorize the National Apprenticeship Act; and
37	WHEREAS, The federal bill invests more than \$3.5 billion over a
38	period of five years to expand opportunities and access to RAPs;
39	and
40	WHEREAS, There is bipartisan support for the bill in the current
41	Congress; now, therefore,
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43	BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
44	State of New Jersey:
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46	1. The State of New Jersey urges the 117th Congress to pass
47	the "National Apprenticeship Act of 2021," and for the bill to be
48	signed into law by the President.

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1	2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
2	shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of
3	the General Assembly to each member of Congress elected from
4	this State, to the Secretary of the United States Department of
5	Labor, to the Secretary of the New Jersey Department of Labor and
6	Workforce Development, and the leadership of the Office of
7	Apprenticeship in the New Jersey Department of Labor and
8	Workforce Development.

3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### **STATEMENT**

This joint resolution urges the 117th Congress to pass, and for the President to sign, the "National Apprenticeship Act of 2021."

Apprenticeships helped build the U.S. economy and continue to provide assistance in American economic development. An option available for individuals seeking apprenticeships is a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP). First started in Wisconsin in 1911, RAPs are structured programs sponsored by an employer or a group of employers to apply industry standards to the training and education of the registered apprentices. Upon completion of a RAP, an apprentice receives a certification that is recognized nationwide and allows the apprentice to be considered a journeyman in the profession for which that individual received certification. RAPs are recognized federally by the U.S. Department of Labor, which is authorized under federal law to promote the furtherance of labor standards required to protect the welfare of apprentices.

The State established the New Jersey Apprenticeship Program to create and expand on existing pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs that are registered with the U.S. Department of Labor. Current federal legislation, H.R. 447, the "National Apprenticeship Act of 2021," invests more than \$3.5 billion over a period of five years to expand opportunities and access to RAPs and enjoys bipartisan support.