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#### **SYNOPSIS**

Increases contribution limit by counties and municipalities to volunteer first aid, ambulance, and rescue squads.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee with technical review.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/24/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning contribution limits by counties and 2 municipalities to volunteer first aid, ambulance, and rescue 3 squads and amending R.S.40:5-2.

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**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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- 1. R.S.40:5-2 is amended to read as follows:
- 9 40:5-2. Any county or municipality may make a voluntary contribution of not more than **[**\$70,000**]** <u>\$125,000</u> annually to any 10 11 duly incorporated first aid and emergency or volunteer ambulance 12 or rescue squad association of the county, or of any municipality therein, rendering service generally throughout the county, or any 13 of the municipalities thereof. In addition, if any such associations 14 15 experience extraordinary need, the county or municipality may 16 contribute an additional amount of not more than [\$35,000.00] 17 \$70,000 annually; provided, however, that the need for such 18 additional funds is established by the association and is directly 19 related to the performance of said association's duties. Whenever the total annual county or municipal contribution to an association 20 21 exceeds \$70,000, the chief financial officer of the county or 22 municipality shall receive an audit performed by a certified public 23 accountant or a registered municipal accountant of each 24 association's financial records for the current year which shall 25 certify to the governing body of the county or municipality that such records are being maintained in accordance with sound 26 27 accounting principles.

Any county or municipality may appropriate such additional sums as it may deem necessary for the purchase of first aid, ambulance, rescue or other emergency vehicles, equipment, supplies and materials for use by these associations, the title to which shall remain with the county or municipality, provided that the funds are controlled and disbursed by the county or municipality.

In the case of a joint purchase made by the governing bodies of two or more local units pursuant to the provisions of the "Consolidated Municipal Services Act," P.L.1952, c.72 (C.40:48B-1 et seq.), the title to the purchase shall be held by the joint meeting formed by the contracting governing bodies.

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(cf: P.L.2001, c.403, s.1)

- 42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
  - EXPLANATION Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.