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SYNOPSIS

Makes supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 to City of Trenton for establishment and operation of Locust Hill African Cemetery Museum as independent nonprofit.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 A SUPPLEMENT to the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year
2 ending June 30, 2023, P.L.2022, c.49.

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

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2022, c.49,
8 the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30,
9 2023, there is appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund the
10 following amount for the purpose specified:

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12 22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
13 70 Government, Management, and Control
14 75 State Subsidies and Financial Aid
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16 STATE AID
17 04-8030 Local Government Services \$400,000
18 Total State Aid appropriation,
19 State Subsidies and Financial Aid \$400,000

20 State Aid:
21 04 City of Trenton - Locust Hill African
22 Cemetery Museum..... (\$400,000)
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24 The amount hereinabove appropriated for City of Trenton - Locust
25 Hill African Cemetery Museum shall be utilized to renovate and
26 provide for the operation of the property located at 73 Hart
27 Avenue in Trenton, New Jersey as the Locust Hill African
28 Cemetery Museum, which shall be established as an
29 independent, nonprofit organization operated by a board of
30 directors, and which shall oversee the operations of the museum
31 and cemetery. The City of Trenton may allocate up to 20 percent
32 of the amount hereinabove appropriated to pay for legal and
33 administrative costs related to the incorporation and
34 establishment of the independent nonprofit, and shall provide the
35 remainder of the appropriation to the nonprofit as a grant to the
36 nonprofit following establishment of the nonprofit.
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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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41 STATEMENT
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43 This bill provides a supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 to
44 the City of Trenton for the purpose of renovating, establishing, and
45 operating the property located at 73 Hart Avenue in Trenton, New
46 Jersey as the Locust Hill African Cemetery Museum, which is to be
47 an independent, non-profit organization operated by a board of

1 directors, and which is to oversee the operations of the museum and
2 cemetery.

3 The museum is to oversee the Locust Hill Cemetery, where a
4 cemetery was organized, funded, and built by Trenton's nineteenth
5 century African American community during the Reconstruction
6 Period, and where United States Colored Troops, who were Union
7 Army regiments during the American Civil War, are buried. It is
8 important to preserve and celebrate the history of this community,
9 and to honor New Jersey's proud history of military service and the
10 brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for the United
11 States.