

**SENATE, No. 789**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**220th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes Helmets to Hardhats program in the DMVA; appropriates \$400,000.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/21/2022)**

1 AN ACT establishing the Helmets to Hardhats program in the  
2 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

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7 1. a. There is established the Helmets to Hardhats program  
8 located in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and  
9 administered by the New Jersey Building and Construction Trades  
10 Council. The program shall provide outreach and assistance to  
11 veterans in obtaining preparation and guidance to gain admission  
12 into training and education programs needed to obtain high quality  
13 careers in the construction industry, including registered  
14 apprenticeship programs which lead to high quality careers in the  
15 building trades, as well as careers in administration, engineering  
16 and management in the construction industry.

17 b. For the purposes of this section:

18 "registered apprenticeship" means apprenticeship in a program  
19 providing to each trainee combined classroom and on-the-job  
20 training under the direct and close supervision of a highly skilled  
21 worker in an occupation recognized as an apprenticeable trade, and  
22 registered by the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States  
23 Department of Labor and meeting the standards established by that  
24 office.

25 "veteran" means any resident of this State who has been  
26 discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions who  
27 served in any branch or a Reserve component of the Armed Forces  
28 of the United States or the National Guard of this State.

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30 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Helmets  
31 to Hardhats program in the Department of Military and Veterans  
32 Affairs the sum of \$400,000 to implement the provisions of section  
33 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
34 bill).

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36 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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39 STATEMENT

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43 the New Jersey Building and Construction Trades Council. The  
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45 veterans in obtaining preparation and guidance to gain admission  
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