

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 338, *approved January 20, 2026*
Senate, No. 5021

1 AN ACT amending P.L.2025, c.74, the Fiscal Year 2026 annual
2 appropriations act, to clarify distribution of certain grants-in-aid
3 to independent institutions of higher education.

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

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8 1. The following line item in section 1 of P.L.2025, c.74, the
9 annual appropriations act for State Fiscal Year 2026, is amended to
10 read as follows:

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12 82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
13 30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development
14 36 Higher Educational Services

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16 GRANTS-IN-AID

17 47-2155 Support to Independent Institutions.....\$20,266,000
18 Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, Higher
19 Educational Services.....\$124,300,000

20 Grants-in-Aid:

21 47 Centenary University [– Capital
22 Improvements].....(\$1,500,000)

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill amends the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year
30 2026 to expand the authorized use of grant funding for Centenary
31 University.

32 Currently, the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations act provides a
33 \$1,500,000 grants-in-aid appropriation to Centenary University for
34 capital improvements. The bill amends this line-item appropriation
35 to remove the requirement that the funds be used solely for capital
36 improvements. By removing this requirement, these funds could be
37 used by the university for general purposes. This bill does not
38 increase appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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3 Amends Fiscal Year 2026 annual appropriations act to expand
4 authorized use of grant funding for Centenary University.