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N.J. Legislature Passes Jersey Boys and Girls State College Credit Bill

Assembly Votes 73-0-1 in Favor of Bill and Senate Votes 38-0

Bill Now Awaits Signature from Governor Chris Christie (ALJBS '79)

TRENTON, NJ—Today, the New Jersey Legislature voted for final passage of the Jersey Boys State and Girls State College Credit Bill. This legislation permits institutions of higher learning “to grant up to three college credits to high school students who successfully complete the American Legion Jersey Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Jersey Girls State program.”

“I applaud the New Jersey Legislature for passing the Jersey Boys and Girls State College Credit Bill. This legislation recognizes the importance of educating New Jersey’s youth so that each student participating in American Legion Jersey Boys State or Auxiliary Jersey Girls State program may become a citizen leader dedicated to service, respect, and Americanism,” said David Bagatelle, Director of Jersey Boys State. “Following the Governor’s signature, each student participant will be eligible to receive up to three college credits for their completion of these college-level programs.”

The bill passed the General Assembly today by a vote of 73-0-1. The Senate voted in 2014 by a vote of 38-0. The bill now awaits signature of Governor Chris Christie, ALJBS class of 1979 and Boys Nation Senator.

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About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)

In its 71st year, ALJBS is a week-long experience that educates and motivates New Jersey’s youth so that each statesman may become a citizen leader dedicated to service, respect, and Americanism. Together, the delegates form the mythical “51st” state of the union each year, where they elect their own local, state, and national representatives. Activities at ALJBS include legislative sessions, general assemblies, court proceedings, athletics, band, and career seminars, among many others. All expenses associated with attending ALJBS are typically donated by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business, or a community-based organization. To learn more, please visit aljbs.org.