

CHAPTER 45

AN ACT concerning county budget caps.

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

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of P.L.1976, c.68 (C.40A:4-45.4) to the contrary, for budget year 2003, and upon application by a county board of chosen freeholders, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services shall determine the increase in the net cost of housing inmates in a county correctional facility between budget year 2000 and budget year 2003 and shall permanently add, without retroactivity, such increase to the allowable county purpose tax before exceptions.

The net cost of housing inmates in a county correctional facility shall be calculated by subtracting from the total of salary and wages and other expenses for county correctional facilities, the revenues received from State and federal government for housing inmates in a county correctional facility. The director shall base the calculation on the actual expenditures in budget year 2000 and amounts appropriated for county correctional facilities in 2003.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 22, 2003.