

THE BILL concerns land use approvals for private nonprofit institutions of higher education and supplementing P.L.1975, c.291.

IF ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

A private institution of higher education organized as a nonprofit corporation under N.J.S.15A:1-1 et seq. or acting under the authority of N.J.S.18A:68-6, and licensed by the State to confer degrees pursuant to N.J.S.18A:68-1 et seq., and which is eligible to receive funds under P.L.1979, c.132 (C.18A:72B-15 et seq.), shall be exempt from the provisions of P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.), to the same extent as a State college organized under N.J.S.18A:64-1. Under current law, public colleges and university are exempt from local zoning jurisdictions in recognition of the critical public mission served by those institutions in educating the citizens of the state.

Assembly Bill A 2586 *Your Action Is Needed!*

<i>The Implications:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private higher education institutions will have the right to build or construct without municipal oversight or control. • Local zoning boards will lose home rule. • <i>Your property value will be at risk!</i>
<i>The current status:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill has passed the NJ State Senate • Eleven NJ mayors have signed an open letter to the NJ State Senate opposing the bill (see link below). • The NJ Chapter of the American Planning Association has also written a letter opposing the bill (see link below). • It does not appear to have sufficient votes to pass the Assembly <i>yet</i>. • The Legislature has recessed for the summer until after Labor Day. • The bill could be posted for a vote of the full assembly at any time thereafter.
<i>More Information:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/S2000/1534_I1.PDF • http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/A3000/2586_I1.PDF • http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/S2000/1534_R1.PDF • http://princeton.patch.com/articles/princeton-mayors-oppose-bill-to-exempt-private-colleges-universities-from-local-land-use-law • http://njplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/APANJ-Letter-Opposing-S1534_062712_Final.pdf
<u>Get Active:</u>	<p align="center">Sign the On-line Petition http://www.change.org/petitions/oppose-new-jersey-assembly-bill-no-2586-s-1534</p>

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