

Parochial Step Nearer in N.J.

Trenton, N.J. — (NC) — By a narrower margin than expected, the New Jersey Assembly passed a \$9.5 million bill to help the state's hard-pressed private school system.

The Democratic minority made passage possible, giving 18 of its 21 votes to the measure, which was sent to the Senate by a vote of 45-26. That was a scant four votes more than necessary.

However, some Republican legislators voted against the bill even though they favor aid to private education. Those who took that stand were pressing for passage of a measure that would give assistance directly to parents of children attending private schools.

The measure provides for the loan of textbooks to both elementary and secondary students and for subsidies to teachers engaged in teaching secular subjects. The amount of the subsidy would depend on the number of disadvantaged children enrolled in the school.

Assistance would come to about \$30 per child should the bill become law, but that is only because full-funding is not provided for the first year. Should full funding be provided in future years, the formula would provide about \$90 a year.

Sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Vander Platt of Bergen County, the bill might be blocked in the Senate due to a controversy over public school assistance.

Opponents of aid to private schools, unsuccessful in a last-minute effort to block passage in the Assembly, immediately announced that a court challenge will be launched once the Senate impasse is ended.

The Newark branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Greater Newark Urban Coalition, the three major

teachers' unions in the city and an Ad Hoc Committee on Church and State pledged to continue the fight in court.

They maintain that should the bill become law it will perpetuate segregation and weaken urban school systems.

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