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Senator Sean Kean Seeks to Prevent Allenwood Barracks Closure

Kean Passes Legislation in Efforts to Save Local State Police

Senator Sean Kean has introduced legislation to prevent the Allenwood State Police Barracks from closing. Kean drafted the bill in response to the possible closure of the station and relocation of the troopers out of Monmouth County.

“The relocation of these state troopers will negatively impact the safety of our region,” said Kean. “This legislation would ensure that this barracks would not be shut down if it has been deemed essential to the security of our area.”

The legislation, S-1458, would require a study to be conducted by the Superintendent of the State Police before any state police road station is shut down. This would determine the effects the closure would have on public safety and the welfare of citizens. It would also examine the impact the closure would have on response times, efficiency of costs, as well as the effect on other local law enforcement.

“With the rise in gang activity and increased homeland security needs, local police forces are currently spread dangerously thin,” he said. “Keeping the Allenwood Barracks open is essential to the safety of local police and residents of the entire shore area.”

Under the legislation, if the superintendent conducts the study and decides that the station should cease operations, the state police would be reestablished at a new location within the same county.

“It is essential that we keep a State Police presence in Monmouth County,” said Kean. “Under this bill, if Allenwood is closed Monmouth County resident could rest assured that the State Police would continue to remain in this area.”