

STATEMENT TO
[Second Reprint]
SENATE, No. 2063

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senators NORCROSS, VITALE and SWEENEY)

ADOPTED: JUNE 21, 2012

These Senate floor amendments:

- provide that State support for the operations of Rutgers University-Newark must be appropriated by the Legislature directly to Rutgers University-Newark;
- direct the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University to establish an annual certified public reporting process of its finances;
- make changes to the membership of the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University, increasing membership from 11 members to 15 members, including one additional appointment by the Governor, one additional appointment by the Legislature who must be a resident of Essex county, and 2 additional appointments by the board of trustees of the university from among its members, one of whom must be a resident from Essex County and one of whom must be a resident from Middlesex County.
- change the provision in the bill prohibiting the layoff of any employee of UMDNJ, Rutgers, The State University, or Rowan University who was represented by a majority representative on the bill's effective date to prohibit such layoffs between the bill's enactment date and July 1, 2014;
- clarify that the properties and assets on the Stratford campus of UMDNJ that are being transferred to Rowan University are limited to those of the School of Osteopathic Medicine, and direct Rowan University and Rutgers, The State University to continue to share those facilities, equipment, and fixtures of the Stratford campus that are shared on the bill's effective date until such time as the boards of trustees of the two institutions reach an agreement on their shared use;
- provide Rutgers, The State University and Rowan University with a process for the handling of medical malpractice claims incurred at schools of UMDNJ before or after the bill's effective date;
- change the effective date of the bill to provide that the sections of the bill establishing the governing boards of Rowan University, Rutgers University- Newark, Rutgers University-Camden, the Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors, and the University Hospital Community Oversight Board will take effect and become operational on the 90th day after the date of enactment and the remainder of the bill will take effect on July 1, 2013 and first apply to the 2013-2014 academic year;

- require the Treasurer to establish a Transition Committee to advise the Treasurer on matters related to the division, allocation, and assignment of State appropriations, debt issues, allocation of budgets and State personnel, and costs and resources of centralized services involving the various schools;
- provide that the transfers under the bill are considered interdependent and essential and are non-severable. If any transfer is deemed unenforceable or invalid, the remaining transfers will be deemed unenforceable and invalid; and
- provide that Rutgers be held harmless, subject to annual appropriations, for costs or losses experienced in 2014 or 2015 associated with liabilities of UMDNJ that were not identified in UMDNJ's certified financial statements for periods preceding the cost or loss.