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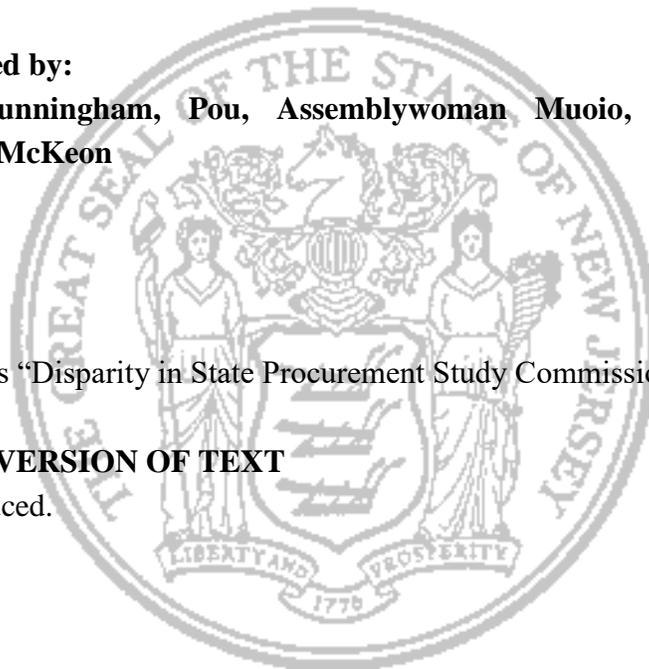
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes "Disparity in State Procurement Study Commission."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 A **JOINT RESOLUTION** establishing the “Disparity in State
2 Procurement Study Commission.”

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. There is established the “Disparity in State Procurement
8 Study Commission.” The purpose of the commission is to assess
9 the procurement of goods and services by State departments and
10 agencies, including independent State authorities, and local
11 government units to determine disparities, if any, between the
12 availability and utilization of small, disadvantaged, and minority-
13 and women-owned business enterprises in particular market areas.
14 The commission shall recommend policies, practices, and programs
15 that further this State’s efforts to promote opportunities for small,
16 disadvantaged, and minority- and women-owned business
17 enterprises in purchasing and procurement by State departments and
18 agencies, including independent State authorities, and local
19 government units.

20 b. The commission shall consist of 15 members, to be
21 appointed as follows:

22 (1) six members of the Senate, four members of the majority
23 party to be appointed by the President of the Senate and two
24 members of the minority party to be appointed by the Minority
25 Leader of the Senate;

26 (2) six members of the General Assembly, four members of the
27 majority party to be appointed by the Speaker of the General
28 Assembly and two members of the minority party to be appointed
29 by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly;

30 (3) one member to be appointed by the Governor;

31 (4) the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property in the
32 Department of the Treasury, or his designee, who shall serve ex
33 officio; and

34 (5) the Director of the Division of Local Government Services
35 in the Department of Community Affairs, or his designee, who shall
36 serve ex officio.

37 Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be
38 filled in the same manner provided for the original appointments.

39 c. Members of the commission shall be appointed within 30
40 days after the effective date of this joint resolution, and shall hold
41 their initial organizational meeting as soon as practicable, but no
42 later than 30 days following the appointment of its members, and
43 shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson. The chairperson
44 shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the
45 commission. The presence of eight members of the commission
46 shall constitute a quorum. The commission may conduct business
47 without a quorum, but may only vote on recommendations when a
48 quorum is present. The commission shall be entitled to call to its
49 assistance and avail itself of the services of as many employees of

1 the State as it may require and as may be available to it for its
2 purposes. Members of the commission shall serve without
3 compensation, but shall be entitled to employ stenographic and
4 clerical assistance and incur traveling and other miscellaneous
5 expenses as it may deem necessary in order to perform its duties,
6 within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available
7 to it for its purposes. The commission may meet at the call of its
8 chairperson at the times and in the places it may deem appropriate
9 and necessary to fulfill its duties, and may conduct public hearings
10 at such place or places as it shall designate.

11 d. The commission shall, within one year of its initial
12 organizational meeting, issue a report of its findings and
13 conclusions, together with any recommendations it may have for
14 legislative or regulatory action, to the Governor and, pursuant to
15 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature. The
16 commission shall expire on the 30th day after the date of the
17 issuance of its report.

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19 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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24 This joint resolution establishes the “Disparity in State
25 Procurement Study Commission,” to consist of 15 members. Of the
26 total membership, four would be appointed by the President of the
27 Senate; two by the Senate Minority Leader; four by the Speaker of
28 the General Assembly; two by the Assembly Minority Leader and
29 one member would be appointed by the Governor. The commission
30 would also consist of the Director of the Division of Purchase and
31 Property in the Department of the Treasury and the Director of the
32 Division of Local Government Services in the Department of
33 Community Affairs, or their respective designees, who will serve ex
34 officio.

35 Under the resolution, the commission would assess the
36 procurement of goods and services by State departments and
37 agencies, including independent State authorities, and local
38 government units to determine disparities, if any, between the
39 availability and utilization of small, disadvantaged, and minority-
40 and women-owned business enterprises in particular market areas.
41 The commission would also recommend policies, practices, and
42 programs that further this State’s efforts to promote opportunities
43 for small, disadvantaged, and minority- and women-owned business
44 enterprises in purchasing and procurement by State departments and
45 agencies, including independent State authorities, and local
46 government units.

47 The resolution further provides that the members of the
48 commission would be appointed within 30 days from the enactment

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1 of the resolution, and would issue a report one year from the date of
2 its initial organizational meeting. The commission would submit
3 the report, together with any recommendations it may have for
4 legislative or regulatory action, to the Governor and the Legislature,
5 and would expire 30 days after the issuance of its report.