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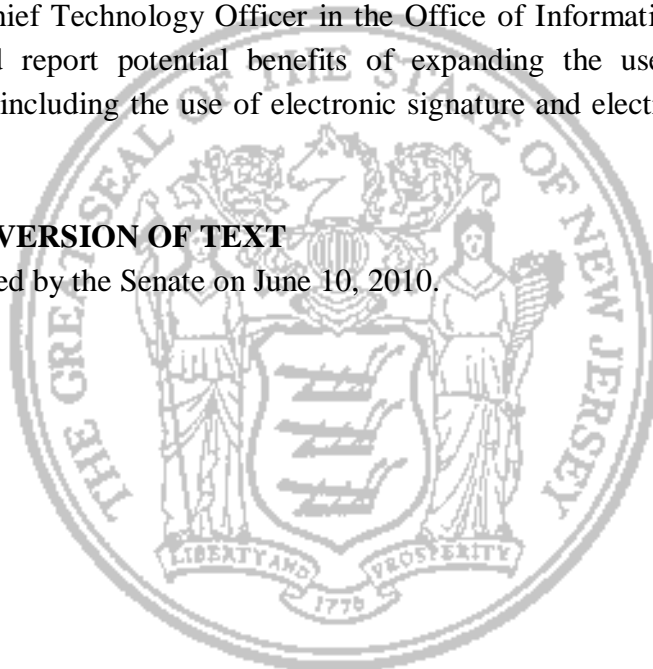
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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs Chief Technology Officer in the Office of Information Technology to study and report potential benefits of expanding the use of electronic transactions, including the use of electronic signature and electronic record by the State.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on June 10, 2010.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2010)**

1 AN ACT directing the Chief Technology Officer in the Office of  
2 Information Technology to study and report on the potential  
3 benefits of expanding the use of electronic transactions,  
4 including the use of electronic signature and electronic record by  
5 the State.

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7 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
8 of New Jersey:

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10 1. a. As used in this section:

11 “Electronic signature” means an electronic sound, symbol, or  
12 process attached to or logically associated with a record and  
13 executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.

14 “Electronic record” means a record created, generated, sent,  
15 communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

16 “Office of Information Technology” means the Office of  
17 Information Technology established by section 9 of P.L.2007, c. 56  
18 (C.52:18A-227) in but not of the Department of the Treasury.

19 b. The Chief Technology Officer in the Office of Information  
20 Technology shall conduct a study and prepare and submit, within  
21 six months of the effective date of this act, to the Governor and both  
22 houses of the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
23 (C.52:14-19.1), the Chair of the Senate Commerce Committee, and  
24 the Chair of the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities  
25 Committee, or the respective successor committees, as appropriate,  
26 a **‘[written]’**<sup>1</sup> report **‘in electronic form.’**<sup>1</sup> which shall make findings  
27 and recommendations concerning the potential benefits of  
28 expanding the use of electronic transactions, including the use of  
29 electronic signature and electronic record by the State.

30 c. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to, the  
31 following:

32 (1) An analysis of information obtained from users of the State  
33 government computer systems, including citizens, State agencies,  
34 universities, community colleges, local education agencies, and  
35 other units of local government. The information shall pertain to  
36 the use of electronic transactions, including the use of electronic  
37 signature and electronic record.

38 (2) Specific proposals that would, if implemented, expand the  
39 use of electronic transactions, including the use of electronic  
40 signature and electronic record in State government, and which  
41 shall include the establishment of an ongoing function within State  
42 government to execute the expansion. The proposals shall address  
43 the feasibility of expanding activities involving the use of electronic  
44 transaction, including the use of electronic signature and electronic

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted June 10, 2010.

1 record, that are suitable for utilization within the State government  
2 computer systems, as well as those activities suitable for  
3 governmental entities to pursue independently. The proposals shall  
4 also include information concerning expected costs and benefits of  
5 such expansion; recommendations for funding recurring and  
6 nonrecurring costs of the specific proposals; and a model to support  
7 the proposals.

8 (3) An evaluation of the opportunities for efficiencies and  
9 potential cost savings in State government through the expanded  
10 use of electronic transactions, including the use of electronic  
11 signature and electronic record.

12 (4) An assessment of opportunities for the State to obtain federal  
13 and local support to further implement the use of electronic  
14 transactions, including the use of electronic signature and electronic  
15 record.

16 (5) Proposed legislation that may be considered by the  
17 Legislature to ensure implementation by the State agencies.

18 (6) Any other information deemed relevant to the subject matter  
19 of the report.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on the  
22 30th day following submission of the report required to be prepared  
23 under section 1 of this act.