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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Department of State to establish and maintain a website to provide a clearinghouse of information for nonprofits.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT requiring the Department of State to establish and maintain  
2 a website to provide a clearinghouse of information for nonprofit  
3 organizations and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised  
4 Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. The Department of State, in consultation with the Office  
10 of Information Technology, shall establish and maintain a website  
11 to serve as an information clearinghouse for nonprofit organizations  
12 interested in obtaining information regarding various resources  
13 available to assist them in their daily operations. The information  
14 featured on the website shall be updated monthly and include, but  
15 not be limited to, information regarding: (1) available funding  
16 sources offered by various departments and State agencies; (2)  
17 incorporation; (3) board development; (4) volunteer opportunities;  
18 and (5) any other information the Secretary of State and the Chief  
19 Technology Officer of the Office of Information Technology deem  
20 necessary. The website shall be accessible from the State's  
21 designated home webpage.

22 b. The website shall contain links to all of the departments and  
23 agencies in the State that provide information and resources to  
24 nonprofit organizations. This information shall be categorized by  
25 topic, and each sub-topic shall feature corresponding hyperlinks for  
26 the departments and agencies that provide those services.

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28 2. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Chief  
29 Technology Officer, shall: identify information needed for the new  
30 website; create a standard template for collecting required  
31 information; and establish a timeline for data to be submitted by the  
32 departments to the Secretary of State.

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34 3. All Executive Branch departments and State agencies are  
35 directed to cooperate fully with the Office of the Secretary of State  
36 to implement the provisions of this act.

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38 4. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of  
39 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill requires the New Jersey Department of State, in  
45 consultation with the Office of Information Technology, to establish  
46 and maintain a website to provide a clearinghouse of information  
47 for nonprofit organizations that provide services in New Jersey.  
48 Currently, to acquire information regarding existing resources that

1 are being offered by various Executive departments and State  
2 agencies, nonprofits must visit each department's and agency's  
3 website, respectively, to obtain that information.

4 The purpose of the website is to provide a one stop location  
5 where nonprofits can obtain information and links to various State  
6 agencies and departments that provide information and resources  
7 (i.e., funding, information regarding incorporation, board  
8 development, volunteer opportunities, etc.) to nonprofit  
9 organizations without having to visit multiple department and  
10 agency websites to obtain that information. All of this information  
11 will be contained on one website, which shall be accessible from  
12 the State's designated home webpage. Currently, the State's home  
13 webpage is ([www.nj.gov](http://www.nj.gov)).

14 This bill requires the departments and agencies featured on the  
15 Department of State's website to update the information provided  
16 on their respective websites on a monthly basis to ensure visitors  
17 receive the most current information regarding the types of  
18 resources offered by each department and agency.

19 This bill requires the Secretary of State, in consultation with the  
20 Chief Technology Officer of the Office of Information Technology,  
21 to: identify information needed for the new website; create a  
22 standard template for collecting required information; and establish  
23 a timeline for data to be submitted by the departments to the  
24 Secretary of State.