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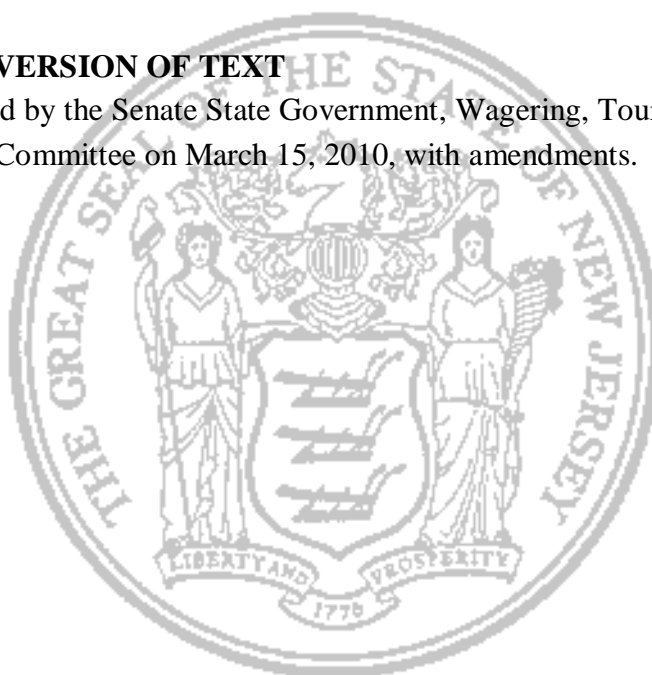
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SYNOPSIS

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 reported by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee on March 15, 2010, with amendments.



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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]**’¹ report ‘in electronic form.’¹ 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:

¹Senate SSG committee amendments adopted March 15, 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.