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AN ACT concerning the public system of higher education, revising various parts of the statutory law, and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:64M-1 Short title.

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act.”

C.18A:64M-2 Findings, declarations relative to the public system of higher education.

2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

a. Rutgers, The State University (“Rutgers”), is a body corporate and politic that operates schools and colleges in the State of New Jersey and offers degrees in undergraduate studies, graduate studies, and professional studies such as medical, legal and business, operating pursuant to the authority granted to it by the Rutgers, the state university law, P.L.1956, c.61;

b. Rutgers was designated as the State university in 1945, but it was not until 1956 under the Rutgers Compact that the State assumed managerial control and financial responsibility over the school. Upon reorganization in 1956, Rutgers’ formerly private governing board – the Board of Trustees – transferred all management, control, administration and policy-making functions to the publicly controlled Board of Governors. The Board of Trustees retained the power to manage and invest certain pre-1956 private assets or private gifts and maintained an advisory role at the school in support of the University;

c. Rutgers was established as the “instrumentality of the state for the purpose of operating the state university” and whose primary purpose is as a public trust for the provision of higher education pursuant to N.J.S.18A:65-2. To this end, the law provided for its liberal construction “necessary for the welfare of the state and the people of New Jersey to provide for the development of public higher education in the state and thereby to increase the efficiency of the public school system of the state...” Rutgers is the only comprehensive public research university in New Jersey and currently consists of three campuses in New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden;

d. The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (“UMDNJ”) is a body corporate and politic that operates programs of medical, dental, nursing, public health and health-related professions and health sciences education in the State of New Jersey, currently operating pursuant to the authority granted to it by the “Medical and Dental Education Act of 1970,” P.L.1970, c.102, and “The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Flexibility Act of 1992,” P.L.1992, c.84. One of its founding institutions was the former Rutgers Medical School. UMDNJ was established to serve the interests of the State by establishing programs of medical, dental, nursing, public health, health sciences and health-related professions. It was charged with providing a greater number of trained medical personnel to assist in staffing hospitals and public institutions and agencies and to prepare a greater number of students for the general practice of health-related professions in New Jersey. To that end UMDNJ was provided authority to form relationships with health care organizations, research institutions and private individuals, firms and corporations. Such public-private relationships would supplement the resources available from the State, thereby providing an economic and efficient means for developing and offering a full range of health

care services;

e. It is the intent of this legislation to recognize and maintain the spirit and intent of the “Agreements Reached Between Community and Government Negotiators Regarding New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry and Related Matters of April 30, 1968”;

f. Currently, UMDNJ operates two allopathic medical schools in the State of New Jersey: one located in Newark (New Jersey Medical School) and the other located in New Brunswick/Piscataway (Robert Wood Johnson Medical School). In addition, UMDNJ operates an osteopathic medical school at Stratford, New Jersey. There are no other osteopathic medical schools located in the State;

g. The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine (“UMDNJ-SOM”) is a major source of primary care physicians for the State and South Jersey. The school offers several post-graduate residency and fellowship positions for approximately 600 students through affiliate hospitals including endocrinology, cardiology, critical care, gastroenterology, nephrology, infectious disease, and many others. UMDNJ-SOM is at the forefront of addressing the need for more physicians and has expanded its class size by 50% over the past two years. Of the more than 1,700 graduates of UMDNJ-SOM, 55% practice in the State, about half of whom deliver primary care;

h. Rowan University (“Rowan”) is a State university located in Glassboro, New Jersey, with a campus in Camden, New Jersey, currently operating pursuant to the authority granted to State colleges by N.J.S.18A:64-1 et seq., and P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-1 et seq.). Rowan is presently considered a major regional higher education institution. Currently it is comprised of seven academic colleges: Business, Communication, Education, Engineering, Fine & Performing Arts, Liberal Arts & Sciences, and the College of Professional and Continuing Education, and a Graduate School. Rowan’s nearly 11,000 students may pursue degrees in 36 undergraduate majors, seven teacher certification programs, 26 master’s degree programs and a doctorate in educational leadership. Rowan University’s main campus is located just 20 miles from Cooper University Hospital with a satellite campus in Camden. Rowan University has a reputation as a top regional university and is home to a newly-constructed, state-of-the-art science building for programs focusing on science and technology;

i. 20 years ago, Hank and Betty Rowan gave the former Glassboro State College a gift of \$100 million, then the largest private gift to a public university in the United States. Thereafter, in addition to increasing capacity and quality throughout all the programs of the university, Rowan University created an engineering school which has quickly become one of the top-rated undergraduate engineering schools in the country with rankings of 3rd in the country for chemical engineering and 16th overall for public engineering schools. In addition, the engineering school has led the way in developing relationships in southern New Jersey with the private business community, providing a qualified workforce as an attraction for companies to locate in the area. The gift transformed the college into a comprehensive regional university which is poised to take the next step as a research institution;

j. In June 2009, Rowan University and The Cooper Health System partnered to establish Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), the first new medical school in New Jersey in 30 years. The establishment of CMSRU, a four-year medical school located in Camden, will help address the current local and national shortage of physicians and improve healthcare throughout the region. Its inaugural class will begin in August 2012;

k. The goals of this legislation are to create and enhance the essential higher education opportunities for the residents of the State and to create vibrant educational institutions and communities that attract business to the State and which will allow the State to retain its residents in terms of college placement and workforce. The future economic development of

the country will be a knowledge-based economy which will put a premium on an educated workforce and advanced degrees. This legislation restructures the higher education system in the State to provide for more vigorous educational communities that will provide opportunities for students and the workforce necessary to attract crucial private sector jobs as this century unfolds;

l. The Legislature has the ultimate responsibility for balancing the functions of public higher education institutions in New Jersey. The State has a responsibility for improving and expanding higher education opportunities for its residents and in that regard it has established a multi-level higher education system for which it has the responsibility to assess from time-to-time and to restructure as needed to improve higher education opportunities. This legislation reflects a thorough and intense review of the higher education system in the State and makes rational changes the Legislature believes are necessary to provide residents with access to a high-quality in-State education. Higher education is vital for a thriving economy because our State's sophisticated economy -- home to many pharmaceutical, biological science and other complex industries -- demands a well-trained workforce;

m. This legislation also renews the State's commitment to sustaining and growing its universities and to help them achieve greater success on the national and international stage. New Jersey must stem the persistent historical fact of seeing its brightest high school students leave the State to attend college, and then not return after college. As a State, we lead the nation in net outmigration of college-bound students. This outmigration of students leads to the outmigration of a well-trained workforce and prevents the State from attracting crucial private sector jobs. This legislation will allow for the development of a system to cultivate better collaboration between its businesses and its institutions of higher education. New Jersey's economy will benefit from increased and integrated coordination between public and private research;

n. For the State's students to receive the quality higher education necessary for future growth and for the State to achieve its economic goals, Rutgers, as the State's preeminent institution of higher education, for all that it has achieved in its history, must become a great university and enter the top tier of public research universities. To this end, the relationship between Rutgers and the State has evolved to meet changing times, from 1770 when it was chartered as Queen's College, through several amendments to the charter in the late 1700's, to amending the charter in 1825 to change the name of the school to Rutgers University, to the 1945 legislation declaring Rutgers as the state university of New Jersey, to the 1956 Compact whereby the Board of Trustees of Rutgers ceded management and operational control of the school to the State in the form of the Board of Governors in return for substantial financial assistance, and to the subsequent amendments to the Rutgers Compact in 1967, 1970, 1988 and 1994. The Legislature has an obligation to the State and its students to ensure the relationship is still working and thriving. As evidenced by the storied past between the State and Rutgers, the Legislature has periodically examined the role of Rutgers in the State's higher education system and made necessary legislative changes to that relationship to reflect and address the evolving educational needs of the State;

o. As the relationship with Rutgers has evolved, the State has become more involved both financially and in creating a growing higher education system for its residents. The State has provided in excess of \$10 billion in support to Rutgers since fiscal year 1990 for its operations as The State University of New Jersey and the State has a responsibility to ensure its funding is leading to greater higher education opportunities and jobs;

p. There has been widespread recognition for some time that Rutgers needs to take steps with the State's assistance to transform it from a middle- to a first-ranked public institution. In the last decade, an intense discussion about how to elevate Rutgers into a top-tier school

has taken place in the State, starting with the Vagelos Report in 2002 and 2004, the Kean Report in 2010 and the Barer Report in 2012. These reports reflect that Rutgers' role in the State's system of higher education has been the subject of intense scrutiny and debate. This legislation is the product and culmination of this decade-long assessment of Rutgers' educational mission;

q. This legislation continues Rutgers as The State University of New Jersey and the pre-eminent governance role of its Board of Governors as a public body. The legislation mandates that the Board of Governors shall continue to have authority over the granting of tenure and promotions, establishing standards for academic programs and for the awarding of tenure to faculty at its Newark and Camden campuses. The Board of Governors shall be represented on the Rutgers-Camden Board of Directors and additionally, the Rutgers-Camden Board of Directors is represented on the Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors. The Legislature consulted with and sought and obtained active participation of Rutgers in establishing the elements of this educational restructuring that will permit Rutgers to enhance its position. The Legislature has determined that the slight governance changes to Rutgers in this act are necessary to promote essential opportunities for higher education in the State and to improve the standing of Rutgers University as a whole;

r. The legislation fulfills the longstanding goal of Rutgers University to acquire a medical school and become a comprehensive public research university. Rutgers has long sought to regain a medical school as part of its curriculum; by Rutgers' own public statements, acquiring a medical school will propel Rutgers into a top-tier research university, and place it at or near the top 20 public universities in the nation. Very few great research universities lack a medical school. This legislation will provide for the transfer of the Newark-based UMDNJ schools (New Jersey Medical School, the New Jersey Dental School, School of Health Related Professions, the School of Nursing, and the Public Health Research Institute) to Rutgers and will transfer UMDNJ's Robert Wood Johnson Medical School located in New Brunswick to Rutgers as well. These institutions are valued at an excess of \$895.5 million dollars;

s. Rutgers currently falls behind other public research universities in some key measures. Most importantly, the school ranked 64 in 2009 in federally-financed research and development expenditures. This low ranking is primarily influenced by the lack of a medical school as part of the degree offerings at Rutgers. Having medical schools will attract top-flight researchers and thus research grants, to Rutgers. The addition of medical schools to Rutgers will also increase interdisciplinary opportunities among the academic departments of the school;

t. The need to reform medical education in the State has been a subject discussed for years but up until now has been left unresolved. The reports done in the past ten years have consistently come to the same conclusion regarding UMDNJ. The Barer Report noted that the present organization of UMDNJ's substantial assets is not the best structure to maximize the effectiveness of the State's investment in medical, dental, nursing and health sciences education, associated research and health care. The State is the home base for many of the world's largest pharmaceutical and biotechnical companies. As such, the State and its institutions of higher education should, but do not, lead the country in attracting federal research funding and associated clinical training. This legislation will address these issues and establish a first-class comprehensive public research university-based health science center in New Jersey through the transfer of the New Jersey Medical School and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School to Rutgers;

u. Historically, the State has suffered a shortage of higher education capacity resulting in the substantial outmigration from the State of college-bound students. This outmigration has

disproportionately affected the residents of the fastest growing region in the State, South Jersey. It is in the public interest that senior public education institutions in South Jersey work together to meet the demand for higher education capacity in the region. These transfers are essential to ensuring that all of the State's capable high school graduates are provided with the opportunity to obtain higher education in a New Jersey college classroom. The guarantee of a quality in-State education requires that these transfers be made in a comprehensive fashion to better enable the State to meet its growing workforce development needs;

v. This essential and practical expansion of the State's higher education system will help to address the educational demands of the fastest growing region in the State. The coordination of Rutgers-Camden and Rowan will spur the redevelopment of Camden by creating a long overdue residential campus, and expanding a health sciences campus anchored by the new Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, emphasizing the biosciences, biomedical engineering, nursing and allied health. Therefore, it is in the public interest that Rutgers-Camden be granted autonomy from Rutgers, that Rowan be declared a public research university, and that both schools work together with the newly formed Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors, as an efficient and cost effective means to address an historical disparity in educational capacity and opportunity between the northern and southern regions of New Jersey;

w. Integrating these existing higher education institutions will increase research capacity and spur the continued vitality of a region that is no longer supported by historical strengths in manufacturing and agriculture. Furthermore, this legislation will help to stop the annual escape to other states of thousands of students and patients, and millions in clinical research investment dollars from key institutions in South Jersey;

x. The transfer of UMDNJ-SOM to Rowan University will allow better coordination of medical education in South Jersey. UMDNJ-SOM is ranked in the top three osteopathic schools in the country, and is a leader in providing primary care physicians for the southern region of the State. After the transfer, Rowan University would have the important distinction of being only the second full-purpose university in the country to have both an osteopathic and allopathic medical school. One stated goal of the Rowan University-Rutgers University-Camden Board of Governors is to create a joint health sciences college. The addition of UMDNJ-SOM into Rowan University will benefit its faculty through providing opportunities for diverse training to students through interdisciplinary teaching and collaboration with the newly created health sciences faculty from the other universities. Integrating UMDNJ-SOM with Rowan University would add a successful, recognized enterprise to the newly designated public research university;

y. Adding UMDNJ-SOM to Rowan, along with the new Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, will revitalize the regional economy through a renewed commitment to higher education. This legislation will allow Rowan University to build the capacity to compete for and receive federal and private sector research grants that will drive the university, the region, and its new medical school, to new distinction;

z. Currently, Newark is home to many institutions of higher education including Rutgers, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Seton Hall University School of Law, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Essex County College and Berkeley College. The existing educational infrastructure needs to be able to do even more to help the city and the northern region of the State with its economic development needs and to provide innovative and problem-solving leadership. This legislation will allow Rutgers University-Newark to focus on the specific higher education needs of the region and the assets of the region to attract talented students and accomplished faculty to the school. This legislation

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will provide for an independent University Hospital that will maintain its status as the principal teaching hospital of the New Jersey Medical School, New Jersey Dental School and any other medical education programs located in Newark;

aa. The stated goal of this legislation is to create vibrant educational institutions and communities that will not only attract students but attract private sector jobs. The increased attention to the Rutgers University-Newark campus and University Hospital will allow the city to derive not only significant financial, medical and educational benefits, but cultural and social benefits as well. The improved focus on the Newark campus will be a conduit for expanding commercial opportunities in the city and for providing greater opportunities for students in the northern region to benefit fully from the substantial public investments already made and to be made in higher education in Newark;

bb. The goal of this legislation is to enhance the critical higher education opportunities for the residents of the State and to create vibrant educational institutions and communities that will attract business to the State and will allow the State to retain its residents in terms of college placement and workforce. This legislation recognizes the State's public institutions of higher education must work together as an integrated whole and thus provides for the necessary restructuring of the higher education system in the State which will provide more vigorous educational communities that will spur opportunities for students and the workforce necessary to attract crucial private sector jobs;

cc. The higher education reform and restructuring reflected in this legislation renews the State's commitment to sustaining and growing its universities and in helping them to achieve greater success. More particularly, the legislation reaffirms the State's economic commitment to Rutgers – over \$10 billion to the University since 1990 – by the transfer of medical and related schools to Rutgers valued at nearly \$1 billion dollars. Additionally, this legislation reaffirms Rutgers' preeminent role in the State's higher education system serving as an instrumentality of the State in trust for its betterment;

dd. This comprehensive review and restructuring of the higher education institutions and the systems that serve them as evidenced by this act, dictate that all of the schools, institutions and centers, transferred pursuant to this act, be transferred together and that no transfer of a school, institution or center may be done apart from the whole. The transfers reflected in this legislation are inextricably linked and work together to promote reform and the effective restructuring of the State's higher education system; and

ee. Nothing is intended to revise or nullify the rights of Rutgers, The State University under N.J.S.18A:65-1 et seq.

C.18A:65-94 Rights, certain, transferred to Rutgers.

3. a. In order to carry out the purposes of this act and to provide the program of medical and dental education required for the benefit of the State and the people of New Jersey, all rights to all of the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and University Hospital, are hereby transferred to Rutgers, The State University.

The facilities of the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the facilities of the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and University Hospital, are hereby transferred to Rutgers, The State University, and the university shall devote the same to the purposes of public higher education in the State in accordance with the terms of any gift, grant, trust, contract or other agreement with the State or any of its political subdivisions

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or with the United States or with any public body, department or any agency of the State or the United States or with any individual, firm or corporation.

Upon the transfer of the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey to Rutgers, The State University, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey shall become an independent institute at Rutgers, The State University and shall be distinct and separate from any individual school.

b. Rutgers, The State University shall maintain the public mission and commitment of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, including an affiliation with University Hospital, to provide a comprehensive healthcare program and services to the greater Newark community, including outreach and mobile health services and services provided collaboratively between University Hospital and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, or any of its components.

c. Any school, institute, or center transferred to Rutgers, The State University pursuant to subsection a. of this section based in the City of Newark shall remain in the City of Newark, including the New Jersey Medical School, the New Jersey Dental School, School of Health Related Professions, the School of Nursing, and the Public Health Research Institute.

d. Any school, institute, or center of Rutgers, The State University based in Middlesex County shall remain in Middlesex County including, but not limited to, the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, the School of Public Health, the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, the Institute of Health, Health Policy, and Aging Research, and University Behavioral Healthcare.

e. Rutgers, The State University shall assume and maintain existing contracts through expiration with the Department of Corrections and the Department of Children and Families to provide services under University Behavioral Healthcare and the School of Nursing. The services provided under the contracts shall continue to be provided by public employees following expiration of those contracts.

f. Whenever, in any law, rule, regulation, order, contract, document, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise, reference is made to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and University Hospital, the same shall mean and refer to Rutgers, The State University.

g. The transfer of the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and University Hospital, to Rutgers, The State University shall require the accreditation approval of the appropriate accrediting bodies prior to transfer.

C.18A:65-95 Appropriations, grants, moneys, property, certain, transferred to Rutgers.

4. Upon the transfer of the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey other than the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and University Hospital, to Rutgers, The State University pursuant to section 3 of this act:

a. all appropriations, grants, and other moneys available and to become available to the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey are hereby transferred to Rutgers, The State University, and shall be available for the objects and purposes for which appropriated subject to any terms, restrictions, limitations or other requirements imposed by the State budget or by State and federal law.

b. all employees of the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey are hereby transferred to Rutgers, The State University. Nothing in

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this act shall be considered to deprive any person of any tenure rights or of any right or protection provided him under any pension law or retirement system or any other law of this State.

c. all files, books, papers, records, equipment, and other property of the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, are hereby transferred to Rutgers, The State University.

d. all orders, rules or regulations heretofore made or promulgated by the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, or by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey on their behalf, shall be continued with full force and effect as the orders, rules and regulations of Rutgers, The State University until amended or repealed pursuant to law.

C.18A:65-96 Actions, proceedings, certain; unaffected.

5. This act shall not affect actions or proceedings, civil or criminal, brought by or against the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey being transferred to Rutgers, The State University pursuant to this act, but such actions, or proceedings may be prosecuted or defended in the same manner and to the same effect by Rutgers, The State University, as if the foregoing provisions had not taken effect; nor shall any of the foregoing provisions affect any order or regulation made by, or other matters or proceedings before, the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey being transferred to Rutgers, The State University pursuant to this act, and all such matters or proceedings pending before the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey being transferred to Rutgers, The State University pursuant to this act, on the effective date of this act shall be continued by Rutgers, The State University, as if the foregoing provisions had not taken effect.

C.18A:65-97 Certain debts transferred to Rutgers.

6. All debts of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey associated with the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey other than the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and University Hospital, are transferred to Rutgers, The State University, and all creditors of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey may enforce those debts against Rutgers, The State University in the same manner as they might have had against the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and the rights and remedies of those creditors shall not be limited or restricted in any manner by this act.

C.18A:65-98 Rights of officers, employees unaffected.

7. a. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any officers or employees of the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey being transferred to Rutgers, The State University, of their rights, privileges, obligations or status with respect to any pension, retirement, or health benefits system. The employees shall, upon transfer to Rutgers, The State University, retain all of their rights and benefits under existing collective negotiations agreements or contracts until such time as new or revised agreements or contracts are agreed to. The employees shall continue to be represented by the majority representative that represented them as employees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, unless the employees choose to change their majority representative pursuant to law. Rutgers, The State University shall assume all obligations under existing or expired collective negotiations agreements that covered

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employees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey on the effective date of this act.

Employees in an existing University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey negotiations unit, who are transferred to or become employees of Rutgers, The State University shall be deemed to constitute an appropriate collective negotiations unit under the “New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act,” P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

Nothing in this act shall affect the civil service status, if any, of those officers or employees. Nothing in this act shall affect the tenure, rank, or academic track of any of those employees holding a faculty position.

The employees shall, upon transfer to Rutgers, The State University, not be considered new employees for any purpose and shall retain any accrued seniority, rank, and tenure, which shall be applied when determining eligibility for all benefits, including all paid leave time, longevity increases, and promotions.

b. (1) Within 60 days following the effective date of this act, a Labor Management Committee (LMC) shall be established which shall be comprised of one representative from each of the majority representatives representing employees employed by Rutgers, The State University and by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey as of the effective date of this act, along with representatives of the administration of Rutgers, The State University.

The LMC shall review all proposed restructuring and reorganization plans and shall make recommendations to the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University regarding personnel and labor relations related to the proposed plans, including recommendations to improve service delivery and avoid duplication of services and to promote equitable and consistent policies for compensation, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment throughout the university for employees performing substantially similar duties.

Following the restructuring and reorganization, the LMC shall continue to meet quarterly to address ongoing personnel and labor relations issues that arise with respect to the restructuring or reorganization.

(2) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit Rutgers, The State University and majority representatives from voluntarily entering into collective negotiations agreements that cover more than one negotiations unit where the members of two or more negotiations units perform substantially similar duties. If Rutgers, The State University and majority representatives are unable to agree on whether a collective negotiations agreement should cover one or more negotiations units represented by different majority representatives, the Public Employment Relations Commission shall assist the parties in the voluntary resolution of such a dispute through the appointment of a super conciliator in accordance with sections 4 and 5 of P.L.2003, c.126 (C.34:13A-34 and C.34:13A-35).

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, Rutgers, The State University, in accordance with its obligations under the “New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act,” P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.), shall honor existing collective negotiations agreements and negotiate over any changes in terms and conditions of employment with the majority representative of affected employees.

C.18A:64M-31 Certain functions, powers, duties, rights transferred to Rowan.

8. a. All functions, powers, duties, and rights of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, related directly or indirectly to the establishment, maintenance, and operation as to the School of Osteopathic Medicine, are hereby transferred and assigned to Rowan University. All of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey’s rights, title, and interest in the School of Osteopathic Medicine, its auxiliary and supporting institutions and

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the campus located in Stratford including, but not limited to, all associated fixed tangible assets, real property, building and all furniture, fixtures, equipment, and personal property contained therein, are hereby transferred to Rowan University and shall be devoted to the purposes of public higher education in the State in accordance with the terms of any gift, grant, trust, contract or other agreement with the State or any of its political subdivisions or with the United States or with any public body, department or any agency of the State or the United States or with any individual, firm or corporation.

Rowan University shall be obligated to take any such action as may be required to ensure that the School of Osteopathic Medicine maintains proper accreditation.

The facilities, equipment, and fixtures shared on the effective date of this act by the School of Osteopathic Medicine and other schools of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey located on the Stratford campus shall continue to be shared until such time as the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University and the board of trustees of Rowan University reach an agreement on the shared use of facilities, equipment, and fixtures on the Stratford campus.

b. It is hereby stated and acknowledged that osteopathic medical education is critical to the health and welfare of the residents of the State. In order to preserve a strong osteopathic academic resource for the State, the School of Osteopathic Medicine shall maintain its own academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate medical education levels, separate and distinct from any other medical school, including without limitation, another medical school affiliated with the same university.

c. The School of Osteopathic Medicine shall maintain a principal clinical affiliation with at least one osteopathic hospital, clinical affiliations with other hospitals deemed necessary by the school to fulfill its mission, and shall maintain the current faculty practice plan.

C.18A:64M-32 Transfer of appropriations, grants, moneys, employees, property to Rowan.

9. Upon the transfer of the School of Osteopathic Medicine of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey to Rowan University pursuant to section 8 of this act:

a. all appropriations, grants, debt service, research funds, and other moneys available and to become available to the School of Osteopathic Medicine are hereby transferred to Rowan University, and shall be available for the objects and purposes for which appropriated subject to any terms, restrictions, limitations or other requirements imposed by the State budget or by State and federal law. Included in this provision are moneys currently received by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey for the services and systems that provide the infrastructure for the educational, research, and clinical missions of the School of Osteopathic Medicine and for the maintenance and operation of the Stratford campus, such as specialized research equipment, information technology services that support research and clinical activities, and specialized legal services related to research and intellectual property development.

b. all employees of the School of Osteopathic Medicine are hereby transferred to Rowan University. Nothing in this act shall be considered to deprive any person of any tenure rights or of any right or protection provided him under any pension law or retirement system or any other law of this State.

c. all files, books, papers, records, equipment, and other property of the School of Osteopathic Medicine are hereby transferred to Rowan University.

d. all orders, rules or regulations heretofore made or promulgated by the School of Osteopathic Medicine, or by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey on its behalf, shall be continued with full force and effect as the orders, rules and regulations of Rowan University until amended or repealed pursuant to law.

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e. Rowan University shall be allocated the appropriations previously provided and received for institutional support, centralized services, State-funded personnel and budgeted positions, and grants-in-aid made available to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey for the operations of the School of Osteopathic Medicine and the Stratford campus. In order to provide for a smooth transfer, Rutgers, The State University and Rowan University may enter into shared services agreements relating to centralized services at the schools.

f. all grants, appropriations, budgeted amounts, gifts, bequests, tuition, endowments, and any other funding of any type whatsoever from any source whatsoever which has been designated for use, or is used by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey at the School of Osteopathic Medicine or which has been designated for use in connection with the establishment, construction, operation, and expansion of the School of Osteopathic Medicine shall be allocated to Rowan University.

C.18A:64M-33 Disposition of certain medical malpractice claims.

10. For medical malpractice claims incurred at the School of Osteopathic Medicine before or after the effective date of this act, Rowan University shall elect within 75 days of the signing of this act whether it, and its employees, shall be represented in all such matters by the Attorney General. If Rowan University elects to be represented by the Attorney General, then the Department of the Treasury shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with Rowan University modeled on the June, 2003 memorandum of agreement between the Department of the Treasury and the University of Medicine and Dentistry concerning the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund and moneys in the fund known as the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund shall be available to Rowan University solely to indemnify and defend medical malpractice claims against employees, officers, and servants of the School of Osteopathic Medicine. If Rowan University elects not to be represented by the Attorney General, then it shall be required to provide employees of the School of Osteopathic Medicine with defense and indemnification consistent with the terms and conditions of the "New Jersey Tort Claims Act," N.J.S.59:1-1 et seq., in lieu of the defense and indemnification that such employees would otherwise seek and be entitled to from the Attorney General pursuant to N.J.S.59:10-1 et seq. and P.L.1972, c.48 (C.59:10A-1 et seq.).

C.18A:64M-34 Certain debts transferred to Rowan.

11. All debts of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey incurred in the operation and administration of the School of Osteopathic Medicine and debt specifically and directly related to the real and personal property being transferred in Stratford are hereby transferred to Rowan University, and all creditors of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey may enforce those debts against Rowan University in the same manner as they might have had against the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and the rights and remedies of those creditors shall not be limited or restricted in any manner by this act.

C.18A:64M-35 Employee status unaffected.

12. a. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any officers or employees of the School of Osteopathic Medicine of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey of their rights, privileges, obligations or status with respect to any pension, retirement, or health benefits system. The employees shall, upon transfer to Rowan University, retain all of their rights and benefits under existing collective negotiations agreements or contracts until such time as new or revised agreements or contracts are agreed to. Notwithstanding the

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limitations on the number of Statewide negotiations units set forth in section 1 of P.L.2005, c.142 (C.34:13A-5.10), employees shall continue to be represented by the majority representative that represented them as employees of the School of Osteopathic Medicine of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, unless the employees choose to change their majority representative pursuant to law. Rowan University shall assume all obligations under existing or expired collective negotiations agreements that covered employees of the School of Osteopathic Medicine of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey on the effective date of this act.

Employees in an existing University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey negotiations unit employed at the School of Osteopathic Medicine on the effective date of this act, who are transferred to or become employees of Rowan University shall be deemed to constitute an appropriate collective negotiations unit under the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

Nothing in this act shall affect the civil service status, if any, of those officers or employees. Nothing in this act shall affect the tenure, rank, or academic track of any of those employees holding a faculty position.

b. The employees shall, upon transfer to Rowan University, not be considered new employees for any purpose and shall retain any accrued seniority, rank, and tenure, which shall be applied when determining eligibility for all benefits, including all paid leave time, longevity increases, and promotions.

C.18A:64M-36 Certain properties transferred.

13. Notwithstanding the provisions of Reorganization Plan No. 002-2009 to the contrary, the properties referenced in paragraph 2b.ii of the plan are hereby transferred from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey to Rowan University without monetary or other consideration on or before September 1, 2013.

C.18A:64G-6.1a Powers of University Hospital.

14. a. University Hospital shall be the principal teaching hospital of New Jersey Medical School and New Jersey Dental School, and any other Newark-based medical education program. University Hospital is hereby established as a body corporate and politic and shall be treated and accounted for as a separate non-profit legal entity from Rutgers, The State University, and its assets, liabilities, and funds shall not be consolidated or commingled with those of Rutgers, The State University. The exercise by University Hospital of the powers conferred by this act shall be deemed to be public and essential government functions necessary for the welfare and health of the State and the people of New Jersey and University Hospital shall be an instrumentality of the State.

b. All monies allocated to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey for the use of University Hospital, regardless of their source, and which remain unexpended on the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.), shall be transferred to University Hospital.

c. All appropriations that are intended for the use of University Hospital, on or after the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.), shall be made directly to University Hospital.

d. The amount of State funding provided to University Hospital shall be sufficient to maintain the level of community services provided on the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.) and to maintain University Hospital as an acute care facility and trauma center.

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e. To the maximum extent possible, consistent with applicable law, the State shall assist University Hospital in the refinancing of that portion of the debt of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey attributable to University Hospital.

C.18A:64G-6.1b University Hospital Community Oversight Board.

15. a. There is established a nine-member advisory board to be designated as the University Hospital Community Oversight Board. The purpose of the board shall be to ensure that the mission of the hospital and the intent of the "Agreements Reached Between Community and Government Negotiators Regarding New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry and Related Matters of April 30, 1968" to provide a comprehensive health program to the community in the City of Newark, including, but not limited to, ensuring access to all essential health care services provided by the hospital, are upheld.

b. The membership of the University Hospital Community Oversight Board shall be comprised of:

(1) four members who shall serve ex officio, including: the President of Rutgers University; and the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Medical Officer of University Hospital; and

(2) five public members to be appointed as follows:

(a) two representatives of organized labor, one appointed by the head of the largest union that is affiliated with the AFL-CIO and represents persons employed at University Hospital and one appointed by the head of the largest union that is not affiliated with the AFL-CIO and represents persons employed at University Hospital;

(b) one person who is a resident of the City of Newark appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(c) one person who is a resident of the City of Newark appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(d) one person appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly.

c. The public members of the board shall serve for a five-year term; except that of the members first appointed, three shall serve for a term of five years, one for a term of three years, and one for a term of two years. A member of the board shall serve until the member's successor is appointed. A vacancy in the membership, occurring other than by expiration of term, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment but for the unexpired term only.

d. The members of the board shall select a chairperson and vice chairperson from among themselves. The board shall organize as soon as practicable following the appointment of its members. The chairperson shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the board.

e. The board shall meet at such times and places as it shall designate.

f. University Hospital shall provide such staff support to the board as it deems necessary to carry out its duties.

C.18A:64G-6.1c Rights of transferred employees.

16. a. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any officers or employees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey who become employees of University Hospital of their rights, privileges, obligations, or status with respect to any pension, retirement, or health benefits system. The employees shall retain all of their rights and benefits under existing collective negotiations agreements or contracts until such time as new or revised agreements or contracts are agreed to and such employees shall continue to be represented by the majority representative that represented them as employees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey unless the employees choose to change

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their majority representative pursuant to law. University Hospital shall assume all obligations under existing or expired collective negotiations agreements that covered employees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey on the effective date of this act and who become employees of University Hospital.

Employees in an existing University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey negotiations unit who are transferred to or become employees of University Hospital shall be deemed to constitute an appropriate collective negotiations unit under the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

Nothing in this act shall affect the civil service status, if any, of those officers or employees. Nothing in this act shall affect the tenure, rank, or academic track of any person holding a faculty position that is associated with University Hospital.

b. The employees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey who become employees of University Hospital pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not be considered new employees for any purpose and shall retain any accrued seniority, rank, and tenure, which shall be applied when determining eligibility for all benefits, including all paid leave time, longevity increases, and promotions.

c. If employees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, who become employees of University Hospital, are transferred to, or otherwise become employees of, a new entity as a result of a restructuring or reorganization pursuant or subsequent to this act, those employees shall remain "employees" within the meaning of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.) and any applicable State pension and health benefits laws, and shall retain all of their rights and benefits under existing or expired collective negotiations agreements or contracts until such time as new or revised agreements or contracts are agreed to. The new entity shall be an "employer" within the meaning of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.) and any applicable State pension and health benefits laws, and shall assume all obligations under existing or expired collective negotiations agreements that covered employees while employed at University Hospital or the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey immediately prior to their transfer to the new entity. Employees in a University Hospital negotiations unit, who are transferred to a new entity, shall be deemed to constitute an appropriate collective negotiations unit under the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

d. Employees of University Hospital, who become employees of a new entity pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall not be considered new employees for any purpose and shall retain any accrued seniority, rank, and tenure, which shall be applied when determining eligibility for all benefits, including all paid leave time, longevity increases, and promotions.

C.18A:64G-6.1d Approval of Superior Court required for acquisition of University Hospital.

17. a. University Hospital shall be required to obtain approval from the Superior Court of New Jersey prior to entering into a transaction that results in the acquisition of the hospital, and shall satisfy the requirements of the "Community Health Care Assets Protection Act," P.L.2000, c.143 (C.26:2H-7.10 et seq.). Any acquisition of University Hospital by a new entity after the effective date of this act shall be structured so as to retain the status of University Hospital employees as public employees within the meaning of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

b. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, shall adopt regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410, (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to carry out the purposes of subsection a. of this section.

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c. In determining whether the proposed acquisition is in the public interest, meaning that appropriate steps have been taken to safeguard the value of the hospital's public assets and to ensure that any proceeds from the proposed acquisition are irrevocably dedicated for appropriate charitable health care purposes, the same criteria and process shall apply as set forth in the "Community Health Care Assets Protection Act," P.L.2000, c.143 (C.26:2H-7.10 et seq.) and the Attorney General shall consider:

(1) whether the public entity that owns and operates the public hospital exercised due diligence in deciding to effectuate the acquisition, selecting the other party to the acquisition and negotiating the terms and conditions of the acquisition;

(2) the procedures used by the public entity in making its decision, including whether the appropriate expert assistance was used;

(3) whether conflicts of interest were disclosed, including conflicts relating to board members of the public hospital, executives of, and experts retained by, the public hospital, purchaser or other parties to the acquisition;

(4) whether any management contract under the acquisition is for reasonable value;

(5) whether the public entity will receive full and fair market value for its assets;

(6) whether the public entity established appropriate criteria in deciding to pursue the acquisition in relation to carrying out the mission and purpose of the public entity and the hospital;

(7) whether the acquisition is structured so as to retain the status of University Hospital employees as public employees within the meaning of subsection d. of section 3 of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-3) and any applicable State pension and health benefits laws; and

(8) any other criteria set forth in the "Community Health Care Assets Protection Act" or established pursuant to that act by the Attorney General.

d. University Hospital shall be required to obtain approval from the Department of Health and Senior Services prior to entering into a transaction that results in the acquisition of the hospital and shall satisfy the certificate of needs requirements.

e. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall determine whether the proposed acquisition will result in the deterioration of the quality, availability, or accessibility of health care services in the affected communities.

f. For a period of five years, any substantive changes to essential health care services provided by University Hospital shall be subject to review by the University Hospital Community Oversight Board and approval by the Department of Health and Senior Services through a licensing review process.

g. University Hospital shall provide quarterly financial statements to the Department of Health and Senior Services which shall be posted on the hospital's public Internet website.

C.18A:64G-6.1e Review, approval of management contracts.

18. a. Prior to entering into a contract with a nonprofit corporation operating one or more hospitals in New Jersey to operate and manage or assist in the operation and management of University Hospital, the Department of Health and Senior Services shall review and approve all management contracts. Any management contract entered into by University Hospital shall be evaluated by the Department of Health and Senior Services based upon the following criteria:

(1) whether the hospital will continue its public mission and commitment to provide a comprehensive healthcare program and services to the greater Newark community, including acute care, and emergency and other essential services provided by the hospital;

(2) whether the cost of the management contract is fair and reasonable;

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(3) whether the management contract provides for the full disclosure of all management and other fees;

(4) whether the management contract requires the hospital's annual audited financial statements be filed with the Department of Health and Senior Services and posted on the hospital website;

(5) whether the management contract retains status of University Hospital employees as public employees within the meaning of subsection d. of section 3 of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-3); and

(6) whether the University Hospital Community Oversight Board has reviewed the terms of the agreement.

b. Due to the unique nature of an acute care management contract, a competitive contracting method shall be used for a contract to operate and manage or assist in the operation and management of University Hospital. Prior to entering into a contract with a nonprofit corporation to operate and manage or assist in the operation or management of University Hospital, University Hospital shall prepare a Request for Proposals describing with reasonable specificity the management services to be provided by a nonprofit corporation, and shall publish the Request for Proposals on its public Internet website no less than 30 days prior to the date established by University Hospital for the submission of proposals for any contract for management services.

c. No less than 60 days prior to the award of any contract for management services, a notice of the intent to award a contract to manage and operate or assist in the management and operation of University Hospital shall be published on the hospital's public Internet website.

d. Any management contract entered into by University Hospital after the enactment date of this act shall retain the status of University Hospital bargaining unit employees as public employees within the meaning of subsection d. of section 3 of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-3). Employees of the nonprofit corporation awarded the contract to manage and operate University Hospital shall not be required to be public employees within the meaning of subsection d. of section 3 of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-3). Employees of the nonprofit corporation awarded the management contract shall not perform the duties of public employees represented by majority representatives employed by University Hospital prior to the effective date of the management contract, except to the extent that such duties are incidental to their management duties.

e. Any contract with a nonprofit corporation operating one or more hospitals in New Jersey to manage and operate or assist in the management or operation of University Hospital entered into after the enactment date of this act shall satisfy all conditions set forth in this section.

C.18A:64G-6.1f Internet website for board of directors.

19. University Hospital shall maintain an Internet website for the board of directors. The purpose of the website shall be to provide increased public access to board operations and activities. The following information shall be posted on the board's website:

- a. the board's rules, regulations, resolutions, and official policy statements;
- b. notice, posted at least five business days prior to a meeting of the board or any of its committees, setting forth the time, date, location, and agenda of the meeting;
- c. the minutes of each meeting of the board and its committees; and
- d. information on any contract entered into by the board for the operation or management of the hospital.

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The website shall be updated on a regular basis.

C.18A:65-14.1 Campus advisory board for Rutgers University-Newark.

20. a. As used in this section, “northern counties” means Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Union, Sussex, and Warren Counties.

b. Effective July 1, 2013, a campus advisory board shall be appointed for Rutgers University–Newark. The campus advisory board shall work with the chancellor of Rutgers University–Newark in implementing the teaching, research, and service mission of Rutgers University–Newark, the engagement of the campus with its local community, its region, and the State, and its commitment to academic excellence, access, and diversity.

The campus advisory board shall be composed of 13 members as follows: the chancellor of Rutgers University–Newark who shall serve *ex-officio*; the member of the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University who is appointed by the board of trustees and who is, pursuant to N.J.S.18A:65-14, required to be a resident of Essex County; two Rutgers University–Newark faculty members one of whom is appointed by the faculty union and one of whom is elected by the Rutgers Newark Faculty Council; one member of the Rutgers University–Newark administration appointed by the Rutgers University–Newark chancellor; one Rutgers University–Newark staff member selected from among the staff unions; two student representatives appointed by the Rutgers University–Newark student governing association; three members of the local community, two of whom shall be selected by the Office of Community Affairs from community organizations with one of these members being an alumnus of Rutgers University–Newark, and one of whom shall be selected by the Mayor of the City of Newark; and two public members who are appointed by the chancellor and who are residents of a northern county.

All members shall serve a term of two years, renewable by reappointment or re-election in the same manner as the initial selection. A president of the advisory board shall be selected for a one-year term by a vote of the members of the campus advisory board, and may be so elected for successive terms without limit.

A member shall be subject to removal, after a hearing by a majority of the campus advisory board, for malfeasance or conduct injurious to the interest of Rutgers University–Newark.

The board shall meet and organize annually at a regular meeting held during the second week in September. The president shall serve until the following September and until his successor is appointed and qualified. Vacancies in the offices shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired term only.

Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses.

The campus advisory board shall hold at least one public meeting each semester.

C.18A:65-14.2 Duties of campus advisory board.

21. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:65-25 or any other section of law to the contrary, the campus advisory board of Rutgers University–Newark shall:

a. advise the president and the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University on the selection of the Rutgers University–Newark chancellor;

b. propose capital projects and bonding for Rutgers University–Newark to the board of governors of Rutgers University; and

c. propose an annual budget for Rutgers University–Newark to the board of governors of Rutgers University.

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Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, amend, modify, or diminish the authority of the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University to grant tenure and promotions to faculty at Rutgers University-Newark, establish standards for academic programs and for the awarding of degrees for Rutgers University-Newark, and make final decisions on capital projects, bonding, and the annual budget for Rutgers University-Newark.

C.18A:65-14.3 Appropriations to Rutgers University-Newark.

22. State support for the continuing operations of programs operated by Rutgers University-Newark prior to the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.), including support for fringe benefit costs, shall be appropriated by the Legislature directly to Rutgers University-Newark.

C.18A:65-14.4 Rights of employees of Rutgers University-Newark unaffected.

23. a. The provisions of all collective negotiations agreements applicable to employees of Rutgers University-Newark in effect on the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.) shall remain in full force and effect until such time as new or revised agreements or contracts may be established. All persons employed at Rutgers University-Newark shall continue to be represented by the majority representative that represented them on the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.), shall continue to be represented in the Rutgers University-wide collective negotiations units they were in on the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.) and shall continue to be covered by the collective negotiations agreements that were in effect on the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.). Employees of Rutgers University-Newark shall continue to be employees of Rutgers, The State University and Rutgers, The State University shall continue to be the public employer of such employees as that term is defined by the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

b. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any person employed at Rutgers University-Newark of any tenure or contract rights or to in any manner affect the tenure, contract, rank, or academic track of any employees holding a faculty position. Such tenure, contract, rank, and academic track shall continue to be through Rutgers, The State University and shall be held and granted pursuant to the authority of the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University for all current and future employees employed at Rutgers University-Newark.

c. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any officers or employees employed at Rutgers University-Newark of their rights, privileges, obligations or status under any pension, retirement, health benefits system, civil service law or any other law of the State.

C.18A:65-99 Disposition of medical malpractice claims.

24. For medical malpractice claims incurred at any of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey schools transferred to Rutgers, The State University, occurring before or after the effective date of this act, Rutgers, The State University, shall elect within 75 days of the signing of this act whether it, and its employees, shall be represented in all such matters by the Attorney General. If Rutgers, The State University elects to be represented by the Attorney General, then the Department of the Treasury shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with Rutgers, The State University modeled on the June, 2003 memorandum of agreement between the Department of the Treasury and the University of Medicine and Dentistry concerning the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund and moneys in the fund known as the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund shall be available to Rutgers, The State University solely to indemnify and defend medical malpractice claims against employees,

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officers, and servants at the schools transferred from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey to Rutgers, The State University. If Rutgers, The State University, elects not to be represented by the Attorney General, then it shall be required to provide employees of the schools transferred from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey to Rutgers, The State University with defense and indemnification consistent with the terms and conditions of the “New Jersey Tort Claims Act,” N.J.S.59:1-1 et seq., in lieu of the defense and indemnification that such employees would otherwise seek and be entitled to from the Attorney General pursuant to N.J.S.59:10-1 et seq. and P.L.1972, c.48 (C.59:10A-1 et seq.).

C.18A:65-14.5 Annual certified public reporting process of Rutgers; auditing mechanisms.

25. a. The board of governors of Rutgers, The State University shall establish an annual certified public reporting process of the finances of Rutgers, The State University in order to measure the flow of resources across the campuses of the university.

b. The State Auditor shall develop auditing mechanisms to measure the allocation and transfer of resources across campuses including methods to account for inter-campus joint ventures, and shall annually report on the results of those mechanisms after receiving the report of Rutgers, The State University.

C.18A:65-14.6 Campus board of directors for Rutgers University-Camden.

26. a. As used in this section, “southern counties” means Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem Counties.

b. Effective July 1, 2013, a campus board of directors shall be appointed for Rutgers University–Camden. The campus board of directors shall be composed of 10 members as follows: the chancellor of Rutgers University–Camden who shall serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member; three members appointed by the board of governors of Rutgers University; two members appointed by the board of trustees of Rutgers, The State University from among its non-public members; and four members, who are residents of the southern counties, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The terms of office of a member appointed by the board of governors or the board of trustees of Rutgers University shall be coterminous with his term on that board. The members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of six years beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30; except that of the members first appointed by the Governor, one shall serve for a term of six years, one shall serve for a term of four years, one shall serve for a term of three years, and one shall serve for a term of two years. Each member shall serve until his successor is appointed and qualified, and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments for the remainder of the unexpired term. A director appointed by the Governor may succeed himself for not more than one additional term after having served one full six-year term.

A director shall be subject to removal, after a hearing by a majority of the campus board of directors, for malfeasance or conduct injurious to the interest of Rutgers University-Camden, subject to review and confirmation by the Governor in the case of his appointees or by the board of governors or the board of trustees, as applicable, in the case of that board’s appointees.

c. The board shall meet and organize annually at a regular meeting held during the second week of September, by the election of a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers as the board shall determine. The officers shall serve until the following September meeting and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies in the offices shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired term only.

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d. Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses.

C.18A:65-14.7 Duties of campus board of directors.

27. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:65-25 or any other section of law to the contrary, the campus board of directors shall have general supervision over and shall be vested with the conduct of Rutgers University-Camden. It shall have the following powers, subject to the approval of the Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors which shall be subject to the limitations set forth in section 34 of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-38):

a. subject to the policies of Rutgers, The State University determine policies for the organization, administration, and development of Rutgers University-Camden;

b. study the educational and financial needs of Rutgers University-Camden; and annually acquaint the Governor and Legislature with the condition of Rutgers University-Camden;

c. disburse all moneys appropriated to Rutgers University-Camden by the Legislature, including appropriations for fringe benefit costs, and all moneys allocated to Rutgers University-Camden from tuition, fees, auxiliary services, and other sources;

d. direct and control expenditures and transfers of funds appropriated and allocated to Rutgers University-Camden, in accordance with the State budget and appropriation acts of the Legislature, and as to funds received and allocated from other sources, direct and control expenditures and transfers in accordance with the terms and conditions of any applicable trusts, gifts, bequests, or other special provisions. All accounts of Rutgers University-Camden shall be subject to audit by the State at any time;

e. subject to the signatory delegation, procurement, and other applicable policies of Rutgers, The State University, employ architects to plan buildings, secure bids for the construction of buildings and for the equipment thereof, make contracts for the construction of buildings and for equipment, and supervise the construction of buildings;

f. manage and maintain and provide for the payment of all charges on and expenses in respect of, all properties utilized by Rutgers University-Camden;

g. in accordance with the provisions of the State budget and appropriations acts of the Legislature, fix the compensation of the chancellor of Rutgers University-Camden in accordance with the compensation guidelines and policies of Rutgers, The State University. The chancellor, who shall be appointed by the president of Rutgers, The State University, shall be the chief academic and administrative officer of Rutgers University-Camden and an ex-officio member of the Rutgers University-Camden board of directors, without vote;

h. in accordance with the provisions of the State budget, have the power to elect, appoint, remove, promote, or transfer all corporate, official, educational, and civil administrative personnel, and fix and determine their salaries consistent with the terms of any applicable collective negotiations agreements entered into between Rutgers, The State University and a majority representative;

i. in accordance with the State budget, appoint, remove, promote, and transfer all other officers, agents, or employees, assign their duties, determine their salaries, and prescribe qualifications for all positions, and in accordance with policies of Rutgers, The State University and consistent with the terms of any applicable collective negotiations agreements entered into between Rutgers, The State University and a majority representative; and

j. subject to the signatory delegation, procurement, and other applicable policies of Rutgers, The State University, enter into contracts and agreements with the State or any of its political subdivisions or with the United States, or with any public body, department, or other agency of the State or the United States, or with any individual.

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Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, amend, modify or diminish the authority of the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University to grant tenure and promotions to faculty at Rutgers University-Camden, establish standards for academic programs and for the awarding of degrees for Rutgers University-Camden, and make final decisions on capital projects, bonding, and the annual budget of Rutgers University-Camden.

C.18A:65-14.8 Maintenance of Internet website for board of directors.

28. Rutgers University-Camden shall maintain an Internet website for the board of directors. The purpose of the website shall be to provide increased public access to board operations and activities. The following information shall be posted on the board's website:

- a. the board's rules, regulations, resolutions, and official policy statements;
- b. notice, posted at least five business days prior to a meeting of the board or any of its committees, setting forth the time, date, location, and agenda of the meeting;
- c. the minutes of each meeting of the board and its committees; and
- d. information on any contract entered into by the board that was not competitively bid and the statutory authority for the contracting process.

The website shall be updated on a regular basis.

C.18A:65-14.9 Appropriations directly to Rutgers University-Camden.

29. State support for the operation of Rutgers University-Camden, including support for fringe benefits costs, shall be appropriated by the Legislature directly to Rutgers University-Camden.

C.18A:65-14.10 Duties of board of governors.

30. The board of governors of Rutgers University shall establish:
- a. standards for the establishment and evaluation of academic programs of Rutgers University-Camden;
 - b. standards for the award of degrees to students enrolled in the academic degree programs of Rutgers University-Camden; and
 - c. standards for the promotion and award of tenure to faculty employed at Rutgers University-Camden.

C.18A:65-14.11 Rights of employees of Rutgers University-Camden unaffected.

31. a. The provisions of all collective negotiations agreements applicable to employees of Rutgers University-Camden in effect on the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.) shall remain in full force and effect until such time as new or revised agreements or contracts may be established. All persons employed at Rutgers University-Camden shall continue to be represented by the majority representative that represented them on the effective date of this act, shall continue to be represented in the Rutgers University-wide collective negotiations units they were in on the effective date of this act, and shall continue to be covered by the collective negotiations agreements that were in effect on the effective date of this act. Persons employed at Rutgers University-Camden shall continue to be employees of Rutgers, The State University and Rutgers, The State University shall continue to be the public employer of such employees as that term is defined by the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

b. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any person employed at Rutgers University-Camden of any tenure or contract rights or to in any manner affect the tenure, contract, rank, or academic track of any employees holding a faculty position. Such tenure, contract, rank, and academic track shall continue to be through Rutgers, The State University

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and shall be held and granted pursuant to the authority of the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University for all current and future employees employed at Rutgers University-Camden.

c. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any officers or employees employed at Rutgers University-Camden of their rights, privileges, obligations, or status under any pension, retirement, health benefits system, civil service law or any other law of this State.

C.18A:65-14.12 Transfer of monies, funding, personnel to Rutgers University-Camden.

32. All monies and funding including, but not limited to, grants, gifts, bequests, tuition, endowments, appropriations, capital improvement expenditures, debt service, research funds, State-funded personnel and budgeted positions, institutional support, centralized services, and grants-in-aid, previously allocated or otherwise provided to Rutgers University for the use of Rutgers University-Camden, regardless of source, which remain unexpended on the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.), shall be transferred to Rutgers University-Camden.

C.18A:64M-37 Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors.

33. There is established the Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors.

a. The board shall be composed of seven members as follows: two members appointed by the board of trustees of Rowan University from among its members; two members appointed by the board of directors of Rutgers University-Camden from among its members; and three members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The board shall elect a chairperson from among its membership.

b. The term of office of a member of the board appointed by the board of trustees of Rowan University or the board of directors of Rutgers University-Camden shall be coterminous with his term on that board. The term of office of the Governor's appointees shall be six years. An appointed member may be removed for cause by the board of trustees or the board of directors that appointed the member, or by the Governor in the case of his appointees.

c. Each member shall serve until his successor is appointed and qualified, and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments for the remainder of the unexpired term.

d. Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses.

e. The board shall be staffed by employees of Rowan University and Rutgers University-Camden.

C.18A:64M-38 Authority, responsibilities of Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors.

34. The Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors shall have the authority and responsibility to:

a. approve or disapprove of the establishment or expansion of any schools, programs, or departments after the effective date of this act in the area of the health sciences proposed by either the board of trustees of Rowan University or the board of directors of Rutgers University-Camden;

b. determine policies for the organization, administration, and development of curriculum and programs of Rowan University and Rutgers University-Camden in the area of the health sciences, including dual degree programs and partnerships between the institutions;

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c. make recommendations to Rowan University and to Rutgers, The State University for joint faculty appointments to Rowan University and Rutgers University-Camden;

d. provide curricular oversight of joint programs in the area of the health sciences of Rowan University and Rutgers University-Camden; and

e. develop plans for the operation and governance of health science facilities, including plans concerning the development and financing of capital improvements or expansions of health science facilities.

“Health sciences” for purposes of this section shall include, but not be limited to, nursing, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, pharmacology, biochemistry, biomedicine, genetics, bioengineering, public health, and physician-related studies. The board shall not take any action to use, transfer, commit, or control the endowment funds or any other funds provided to or accumulated by and under the control of either institution without the respective approval of the Rowan University Board of Trustees or the Rutgers Board of Governors. The board shall have no authority over the tenure or contract rights of faculty at either Rutgers, The State University or Rowan University.

The board shall not take any action that would violate any of the bond covenants of Rutgers, The State University or Rowan University.

Rowan University and Rutgers University-Camden shall each appropriate \$2,500,000 per year to the Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors for administration and other necessary expenses.

C.18A:64M-3 “Rowan University” defined.

35. a. As used in sections 36 through 62 of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-4 through C.18A:64M-30) “Rowan University” shall, unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary, include and mean the public research university herein designated “Rowan University” as presently and hereafter constituted, including all departments, colleges, schools, centers, branches, educational and other units and extensions thereof, extension and cooperative education programs, continuing education programs, and all other departments of higher education maintained by the educational entity of the university.

b. As used in sections 36 through 62 of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-4 through C.18A:64M-30), “university” shall mean “Rowan University.”

C.18A:64M-4 Rowan University established.

36. There is hereby established a body corporate and politic to be known as Rowan University. The exercise by the university of the powers conferred by this act, including the presentation and operation of a four-year allopathic medical school, shall be deemed to be public and essential governmental functions necessary for the welfare of the State and the people of New Jersey.

C.18A:64M-5 Governance, conduct of university.

37. It is declared to be the public policy of the State that the university shall be given a high degree of self-government and that the governance and conduct of the university shall be free of partisanship.

C.18A:64M-6 Board of trustees continued.

38. The board of trustees of the university is continued and shall have and exercise the powers, authority, rights and privileges and shall be subject to the duties, obligations, and responsibilities set forth in this act.

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C.18A:64M-7 Determination of composition, size of board of trustees.

39. a. The composition and size of the board of trustees shall be determined by the board; however, the board shall have not less than seven nor more than 15 members. The members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The board of trustees shall recommend potential new members to the Governor. The terms of office of appointed members shall be for six years beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30. Each member shall serve until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments for the remainders of the unexpired terms. Any member of a board of trustees may be removed by the Governor for cause upon notice and opportunity to be heard.

b. Members of the board as of the effective date of this act shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms and the qualification in office of their successors.

c. All voting members of the board of trustees, before undertaking the duties of their office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and of the United States, to bear allegiance to the government of the State, and to perform the duties of their office faithfully, impartially and justly, to the best of their ability.

d. Members of the board of trustees shall not receive compensation for their services. Each trustee shall be reimbursed for actual expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of his duties or in rendering service as a member of or on behalf of the board or any committee of the board.

e. The board of trustees shall elect its chairperson from among its voting members annually in July. The board shall select such other officers from among its members as shall be deemed necessary.

f. A voting member of the board of trustees shall not be a salaried official of the State of New Jersey, or receive remuneration for services from the university. No trustee shall be appointed who is an employee or paid official of any hospital affiliated with the university. If any member of the board shall become ineligible by reason of the foregoing, a vacancy in his office as trustee shall thereby occur.

g. The board of trustees shall have the power to appoint and regulate the duties, functions, powers and procedures of committees, standing or special, from its members and such advisory committees or bodies as it may deem necessary or conducive to the efficient management and operation of the university, consistent with this act and other applicable statutes.

C.18A:64M-8 Election of student representatives.

40. The board of trustees of the university shall provide for the election of two student representatives, who shall be full-time, regularly matriculated students in good academic standing, and who shall be 18 years of age or older and citizens of the United States. The student representatives shall be elected by the members of the student government association to serve on the board of trustees for terms of two years commencing at the next organization of the board.

a. A student shall be elected for a two-year term, but shall serve during the first year as an alternate member, and as a voting member during the second year.

Any vacancies which occur shall be filled by the student governing body for the unexpired term only.

b. The standards for eligibility for student representatives on the board of trustees shall be the same as those required for other student government officers.

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c. The student members shall be entitled to full participation in all activities of the board except that they shall not participate in:

(1) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective officer or employee or current officer or employee employed or appointed by the board, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that the matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting;

(2) Any matter involving the purchase, lease, acquisition or sale of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of these matters were disclosed; and

(3) Any pending or anticipated litigation in which the board is, or may become, a party, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of these matters were disclosed, or any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

d. Upon assuming office, the students shall agree to adhere to such standards of responsibility and confidentiality as are established by the board of trustees.

C.18A:64M-9 Powers, duties of board of trustees.

41. The board of trustees of Rowan University shall have the general supervision over and be vested with the conduct of the university. It shall have the power and duty, subject to the approval of the Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors which shall be subject to the limitations set forth in section 34 of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-38), to:

a. Adopt and use a corporate seal;

b. Determine the educational curriculum and program of the university;

c. Determine policies for the organization, administration, and development of the university;

d. Study the educational and financial needs of the university, annually acquaint the Governor and Legislature with the condition of the university, and prepare and submit an annual request for appropriation to the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury in accordance with law;

e. Disburse all moneys appropriated to the university by the Legislature and all moneys received from tuition, fees, auxiliary services and other sources;

f. Direct and control expenditures and transfers of funds appropriated to the university in accordance with the provisions of the State budget and appropriation acts of the Legislature, and, as to funds received from other sources, direct and control expenditures and transfers in accordance with the terms of any applicable trusts, gifts, bequests, or other special provisions, reporting changes and additions thereto and transfers thereof to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury. All accounts of the university shall be subject to audit by the State at any time;

g. In accordance with the provisions of the State budget and appropriation acts of the Legislature, appoint and fix the compensation and term of office of a president of the university who shall be the executive officer of the university and an ex officio member of the board of trustees, without vote, and shall serve at the pleasure of the board of trustees;

h. In accordance with the provisions of the State budget and appropriation acts of the Legislature, appoint, upon nomination of the president, such deans and other members of the academic, administrative, and teaching staffs as shall be required and fix their compensation and terms of employment;

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i. Consistent with the provisions of its budget, this act and any and all controlling collective bargaining agreements, have the power, upon nomination or recommendation of the president, to appoint, remove, promote and transfer all other officers, agents, or employees which may be required to carry out the provisions of this act and prescribe qualifications for those positions, and assign requisite duties and determine and fix respective compensation for those positions in accordance with duly adopted salary program parameters;

j. Grant diplomas, certificates or degrees;

k. Enter into contracts and agreements with the State or any of its political subdivisions or with the United States, or with any public body, department or other agency of the State or the United States or with any individual, firm or corporation which are deemed necessary or advisable by the board for carrying out the provisions of this act. A contract or agreement pursuant to this subsection may require a municipality to undertake obligations and duties to be performed subsequent to the expiration of the term of office of the elected governing body of such municipality which initially entered into or approved said contract or agreement, and the obligations and duties so incurred by such municipality shall be binding and of full force and effect, notwithstanding that the term of office of the elected governing body of such municipality which initially entered into or approved said contract or agreement, shall have expired;

l. Exercise the right of eminent domain, pursuant to the provisions of the "Eminent Domain Act of 1971," P.L.1971, c.361 (C.20:3-1 et seq.), to acquire any property or interest therein;

m. Adopt, after consultation with the president and faculty, bylaws and make and promulgate such rules, regulations, and orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act as are necessary and proper for the administration and operation of the university and the carrying out of its purposes;

n. Establish fees for room and board sufficient for the operation, maintenance, and rental of student housing and food services facilities;

o. Fix and determine tuition rates and other fees to be paid by students;

p. Accept from any government or governmental department, agency or other public or private body or from any other source grants or contributions of money or property which the board may use for or in aid of any of its purposes;

q. Acquire, by gift, purchase, condemnation or otherwise, own, lease, dispose of, use and operate property, whether real, personal or mixed, or any interest therein, which is necessary or desirable for university purposes;

r. Employ architects to plan buildings; secure bids for the construction of buildings and for the equipment thereof; make contracts for the construction of buildings and for equipment; and supervise the construction of buildings;

s. Manage and maintain, and provide for the payment of all charges on and expenses in respect of, all properties utilized by the university;

t. Borrow money and to secure the same by a mortgage on its property or any part thereof, and to enter into any credit agreement for the needs of the university and projects of the Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Governors, as deemed requisite by the board, in such amounts and for such time and upon such terms as may be determined by the board, provided that no such borrowing shall be deemed or construed to create or constitute a debt, liability, or a loan or pledge of the credit or be payable out of property or funds, other than moneys appropriated for that purpose, of the State;

u. Authorize any new program, educational department or school consistent with the programmatic mission of the institution or approved by the Secretary of Higher Education;

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v. Adopt standing operating rules and procedures for the purchase of all equipment, materials, supplies and services; however, no contract on behalf of the university shall be entered into for the purchase of services, materials, equipment and supplies, for the performance of any work, or for the hiring of equipment or vehicles, where the sum to be expended exceeds \$30,700 or the amount determined by the Governor as provided herein, unless the university shall first publicly advertise for bids and shall award the contract to that responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the invitation for bids, will be most advantageous to the university, price and other factors considered. Such advertising shall not be required in those exceptions created by the board of trustees of the university, which shall be in substance those exceptions contained in sections 4 and 5 of P.L.1954, c.48 (C.52:34-9 and 10) or for the supplying of any product or the rendering of any service by a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities of this State and tariffs and schedules of the charges made, charged, or exacted by the public utility for any such products to be supplied or services to be rendered are filed with the said board. Commencing July 1, 2013 and every two years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount set forth in this paragraph in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor shall notify the university of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is reported.

This subsection shall not prevent the university from having any work performed by its own employees, nor shall it apply to repairs, or to the furnishing of materials, supplies or labor, or the hiring of equipment or vehicles, when the safety or protection of its or other public property or the public convenience requires or the exigency of the university's service will not admit of such advertisement. In such case, the university shall, by resolution passed by the affirmative vote of its board of trustees, declare the exigency or emergency to exist, and set forth in the resolution the nature and approximate amount to be expended; shall maintain appropriate records as to the reason for such awards; and shall report regularly to its board of trustees on all such purchases, the amounts and the reasons therefor;

w. Invest certain moneys in such obligations, securities and other investments as the board shall deem prudent, consistent with the purposes and provisions of this act and in accordance with State and federal law, as follows:

Investment in not-for-profit corporations or for-profit corporations organized and operated pursuant to the provisions of subsection x. of this section may utilize income realized from the sale or licensing of intellectual property as well as the reinvestment of earnings on intellectual property. Investment in not-for-profit corporations may also utilize income from the operation of faculty practice plans of the university and income from overhead grant fund recovery as permitted by federal law as well as other university funds except those specified in paragraph 5 of subsection x. of this section;

x. (1) Participate as the general partner or as a limited partner, either directly or through a subsidiary corporation created by the university, in limited partnerships, general partnerships, or joint ventures engaged in the development, manufacture, or marketing of products, technology, scientific information or health care services and create or form for-profit or not-for-profit corporations to engage in such activities; provided that any such participation shall be consistent with the mission of the university and the board shall have determined that such participation is prudent;

(2) The decision to participate in any activity described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, including the creation or formation of for-profit or not-for-profit corporations,

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shall be articulated in the minutes of the board of trustees meeting in which the action was approved;

(3) The provisions of P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-12 et seq.) shall continue to apply to the university, its employees, and officers;

(4) Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed to create or constitute a debt, liability, or a loan or pledge of the credit or be payable out of property or funds of the State;

(5) Funds directly appropriated to the university from the State or derived from the university's academic programs or derived from payment for coverage provided by the self insurance fund for claims accruing prior to the effective date of this act shall not be utilized by the for-profit or not-for-profit corporations organized and operated pursuant to this subsection in the development, manufacture, or marketing of products, technology or scientific information;

(6) Employees of any joint venture, subsidiary corporation, partnership, or other jural entity entered into or owned wholly or in part by the university shall not be deemed public employees;

(7) A joint venture, subsidiary corporation, partnership, or other jural entity entered into or owned wholly or in part by the university shall not be deemed an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey;

(8) Income realized by the university as a result of participation in the development, manufacture, or marketing of products, technology, or scientific information may be invested or reinvested pursuant to subsection w. of this section or any other provision of this act or State or federal law or retained by the board for use in furtherance of any of the purposes of this act or of other applicable statutes;

(9) The board shall annually report to the State Treasurer on the operation of all joint ventures, subsidiary corporations, partnerships, or such other jural entities entered into or owned wholly or in part by the university;

y. Sue and be sued in its own name;

z. Retain independent counsel including representation by the Attorney General in accordance with subsection h. of section 6 of P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-6);

aa. (1) Procure and enter into contracts for any type of insurance and indemnify against loss or damage to property from any cause, including loss of use and occupancy, against death or injury of any person, against employees' liability, against any act of any member, officer, employee or servant of the university, whether part-time, full-time, compensated or non-compensated in the performance of the duties of his office or employment or any other insurable risk. In addition, the university shall carry its own liability insurance or maintain an actuarially sound program of self insurance. Any joint venture, subsidiary corporation, or partnership or such other jural entity entered into or owned wholly or in part by the university shall carry insurance or maintain reserves in such amounts as are determined by an actuary to be sufficient to meet its actual or accrued claims;

(2) Moneys in the fund known as the Self-Insurance Trust Fund administered by the State Treasurer shall continue to be available to the university solely to indemnify and defend claims against the university and its employees, officers and servants but only to the extent that the university has elected on behalf of itself and its employees to obtain representation from the Attorney General pursuant to subsection h. of section 6 of P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-6) and such entity or individuals would have been entitled to defense and indemnification pursuant to the "New Jersey Tort Claims Act," N.J.S.59:1-1 et seq., as a State entity or State employee but for the provision of subsection z. of this section. Any expenditure of such funds shall be made only in accordance with the provisions of the "New Jersey Tort Claims Act," N.J.S.59:1-1 et seq., including but not limited to the provisions of

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chapters 10, 10A and 11 of Title 59 of the New Jersey Statutes. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the use of the Self-Insurance Trust Fund to indemnify or insure in any way, directly or indirectly the activities of any joint venture, partnership or corporation entered into or created by the university pursuant to subsection x. of this section;

bb. Create auxiliary organizations subject to the provisions of P.L.1982, c.16 (C.18A:64-26 et seq.);

cc. Adopt a code of ethics that complies with the requirements of all statutes applicable to the institution, including, but not limited, to the "Higher Education Restructuring Act of 1994," P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-1 et al.), the "New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law," P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-12 et seq.), regulations of the State Ethics Commission, and any applicable executive orders; and

dd. Establish a procedure for the confidential, anonymous submission of employee concerns regarding alleged wrongdoing at the university.

C.18A:64M-10 Certain functions, powers, duties exercised, performed by Director of Division of Investment.

42. All functions, powers and duties relating to the investment or reinvestment of funds other than those funds specified in subsection w. of section 41 of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-9) within the jurisdiction of the board of trustees including the purchase, sale, or exchange of any investments or securities may be exercised and performed by the Director of the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1950, c.270 (C.52:18A-79 et seq.) if so authorized by the board. Before any such investment, reinvestment, purchase, sale, or exchange shall be made by the director for or on behalf of the board of trustees, the Director of the Division of Investment shall submit the details thereof to the board, which shall, itself or by its finance committee, within 48 hours, exclusive of Sundays and public holidays, after such submission to it, file with the director its written acceptance or rejection of such proposed investment, reinvestment, purchase, sale, or exchange; and the director shall have authority to make such investment, reinvestment, purchase, sale, or exchange for or on behalf of the board, unless there shall have been filed with him a written rejection thereof by the board or its finance committee as herein provided. The board of trustees shall determine from time to time the cash requirements of the various funds and accounts established by it and the amount available for investment, all of which shall be certified to the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Investment.

The finance committee of the board of trustees shall consist of three members of the board who shall be appointed in the same manner and for the same term as other committees of the board are appointed.

C.18A:64M-11 Maintenance of Internet website for board of trustees.

43. The university shall maintain an Internet website for the board of trustees. The purpose of the website shall be to provide increased public access to board operations and activities. The following information shall be posted on the board's website:

- a. the board's rules, regulations, resolutions, and official policy statements;
- b. notice, posted at least five business days prior to a meeting of the board or any of its committees, setting forth the time, date, location, and agenda of the meeting;
- c. the minutes of each meeting of the board and its committees; and
- d. information on any contract entered into by the board that was not competitively bid and the statutory authority for the contracting process.

The website shall be updated on a regular basis.

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C.18A:64M-12 Additional rights of board of trustees.

44. The board of trustees, in addition to the other powers and duties provided herein, shall be vested with the right of perpetual succession and shall have and exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges that are incident to the proper governance, conduct, and management of the university and the control of its properties and funds and such powers granted to the university or the board or reasonably implied, may be exercised without recourse or reference to any department or agency of the State, except as otherwise provided by this act.

C.18A:64M-13 Appointment, compensation of president of the university.

45. The board shall appoint and fix the compensation of a president of the university. The president shall be responsible to the board of trustees and shall have such powers as shall be requisite for the executive management and conduct of the university in all departments, branches and divisions, and for the execution and enforcement of bylaws, ordinances, rules, regulations, statutes, and orders governing the management, conduct and administration of the university.

C.18A:64M-14 Immunity from personal liability.

46. No trustee or officer of the university shall be personally liable for any debt, obligation, or other liability of the university or incurred by or on behalf of the university or any constituent unit thereof.

C.18A:64M-15 Advice to Governor, Legislature.

47. The board of trustees shall advise the Governor and Legislature, in consultation with the Secretary of Higher Education and the President's Council and successor bodies, on the manner in which the facilities and services of the university may be utilized so as to increase the efficiency of the public education system and provide, maintain, and improve upon the quality of higher education for the people of the State. The board of trustees shall make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature respecting the needs for the facilities and services of the university as an educational instrumentality of the State for that purpose.

C.18A:64M-16 University personnel eligible for participation in certain public retirement plans.

48. Subject to the provisions of P.L.1969, c.242 (C.18A:66-167 et seq.) and except as otherwise provided by law, the university shall be deemed to be an employer for the purposes of the "Public Employees' Retirement System Act," P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-1 et seq.), and shall also be deemed to be a "public agency or organization" within the meaning of section 71 of that act (C.43:15A-71). Further, the university's commissioned police officers shall be eligible for participation in and subject to the provisions of the "Police and Firemen's Retirement Systems Act," P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-1 et seq.), and the university shall be deemed an employer within the meaning of that act.

C.18A:64M-17 Construction of act.

49. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to impair, annul or affect any vested rights, grants, privileges, exemptions, immunities, powers, prerogatives, franchises, or advantages heretofore obtained or enjoyed by the university or any constituent unit thereof, under any authority or any act of this State or under any grant, deed, conveyance, transfer, lease, estate, remainder, expectancy, trust, gift, donation, legacy, devise, endowment or fund, all of which are hereby ratified and confirmed except insofar as the same may have expired,

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be or have been repealed or altered, or may be inconsistent with this act or with existing provisions of law; subject however, thereto and to all of the rights, obligations, relations, conditions, terms, trust, duties, and liabilities to which the same are subject.

C.18A:64M-18 Officers, agents, employees unaffected.

50. The enactment and adoption of this act shall not, of itself, affect the official, operational, or organizational status of any officer of the university or any and all outstanding authorizations of any officer, agent, or employee to take specified action, or any and all outstanding commitments or undertakings of or by the university, except and only to the extent that any of the same may be inconsistent with this act.

C.18A:64M-19 Certain funds, property, employees transferred to Rowan University.

51. Upon the establishment of the body corporate and politic known as Rowan University:

a. All appropriations, grants, debt service, research funds, and other monies available to Rowan University prior to the effective date of this act and to become available shall be transferred to the university by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury and shall be available for the objects and purposes for which appropriated, subject to any terms, restrictions, limitations or other requirements imposed by the State budget;

b. All other grants, gifts, other moneys and property available to Rowan University prior to the effective date of this act and to become available to or for Rowan University shall be transferred to the university and shall be available for the objects and purposes of the university, subject to any terms, restrictions, limitations or other requirements imposed by State and federal law or otherwise;

c. All employees of Rowan University prior to the effective date of this act shall become employees of the university. Nothing in this act shall be construed so as to deprive any person of any right of tenure or under any retirement system or to any pension, disability, social security or similar benefit, to which the person is entitled by law or contractually. All persons employed at Rowan University shall continue to be represented by the majority representative that represented them on the effective date of this act, shall continue to be represented by the executive branch Statewide collective negotiations units they were in on the effective date of this act, and shall continue to be covered by the collective negotiations agreements that were in effect on the effective date of this act. Pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1986, c.42 (C.18A:64-21.1), the Governor shall continue to function as the public employer under the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.), for persons employed at Rowan University. The executive branch Statewide collective negotiations units referenced in this section are the units specified in subsection b. of section 1 of P.L.2005, c.142 (C.34:13A-5.10). The employees of Rowan University employed on the effective date of this act shall not be considered new employees for any purpose and shall retain any accrued seniority, rank, and tenure, which shall be applied when determining eligibility for all benefits, including all paid leave time, longevity increases, promotions and health benefits. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any person employed at Rowan University of any tenure rights or to in any manner affect the tenure, rank, or academic track of any employees holding a faculty position. Such tenure, rank and academic track shall continue to be through Rowan University and shall be held or granted pursuant to the authority of the board of trustees of Rowan University for all current and future employees employed at Rowan University. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any officers or employees employed at Rowan University of their rights,

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privileges, obligations or status under any pension, retirement, health benefits system, civil service law or any other law of this State;

d. All files, papers, records, equipment and other personal property of Rowan University shall be transferred to the university; and

e. All orders, rules or regulations theretofore made or promulgated by Rowan University shall continue in full force and effect as the orders, rules and regulations of the university until amended or repealed by the university.

C.18A:64M-20 Certain actions unaffected.

52. This act shall not affect actions or proceedings, civil or criminal, brought by or against Rowan University, but such actions or proceedings may be prosecuted or defended in the same manner and to the same effect by the university as if the foregoing provisions had not taken effect; nor shall any of the foregoing provisions affect any order or regulation made by, or other matters or proceedings before, Rowan University, and all such matters or proceedings pending before Rowan University on the effective date of this act shall be continued by the university, as if the foregoing provisions had not taken effect.

C.18A:64M-21 References refer to Rowan University.

53. Whenever in any law, rule, regulation, contract, document, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise, reference is made to Rowan University, the same shall mean and refer to Rowan University, herein referred to as "university," established as a public research university pursuant to the provisions of this act.

C.18A:64M-22 Powers of Secretary of Higher Education.

54. The general powers of supervision and control of the Secretary of Higher Education at the request of the Governor over Rowan University include the power to visit the university to examine into its manner of conducting its affairs and to enforce an observance of its laws and regulations and the laws of the State.

C.18A:64M-23 Governor of contract claims, suits.

55. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the "New Jersey Contractual Liability Act" (N.J.S.59:13-1 et seq.) to the contrary, contract claims and suits against the university shall be governed by that act.

C.18A:64M-24 Warranty by contractor.

56. Every contract or agreement negotiated, awarded or made pursuant to this act shall contain a suitable warranty by the contractor that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business, for the breach or violation of which warranty the university shall have the right to annul such contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

C.18A:64M-25 Violations deemed misdemeanor.

57. Any person willfully authorizing, consenting to, making or procuring to be made payment of university funds for or on account of any purchase, contract or agreement known

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to him to have been made or entered into in violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

C.18A:64M-26 Certain transactions prohibited.

58. The payment of any fee, commission or compensation of any kind or the granting of any gift or gratuity of any kind, either directly or indirectly, whether or not in connection with any purchase, sale or contract, to any person employed by Rowan University, having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase or acquisition of any property or services by the university, by or on behalf of any seller or supplier who has made, negotiated, solicited or offered to make and contract to sell or furnish real or personal property or services to the university is hereby prohibited. Any person offering, paying, giving, soliciting or receiving any fee, commission, compensation, gift or gratuity in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

C.18A:64M-27 Terms of board members unaltered.

59. The provisions of this act shall not alter the term of any member of the board, not specifically abolished herein, lawfully in office as of the effective date of this act, or require the reappointment thereof.

C.18A:64M-28 Construction of act.

60. No provision of this act shall be deemed or construed to create or constitute a debt, liability, or a loan or pledge of the credit, of the State of New Jersey.

C.18A:64M-29 Liberal construction.

61. This act, being deemed and declared necessary for the welfare of the State and the people of New Jersey to provide for the development of public higher education in the State and thereby to improve the quality and increase the efficiency of the public system of educational services of the State, shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes and intent thereof.

C.18A:64M-30 Allocation to Department of State.

62. In accordance with the provisions of section 27 of P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-27), the university is allocated to the Department of State for the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, Section IV, Paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution. Notwithstanding this allocation, the university shall be independent of any supervision or control of the Department of State or any board, commission, or officer thereof and the allocation shall not in any way affect the principles of institutional autonomy established by that act and as otherwise enumerated herein.

63. Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.387 (C.2A:14-1.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.2A:14-1.2 Civil actions commenced by the State, 10 years; "State" defined; exceptions.

2. a. Except where a limitations provision expressly and specifically applies to actions commenced by the State or where a longer limitations period would otherwise apply, and subject to any statutory provisions or common law rules extending limitations periods, any civil action commenced by the State shall be commenced within ten years next after the cause of action shall have accrued.

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b. For purposes of determining whether an action subject to the limitations period specified in subsection a. of this section has been commenced within time, no such action shall be deemed to have accrued prior to January 1, 1992.

c. As used in this act, the term "State" means the State, its political subdivisions, any office, department, division, bureau, board, commission or agency of the State or one of its political subdivisions, and any public authority or public agency, including, but not limited to, the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any civil action commenced by the State concerning the remediation of a contaminated site or the closure of a sanitary landfill facility, or the payment of compensation for damage to, or loss of, natural resources due to the discharge of a hazardous substance, and subject to the limitations period specified in section 5 of P.L.2001, c.154 (C.58:10B-17.1).

64. N.J.S.11A:6-6 is amended to read as follows:

State administrative leave.

11A:6-6. State administrative leave. Administrative leave for personal reasons including religious observances for full-time State employees or those employees of Rutgers, The State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology and Rowan University who perform services similar to those performed by employees of the New Jersey State colleges who are in the career service shall be three working days per calendar year. Administrative leave shall not be cumulative and any administrative leave unused by an employee at the end of any year shall be cancelled.

65. N.J.S.11A:6-17 is amended to read as follows:

Supplemental compensation; employees of Rutgers, The State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Rowan University.

11A:6-17. Supplemental compensation; employees of Rutgers, The State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Rowan University. The supplemental compensation provided under this chapter shall also be paid to each employee of Rutgers, The State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Rowan University who performs services similar to those performed by employees of the New Jersey State colleges who are in the career service or who have been granted sick leave under terms and conditions similar to career service employees, including those employees of Rutgers, The State University who are members of the Newark Employees' Retirement System.

66. Section 4 of P.L.2003, c.193 (C.17B:27D-4) is amended to read as follows:

C.17B:27D-4 Membership; terms; vacancies.

4. The commission shall consist of 17 voting members as follows: the Commissioners of Health, Human Services and Banking and Insurance or their designees, who shall serve ex officio; three public members appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall include a representative of a commercial health insurance company, a physician licensed in this State who is a member of the Medical Society of New Jersey, and a representative of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, no more than two of whom shall be from the same political party; three public members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall include a representative of a health service corporation, a physician licensed in this State, and a representative of organized labor, no more than two of whom shall be from the

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same political party; and eight public members appointed by the Governor, who shall include a medical educator from Rutgers, The State University whose major field of expertise is the study and evaluation of the cost of health care and health insurance, a representative of the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, a representative of the New Jersey Hospital Association, a representative of the New Jersey State Nurses Association, a representative of the New Jersey Dental Association, a representative of a consumer advocacy organization and two representatives of the general public who are knowledgeable about health benefits plans.

The President of the Senate may appoint two members of the Senate, no more than one of whom shall be from the same political party, to serve as nonvoting members of the commission. The Speaker of the General Assembly may appoint two members of the General Assembly, no more than one of whom shall be from the same political party, to serve as nonvoting members of the commission. The legislative members shall serve during their legislative term of office.

Of the voting members first appointed, four shall serve for a term of two years, four for a term of three years, and three for a term of four years.

Voting members appointed thereafter shall serve four-year terms, and any vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term only. A member is eligible for reappointment. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

67. Section 3 of P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:3B-3 Definitions.

3. For the purposes of this act, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

"Authority" means the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71A-3;

"Commission" means the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education established by this act;

"Council" means the New Jersey Presidents' Council established by this act;

"Programmatic Mission" means all program offerings consistent within those levels of academic degrees or certificates that the institution has been authorized to grant by the State Board of Higher Education prior to the effective date of this act or approved thereafter by the commission;

"Public Research University" means Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Rowan University, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology;

"State college" means any of the State colleges or universities established pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes including any State college designated as a teaching university.

68. Section 12 of P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-12) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:3B-12 Executive board.

12. a. There shall be established an executive board which performs such duties as determined by the council. The executive board shall be composed of 15 members as follows:

The president of Rutgers, The State University;

The president of New Jersey Institute of Technology;

The president of Rowan University;

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Three presidents of State Colleges who shall be selected by the presidents of this sector;
Five presidents of county colleges who shall be selected by the presidents of this sector;
Three presidents of independent institutions who shall be selected by the presidents of this sector;

One president of the proprietary schools which have been authorized to offer licensed degree programs who shall be selected by the presidents of these proprietary schools.

b. The chair of the executive board shall be rotated among the following: one of the presidents of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, the president of Rowan University, and the president of New Jersey Institute of Technology; a president selected by the presidents of the State Colleges; a president selected by the presidents of the county colleges; and a president selected by the presidents of the independent institutions. The chair of the executive board shall serve for a two-year period. Biennially, the executive board shall select the chair in the manner provided above, but not necessarily in the order provided above.

c. The chair of the executive board shall also serve as the chair of the council.

69. Section 1 of P.L.2009, c.308 (C.18A:3B-46) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:3B-46 Definitions relative to structure and fiscal management of higher education.

1. As used in this act:

"Commission" means the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education established pursuant to section 13 of P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-13);

"Public research university" means Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Rowan University, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology;

"State college" means the State colleges or universities established pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

70. Section 2 of P.L.2007, c.171 (C.18A:26-2.9) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:26-2.9 Recommendations for autism, developmental disabilities awareness instruction, teaching methods.

2. a. The Commissioner of Education shall develop recommendations for autism and other developmental disabilities awareness instruction and methods of teaching students with autism and other developmental disabilities for teacher preparation programs in accordance with section 1 of this act and shall submit the recommendations to the State Board of Education. In developing the recommendations, the commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, representatives from entities that promote awareness about autism and other developmental disabilities and provide programs and services to people with autism and other developmental disabilities, including, but not limited to Autism Speaks, The Autism Center of New Jersey Medical School at Rutgers, The State University, and The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community, and representatives of the education community, including, but not limited to the New Jersey Education Association, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, and the New Jersey Professional Teaching Standards Board.

b. The Commissioner of Education shall develop recommendations to incorporate autism and other developmental disabilities awareness instruction and methods of teaching students with autism and other developmental disabilities for teacher and paraprofessional in-service and other training programs, where appropriate, and shall submit the

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recommendations to the State board. In developing the recommendations, the commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, representatives from entities that promote awareness about autism and other developmental disabilities and provide programs and services to people with autism and other developmental disabilities, including, but not limited to Autism Speaks, The Autism Center of New Jersey Medical School at Rutgers, The State University, and The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community, and representatives of the education community, including, but not limited to the New Jersey Education Association, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, and the New Jersey Professional Teaching Standards Board.

c. The recommendations developed by the commissioner pursuant to subsections a. and b. of this section shall address the following:

- (1) characteristics of students with autism and other developmental disabilities;
- (2) curriculum planning, curricular and instructional modifications, adaptations, and specialized strategies and techniques;
- (3) assistive technology; and
- (4) inclusive educational practices, including collaborative partnerships.

71. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.161 (C.18A:64-45) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64-45 New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities.

1. There is established a body corporate and politic, with corporate succession, to be known as the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities. New Jersey City University, Kean University, Montclair State University, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Thomas Edison State College, The College of New Jersey and The William Paterson University of New Jersey shall constitute the membership of the association.

72. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.161 (C.18A:64-46) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64-46 Membership of association.

2. The association shall consist of eight voting members to be appointed as follows: one member from each member institution's boards of trustees, appointed by the members thereof. In addition the presidents of the member institutions shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

Members shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses.

73. Section 3 of P.L.2006, c.95 (C.18A:64G-6.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64G-6.1 Board of directors of University Hospital; appointment; organization; powers.

3. a. The management, supervision, and administration of University Hospital shall be vested in an 11-member board of directors of University Hospital. The board shall be comprised of:

- (1) four members who shall serve ex-officio including: the Dean of New Jersey Medical School, the Dean of New Jersey Dental School, the President of Rutgers, The State University or a designee, and the Chancellor of the School of Biomedical and Health Sciences of Rutgers University; and

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(2) seven public members, three of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a five-year term with one of these members being a resident of the City of Newark; and four of whom shall be appointed by the Governor without the advice and consent of the Senate, for a five-year term, except that upon the expiration of the term of these initial four members appointed pursuant to P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.), all seven public members appointed by the Governor shall require the advice and consent of the Senate.

A member of the board of directors shall serve until the member's successor is appointed and has qualified. Any vacancies in the membership occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment but for the unexpired term only. Each member of the board of directors before entering upon the member's duties shall take and subscribe an oath to perform the duties of the office faithfully, impartially, and justly to the best of the member's ability. A record of the oath shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. Each member of the board may be removed from office by the Governor, for cause, after a public hearing.

b. The members of the board of directors shall meet at the call of the Governor for purposes of organizing. The board shall thereafter meet at such times and places as it shall designate.

c. The Governor shall designate one of the members as chairman of the board of directors. The board shall select the other officers from among its members as shall be deemed necessary.

d. The board of directors shall have the power to appoint and regulate the duties and procedures of committees, standing or special, from its members and such advisory committees or bodies, as it may deem necessary or conducive to the efficient management and operation of the hospital.

e. The board shall have the power and duty to exercise general oversight over the affairs of University Hospital to ensure the fulfillment of its mission and to:

- (1) direct and control expenditures of University Hospital funds;
- (2) borrow money;
- (3) enter into contracts with the State or federal government, or any individual, firm, or corporation;
- (4) solicit and accept grant moneys;
- (5) acquire, own, lease, dispose of, use, and operate property;
- (6) sue and be sued;
- (7) enter into a contract or other agreement with a nonprofit corporation operating one or more hospitals in New Jersey to operate and manage or assist in the operation and management of University Hospital; and
- (8) hire, fire, and fix salaries for all employees of University Hospital.

74. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.353 (C.18A:64G-35) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64G-35 "Physician-Dentist Fellowship and Education Program to Provide Health Care to Persons with Developmental Disabilities."

1. There is established a "Physician-Dentist Fellowship and Education Program to Provide Health Care to Persons with Developmental Disabilities" within Rutgers, The State University. The purpose of the program is to provide physicians and dentists with graduate and fellowship training through academic institutions in the State and continuing medical and dental education on a Statewide basis, in the provision of medical and dental services to

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persons with developmental disabilities to ensure that these services are accessible and adequately available to persons with developmental disabilities in the State.

75. Section 2 of P.L.1999, c.353 (C.18A:64G-36) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64G-36 Establishment of consortium to advise director.

2. There is established a 17-member Consortium on Physician and Dentist Training in Health Care for Persons with Developmental Disabilities to advise the director of the program on the implementation of this act.

a. The members of the consortium shall include: one representative each from the pediatric medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology and psychiatry programs at Rutgers, The State University, one representative from the New Jersey Dental School, and one representative of the University Affiliated Program, to be appointed by the President of Rutgers, The State University; the director of the Mainstreaming Medical Care program of The Arc of New Jersey, who shall serve ex officio; the Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services, who shall serve ex officio; the Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, who shall serve ex officio; the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or the commissioner's designee, who shall serve ex officio; three health care provider public members appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services, one each upon the recommendation of the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and the New Jersey Dental Association; and three public members appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services, two of whom shall represent community organizations that advocate for persons with developmental disabilities and one of whom shall be a family member of a person with a developmental disability or a person with a developmental disability who is a self advocate.

The President of Rutgers, The State University and the Commissioner of Human Services shall make the appointments to the consortium within 60 days of the effective date of this act.

Members of the consortium shall serve for a term of three years and are eligible for reappointment, but of the members first appointed, five shall serve for a term of one year, four for a term of two years and four for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

b. Members shall serve without compensation, but the public members shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and within the limits of funds appropriated to the program.

c. The consortium shall organize as soon as may be practicable after the appointment of its members. The Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities shall serve as the chairman of the consortium. The members of the consortium shall elect a vice-chairman from among the members. All members, including ex officio members, shall be eligible to vote on all matters before the consortium. The director of the program, appointed pursuant to section 5 of this act, shall serve as secretary to the consortium.

d. The consortium shall assist the director of the program in establishing policies and procedures for the nomination and selection of physicians and dentists as program fellows. The consortium shall otherwise advise the director on the operation of the program as the director deems necessary, and as specified in this act.

76. Section 5 of P.L.1999, c.353 (C.18A:64G-39) is amended to read as follows:

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C.18A:64G-39 Appointment of director.

5. The President of Rutgers, The State University shall, in consultation with the consortium, appoint a director for the program who shall be a State licensed physician. The director of the program need not be solely responsible for the program and may continue to have other duties. The director may, in consultation with the consortium, appoint regional chairmen or chairmen of medical or dental practice specialties, as the director deems necessary for the operation of the program.

77. Section 4 of P.L.1977, c.390 (C.18A:64H-4) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64H-4 Council membership; appointment; terms; vacancies; advisory committees; executive director and employees; compensation.

4. The council shall consist of 15 members, 12 voting members and three nonvoting members; four members of the council shall be appointed by the Governor and 11 shall be ex officio members. The appointments shall consist of three representatives of the public and one student currently enrolled in a graduate medical training program; the appointed members shall be voting members of the council. The president of Rutgers, The State University, who shall serve as chairperson; a dean from one of the medical schools of Rutgers, The State University, to be selected by the president of Rutgers, The State University; the dean of the School of Graduate Medical Education of Seton Hall University; the president of the New Jersey Hospital Association; the president of the Association of Hospital Directors of Medical Education of New Jersey; the president of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; the president of the Medical Society of New Jersey; and the president of the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals or their designated representatives shall be ex officio, voting members of the council. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services; the president of the State Board of Medical Examiners and the Commissioner of Human Services or their designated representatives shall be ex officio, nonvoting members. The appointed members shall serve for a three-year term or until a successor is appointed. For those first appointed, two shall be appointed for a one-year term; one shall be appointed for a two-year term; and one shall be appointed for a three-year term. Any vacancies in the voting membership other than by expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment but for the unexpired term only. To assist the council in carrying out the intent of this act:

a. The council may appoint advisory committees representative of the medical and health care professions, educators, and students, representatives of medical and health care facilities and consumers. The advisory committees shall provide advice and assistance to the council for the council's performance of its designated functions.

b. The council may employ an executive director and additional staff to provide expertise in the gathering and analysis of data and administration. The executive director shall have the right to speak on all matters at meetings of the council but shall have no vote. The council and the advisory committees shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

78. Section 1 of P.L.2003, c.133 (C.18A:64H-9) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64H-9 "Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical School Clinical Clerkships."

1. a. There is created, within the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, the "Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical School Clinical Clerkships."

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The advisory committee shall consist of 11 members as follows: the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or his designee, who shall serve *ex officio*; four members appointed by the Governor who include one representative of the Medical Society of New Jersey, one representative of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, one representative of the New Jersey Hospital Association and one representative of an alternatively accredited medical school; two members appointed by the President of the Senate who include one representative of the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that has students from an alternatively accredited medical school participating in a clinical clerkship program; two members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly who include one representative of an alternatively accredited medical school and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that has students from a medical school of Rutgers, The State University in a clinical clerkship program; one member appointed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; and one member appointed by the President of Rutgers, The State University. No two members of the advisory committee shall be representatives of the same medical school or hospital.

b. Members shall serve for a term of three years from the date of their appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified, except that of the members first appointed, four members shall serve for a term of one year, three members shall serve for a term of two years and three members shall serve for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointments were made. A member of the advisory committee shall be eligible for reappointment.

c. The members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the advisory committee for this purpose.

d. The advisory committee shall select a chairman from among its members, who shall serve a one-year term but may serve successive terms. The advisory committee shall meet upon the call of the chairman or of a majority of its members. A majority of the members of the advisory committee shall constitute a quorum, and no action of the advisory committee shall be taken except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the entire advisory committee.

e. As used in this act, "alternatively accredited medical school" means a medical school located outside the United States: (1) in a country that applies accreditation standards that have been determined by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation within the United States Department of Education to be comparable to the accreditation standards applied to medical schools located within the United States; (2) that continues to meet the accreditation standards of that country; and (3) has medical school students participating in a clinical clerkship program in New Jersey prior to the effective date of this act, or is approved by the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey pursuant to section 4 of this act to operate a clinical clerkship program in this State.

79. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.103 (C.18A:64J-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64J-2 Definitions.

2. For the purposes of this act:

a. "Advanced technology center" means one or more outstanding programs or departments at New Jersey's public and private institutions of higher education, which are

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provided substantial and concentrated financial support to promote their development into national-level bases for innovative technology research.

b. "Business incubation facilities" means low-cost, short-term occupancy, rental spaces wherein assistance is granted to a targeted network of new companies employing selected technologies congruent with the strengths of the State's public and private institutions of higher education.

c. "Commission" means the Governor's Commission on Science and Technology as created by Executive Order No. 12 of 1982 or its successor which is established by the Legislature.

d. "Consortium" means a cooperative arrangement between two or more institutions of higher education to pursue a program for strengthening academic programs, improving administration or providing for other special needs.

e. "Innovation partnership grants" means matching grants to academic researchers performing applied research in emerging technologies at any of the State's public and private institutions of higher education, which are of strategic importance to the New Jersey economy, under regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

f. "Private institutions of higher education" means independent colleges, universities or institutes incorporated and located in New Jersey, which by virtue of law or character or license are nonprofit educational institutions authorized to grant academic degrees and which provide a level of education which is equivalent to the education provided by the State's public institutions of higher education as attested by the receipt of and continuation of regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and which are eligible to receive State aid under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, but does not include any educational institution dedicated primarily to the education or training of ministers, priests, rabbis or other professional persons in the field of religion.

g. "Public institutions of higher education" means Rutgers, The State University, the State colleges, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, the county colleges and any other public university or college now or hereafter established or authorized by law.

h. "Technology extension services" means programs that not only accelerate the application and transfer of technological innovations by the State's public and private institutions of higher education to existing industry, but also adapt these innovations to the requirements of individual business operations.

80. Section 3 of P.L.1985, c.103 (C.18A:64J-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64J-3 Advanced Technology Center in Hazardous and Toxic Substance Management.

3. There is established the Advanced Technology Center in Hazardous and Toxic Substance Management, hereinafter referred to as the center, at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in the City of Newark, County of Essex with the cooperation of a research and public policy consortium led by the New Jersey Institute of Technology and including Stevens Institute of Technology, and Rutgers, The State University. Various other public and private institutions of higher education and their faculties may be considered for participation in the work of the center in the future by the commission.

81. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.104 (C.18A:64J-9) is amended to read as follows:

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C.18A:64J-9 Definitions.

2. For the purposes of this act:

a. "Advanced technology center" means one or more outstanding programs or departments at New Jersey's public and private institutions of higher education, which are provided substantial and concentrated financial support to promote their development into national-level bases for innovative technology research.

b. "Business incubation facilities" means low-cost, short-term occupancy, rental spaces wherein assistance is granted to a targeted network of new companies employing selected technologies congruent with the strengths of the State's public and private institutions of higher education.

c. "Commission" means the Governor's Commission on Science and Technology as created by Executive Order No. 12 of 1982 or its successor which is established by the Legislature.

d. "Innovation partnership grants" means matching grants to academic researchers performing applied research in emerging technologies at any of the State's public and private institutions of higher education, which are of strategic importance to the New Jersey economy, under regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

e. "Private institutions of higher education" means independent colleges or universities incorporated and located in New Jersey, which by virtue of law or character or license are nonprofit educational institutions authorized to grant academic degrees and which provide a level of education which is equivalent to the education provided by the State's public institutions of higher education as attested by the receipt of and continuation of regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and which are eligible to receive State aid under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, but does not include any educational institution dedicated primarily to the education or training of ministers, priests, rabbis or other professional persons in the field of religion.

f. "Public institutions of higher education" means Rutgers, The State University, the State colleges, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, the county colleges and any other public university or college now or hereafter established or authorized by law.

g. "Technology extension services" means programs that not only accelerate the application and transfer of technological innovations by the State's public and private universities to existing industry, but also adapt these innovations to the requirements of individual business operations.

82. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.105 (C.18A:64J-16) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64J-16 Definitions.

2. For the purposes of this act:

a. "Advanced technology center" means one or more outstanding programs or departments at New Jersey's public and private institutions of higher education, which are provided substantial and concentrated financial support to promote their development into national-level bases for innovative technology research.

b. "Business incubation facilities" means low-cost, short-term occupancy, rental spaces wherein assistance is granted to a targeted network of new companies employing selected technologies congruent with the strengths of the State's public and private institutions of higher education.

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c. "Commission" means the Governor's Commission on Science and Technology as created by Executive Order No. 12 of 1982 or its successor which is established by the Legislature.

d. "Innovation partnership grants" means matching grants to academic researchers performing applied research in emerging technologies at any of the State's public and private institutions of higher education, which are of strategic importance to the New Jersey economy, under regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

e. "Private institutions of higher education" means independent colleges or universities incorporated and located in New Jersey, which by virtue of law or character or license are nonprofit educational institutions authorized to grant academic degrees and which provide a level of education which is equivalent to the education provided by the State's public institutions of higher education as attested by the receipt of and continuation of regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and which are eligible to receive State aid under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, but does not include any educational institution dedicated primarily to the education or training of ministers, priests, rabbis or other professional persons in the field of religion.

f. "Public institutions of higher education" means Rutgers, The State University, the State colleges, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, the county colleges and any other public university or college now or hereafter established or authorized by law.

g. "Technology extension services" means programs that not only accelerate the application and transfer of technological innovations by the State's public and private institutions of higher education to existing industry, but also adapt these innovations to the requirements of individual business operations.

83. Section 3 of P.L.1985, c.105 (C.18A:64J-17) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64J-17 Advanced Technology Center in Biotechnology.

3. There is established the Advanced Technology Center in Biotechnology (hereinafter referred to as the center) under the governance of Rutgers, The State University and with the participation of other public and private institutions of higher education and faculties who may be considered for participation in the work of the center in the future by the commission. The center shall be composed of various units at locations designated by the participating institutions, with the approval of the commission.

84. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.106 (C.18A:64J-23) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64J-23 Definitions.

2. For the purposes of this act:

a. "Advanced technology center" means one or more outstanding programs or departments at New Jersey's public and private institutions of higher education, which are provided substantial and concentrated financial support to promote their development into national-level bases for innovative technology research.

b. "Business incubation facility" means low-cost, short-term occupancy, rental spaces wherein assistance is granted to a targeted network of new companies employing selected technologies congruent with the strengths of the State's public and private institutions of higher education.

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c. "Commission" means the Governor's Commission on Science and Technology as created by Executive Order No. 12 of 1982 or its successor which is established by the Legislature.

d. "Innovation partnership grants" means matching grants to academic researchers performing applied research in emerging technologies at any of the State's public and private institutions of higher education, which are of strategic importance to the New Jersey economy, under regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

e. "Private institutions of higher education" means independent colleges or universities incorporated and located in New Jersey, which by virtue of law or character or license are nonprofit educational institutions authorized to grant academic degrees and which provide a level of education which is equivalent to the education provided by the State's public institutions of higher education as attested by the receipt of and continuation of regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and which are eligible to receive State aid under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, but does not include any educational institution dedicated primarily to the education or training of ministers, priests, rabbis or other professional persons in the field of religion.

f. "Public institutions of higher education" means Rutgers, The State University, the State colleges, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, the county colleges and any other public university or college now or hereafter established or authorized by law.

g. "Technology extension services" means programs that not only accelerate the application and transfer of technological innovations by the State's public and private institutions of higher education to existing industry, but also adapt these innovations to the requirements of individual business operations.

85. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.366 (C.18A:64J-30) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64J-30 Definitions.

2. For the purposes of this act:

a. "Advanced technology center" means one or more outstanding programs or departments at New Jersey's public and private institutions of higher education which are provided substantial and concentrated financial support to promote their development into national level bases for innovative technology research;

b. "Business incubation facilities" means low cost, short-term occupancy rental spaces wherein assistance is granted to a targeted network of new companies employing selected technologies congruent with the strengths of the State's public and private institutions of higher education;

c. "Commission" means the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology as created by P.L.1985, c.102 (C.52:9X-1 et seq.);

d. "Innovation partnership grants" means matching grants to academic researchers performing applied research in emerging technologies at any of the State's public and private institutions of higher education which are of strategic importance to the New Jersey economy under regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.);

e. "Private institutions of higher education" means independent colleges or universities incorporated and located in New Jersey, which by virtue of law or character or license, are nonprofit educational institutions authorized to grant academic degrees and provide a level of

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education which is equivalent to the education provided by the State's public institutions of higher education as attested by the receipt of and continuation of regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and which are eligible to receive State aid under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, but does not include any educational institution dedicated primarily to the education or training of ministers, priests, rabbis or other professional persons in the field of religion;

f. "Public institutions of higher education" means Rutgers, The State University, the State colleges, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, the county colleges and any other public university or college now or hereafter established or authorized by law;

g. "Technology extension services" means programs that not only accelerate the application and transfer of technological innovations by the State's public and private institutions of higher education to existing industry, but also adapt these innovations to the requirements of individual business operations.

86. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.397 (C.18A:64J-39) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:64J-39 Definitions.

2. For the purposes of this act:

a. "Advanced technology center" means one or more outstanding programs or departments at New Jersey's public and private institutions of higher education, which are provided substantial and concentrated financial support to promote their development into national-level bases for innovative technology research;

b. "Business incubation facilities" means low-cost, short-term occupancy rental spaces wherein assistance is granted to a targeted network of new companies employing selected technologies congruent with the strengths of the State's public and private institutions of higher education;

c. "Commission" means the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology as created by P.L.1985, c.102 (C.52:9X-1 et seq.);

d. "Innovation partnership grants" means matching grants to academic researchers performing applied research in emerging technologies at any of the State's public and private institutions of higher education, which are of strategic importance to the New Jersey economy, under regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.);

e. "Private institutions of higher education" means independent colleges or universities incorporated and located in New Jersey, which by virtue of law or character or license are nonprofit educational institutions authorized to grant academic degrees and provide a level of education which is equivalent to the education provided by the State's public institutions of higher education as attested by the receipt of and continuation of regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and which are eligible to receive State aid under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, but does not include any educational institution dedicated primarily to the education or training of ministers, priests, rabbis or other professional persons in the field of religion;

f. "Public institutions of higher education" means Rutgers, The State University, the State colleges, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, the county colleges and any other public university or college now or hereafter established or authorized by law;

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g. "Technology extension services" means programs that not only accelerate the application and transfer of technological innovations by the State's public and private institutions of higher education to existing industry, but also adapt these innovations to the requirements of individual business operations.

87. N.J.S.18A:65-14 is amended to read as follows:

Board of governors, membership, classification, terms, succession.

18A:65-14. The membership of the board of governors shall be classified as follows and consist of:

- a. the president of the corporation, serving as an ex officio non-voting member; and
- b. 15 voting members,
 - i. seven of whom shall be appointed by the Governor of the State, with the advice and consent of the Senate, with one of these members being a resident of Camden County, and one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly and who shall be a resident of Essex County, and
 - ii. seven of whom shall be appointed by the board of trustees, from among their members, one of whom shall be a resident of Essex County and one of whom shall be a resident of Middlesex County, elected and serving under the provisions of subsection I.c. or I.d. of 18A:65-15.

The first additional appointments made by the Governor pursuant to P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.), shall not require the advice and consent of the Senate, but thereafter such advice and consent shall be required.

All members shall serve for terms of six years, except that the terms of those initially appointed by the Governor which began on September 1, 1956, shall expire respectively (as designated by him) one, two, three, four, five and six years after June 30, 1956, and terms of those initially appointed by the board of trustees which began on September 1, 1956, shall expire respectively (as designated by the board) two, three, four, five and six years after June 30, 1956; all of whose respective successors shall be appointed to serve six-year terms. Governors may succeed themselves for not more than one additional term after having served one full six-year term (including an initial term beginning on September 1, 1956, and expiring on June 30, 1962).

88. Section 4 of P.L.2009, c.4 (C.18A:65A-1) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:65A-1 Implementation of energy savings improvement program by public institution of higher education; definitions.

4. a. The board of trustees of a public institution of higher education may implement an energy savings improvement program in the manner provided by this section whenever it determines that the savings generated from reduced energy use from the program will be sufficient to cover the cost of the program's energy conservation measures as set forth in an energy savings plan. Under such a program, a board of trustees may enter into an energy savings services contract with an energy services company to implement the program or the board may authorize separate contracts to implement the program. The provisions of: N.J.S.18A:64-1 et seq., in the case of any State college; P.L.1995, c.400 (C.18A:64E-12 et seq.), in the case of the New Jersey Institute of Technology; N.J.S.18A:65-1 et seq., in the case of Rutgers, the State University; P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.), in the case of Rowan University; and N.J.S.18A:64A-1 et seq., in the case of the county colleges; shall

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apply to any contracts awarded pursuant to this section to the extent that the provisions of such law are not inconsistent with any provision of this section.

In the case of Rutgers, the State University, references in this section to the board of trustees shall mean the Rutgers board of governors.

b. (1) To be eligible to enter into an energy savings services contract, an energy services company shall be a commercial entity that is qualified to provide energy savings services in accordance with the provisions of this section. A public institution of higher education may enter into an energy savings services contract through public advertising for bids and the receipt of bids therefor.

(2) (a) Public works activities performed under an energy savings improvement program shall be subject to all requirements regarding public bidding, bid security, performance guarantees, insurance and other public contracting requirements that are applicable to public works contracts, to the extent not inconsistent with this section. A general contractor, energy services company serving as general contractor, or any subcontractor hired for the furnishing of plumbing and gas fitting and all kindred work, and of steam and hot water heating and ventilating apparatus, steam power plants and kindred work, and electrical work, structural steel and ornamental iron work, shall be classified by the Division of Property Management and Construction in the Department of the Treasury in order to perform public works activities under an energy savings improvement program.

(b) Individuals or organizations performing energy audits, acting as commissioning agents, or conducting verification of energy savings plans, implementation of energy conservation measures, or verifying guarantees shall be prequalified by the Division of Property Management and Construction in the Department of the Treasury to perform their work under an energy savings improvement program.

(c) Where there is a need for compatibility of a direct digital control system with previously installed control systems and equipment, the bid specifications may include a requirement for proprietary goods, and if so included, the bid specification shall set forth an allowance price for its supply which shall be used by all bidders in the public bidding process.

(3) An energy services company may be designated as the general contractor for improvements to be made pursuant to an energy savings plan, provided that the hiring of subcontractors that are required to be classified pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be performed pursuant to the public bidding requirements of the board of trustees. A contract with an energy savings company shall include, but not be limited to: preparation of an energy savings plan, the responsibilities of the parties for project schedules, installations, performance and quality, payment of subcontractors, project completion, commissioning, savings implementation; a requirement that the savings to be achieved by energy conservation measures be verified upon commissioning of the improvements; allocation of State and federal rebates and tax credits; and any other provisions deemed necessary by the parties.

(4) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, a subsidiary or wholly-owned or partially-owned affiliate of the energy services company shall not be an eligible contractor or subcontractor under an energy savings services contract.

(5) When the energy services company is the manufacturer of direct digital control systems and contracts with the board of trustees to provide a guaranteed energy savings option pursuant to subsection f. of this section, the specification of such direct digital control systems may be treated as proprietary goods and if so treated, the bid specification shall set forth an allowance price for its supply by the energy services company which shall be used by all bidders in the public bidding process. Direct digital controls shall be open protocol

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format and shall meet the interoperability guidelines established by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers.

c. An energy savings improvement program may be financed through a lease-purchase agreement or through the issuance of energy savings obligations pursuant to this subsection.

(1) An energy savings improvement program may be financed through a lease-purchase agreement between a board of trustees and an energy services company or other public or private entity. Under a lease-purchase agreement, ownership of the energy savings equipment or improved facilities shall pass to the board of trustees when all lease payments have been made. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, the duration of such a lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed 15 years, except that the duration of a lease purchase agreement for a combined heat and power or cogeneration project shall not exceed 20 years.

(2) Any lease-purchase or other agreement entered into in connection with an energy savings improvement program may be a general obligation of the public institution of higher education pursuant to this subsection, and may contain: a clause making it subject to the availability and appropriation annually of sufficient funds as may be required to meet the extended obligation; and a non-substitution clause maintaining that if the agreement is terminated for non-appropriation, the board of trustees may not replace the leased equipment or facilities with equipment or facilities that perform the same or similar functions.

(3) A board of trustees may arrange for incurring energy savings obligations to finance an energy savings improvement program and may enter into any agreement with the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority or other persons in connection with the issuance by the authority of its obligations on behalf of the public institution of higher education in order to finance the institution's energy savings improvement program. Energy savings obligations may be funded through appropriations for utility services in the annual budget of the board, or incurred as a general obligation of the public institution of higher education in connection with the issuance by the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority of bonds or notes pursuant to N.J.S.18A:72A-2 et seq., or, in the case of a county college, by a sponsoring county as a refunding bond pursuant to N.J.S.40A:2-52 et seq., including the issuance of bond anticipation notes as may be necessary, provided that all such bonds and notes mature within the periods authorized for such energy savings obligations.

(4) Lease-purchase agreements and energy savings obligations shall not be used to finance maintenance, guarantees, or verification of guarantees of energy conservation measures. Lease-purchase agreements and energy savings obligations may be used to finance the cost of an energy audit or the cost of verification of energy savings as part of adopting an energy savings plan. Maturity schedules of lease-purchase agreements or energy savings obligations must exceed the estimated useful life of the individual energy conservation measures.

d. (1) The energy audit component of an energy savings improvement program shall be conducted either by the board of trustees or by a qualified third party retained by the board for that purpose. It shall not be conducted by an energy services company subsequently hired to develop an energy savings improvement program. The energy audit shall identify the current energy use of any or all facilities and energy conservation measures that can be implemented in which the energy savings and energy efficiency could be realized and maximized.

(2) To implement an energy savings improvement program, a board of trustees shall develop an energy savings plan that consists of one or more energy conservation measures. The plan shall:

(a) contain the results of an energy audit;

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- (b) describe the energy conservation measures that will comprise the program;
- (c) estimate greenhouse gas reductions resulting from those energy savings;
- (d) identify all design and compliance issues that require the professional services of an architect or engineer and identify who will provide these services;
- (e) include an assessment of risks involved in the successful implementation of the plan;
- (f) identify the eligibility for, and costs and revenues associated with the PJM Independent System Operator for demand response and curtailable service activities;
- (g) include schedules showing calculations of all costs of implementing the proposed energy conservation measures and the projected energy savings;
- (h) identify maintenance requirements necessary to ensure continued energy savings, and describe how they will be fulfilled; and
- (i) if developed by an energy services company, a description of, and cost estimates of an energy savings guarantee.

All professionals providing engineering services under the plan shall have errors and omissions insurance.

(3) Prior to the adoption of the plan, the board of trustees shall contract with a qualified third party to verify the projected energy savings to be realized from the proposed program have been calculated as required by subsection e. of this section.

(4) Upon adoption, the plan shall be submitted to the Board of Public Utilities, which shall post it on the Internet on a public webpage maintained for such purpose. If the board of trustees maintains its own website, it shall also post the plan on that site. The Board of Public Utilities may require periodic reporting concerning the implementation of the plan.

(5) Verification by a qualified third party shall be required when energy conservation measures are placed in service or commissioned, to ensure the savings projected in the energy savings plan shall be achieved.

(6) Energy-related capital improvements that do not reduce energy usage may be included in an energy savings improvement program but the cost of such improvements shall not be financed as a lease-purchase or through energy savings obligations authorized by subsection c. of this section. Nothing herein is intended to prevent the financing of such capital improvements through otherwise authorized means.

(7) A qualified third party when required by this subsection may include an employee of the public institution of higher education who is properly trained and qualified to perform such work.

e. (1) The calculation of energy savings for the purposes of determining that the energy savings resulting from the program will be sufficient to cover the cost of the program's energy conservation measures, as provided in subsection a. of this section, shall involve determination of the dollar amount saved through implementation of an energy savings improvement program using the guidelines of the International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol or other protocols approved by the Board of Public Utilities and standards adopted by the Board of Public Utilities pursuant to this section. The calculation shall include all applicable State and federal rebates and tax credits, but shall not include the cost of an energy audit and the cost of verifying energy savings. The calculation shall state which party has made application for rebates and credits and how these applications translate into energy savings.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the Board of Public Utilities shall adopt standards and uniform values for interest rates and escalation of labor, electricity, oil, and gas, as well as standards for presenting these costs in a life cycle and net present value format, standards for the presentation of obligations for carbon reductions, and other standards that the board may determine necessary.

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f. (1) When an energy services company is awarded an energy savings services contract, it shall offer the board of trustees the option to purchase, for an additional amount, an energy savings guarantee. The guarantee, if accepted by a separate vote of the board of trustees, shall insure that the energy savings resulting from the energy savings improvement program, determined periodically over the duration of the guarantee, will be sufficient to defray all payments required to be made pursuant to the lease-purchase agreement or energy savings obligation, and if the savings are not sufficient, the energy services company will reimburse the board of trustees for any additional amounts. Annual costs of a guarantee shall not be financed or included as costs in an energy savings plan but shall be fully disclosed in an energy savings plan.

(2) When a guaranteed energy savings option is purchased, the contract shall require a qualified third party to verify the energy savings at intervals established by the parties.

g. As used in this section:

"direct digital control systems" means the devices and computerized control equipment that contain software and computer interfaces that perform the logic that control a building's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system. Direct digital controls shall be open protocol format and shall meet the interoperability guidelines established by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers;

"educational facility" means a structure suitable for use as a dormitory, dining hall, student union, administrative building, academic building, library, laboratory, research facility, classroom, athletic facility, health care facility, teaching hospital, and parking, maintenance, storage or utility facility or energy conservation measures and other structures or facilities related thereto or required or useful for the instruction of students or the conducting of research or the operation of an institution for higher education, and public libraries, and the necessary and usual attendant and related facilities and equipment, but shall not include any facility used or to be used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship;

"energy conservation measure" means an improvement that results in reduced energy use, including, but not limited to, installation of energy efficient equipment; demand response equipment; combined heat and power systems; facilities for the production of renewable energy; water conservation measures, fixtures or facilities; building envelope improvements that are part of an energy savings improvement program; and related control systems for each of the foregoing;

"energy related capital improvement" means a capital improvement that uses energy but does not result in a reduction of energy use;

"energy saving obligation" means a bond, note or other agreement evidencing the obligation to repay borrowed funds incurred in order to finance energy saving improvements;

"energy savings" means a measured reduction in fuel, energy, operating or maintenance costs resulting from the implementation of one or more energy conservation measures services when compared with an established baseline of previous fuel, energy, operating or maintenance costs, including, but not limited to, future capital replacement expenditures avoided as a result of equipment installed or services performed as part of an energy savings plan;

"energy savings improvement program" means an initiative of a public institution of higher education to implement energy conservation measures in existing facilities, provided that the value of the energy savings resulting from the program will be sufficient to cover the cost of the program's energy conservation measures;

"energy savings plan" means the document that describes the actions to be taken to implement the energy savings improvement program;

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"energy savings services contract" means a contract with an energy savings company to develop an energy savings plan, prepare bid specifications, manage the performance, provision, construction, and installation of energy conservation measures by subcontractors, to offer a guarantee of energy savings derived from the implementation of an energy savings plan, and may include a provision to manage the bidding process;

"energy services company" means a commercial entity that is qualified to develop and implement an energy savings plan in accordance with the provisions of this section;

"public works activities" means any work subject to the provisions of P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.); and

"water conservation measure" means an alteration to a facility or equipment that reduces water consumption, maximizes the efficiency of water use, or reduces water loss.

h. (1) The State Treasurer and the Board of Public Utilities may take such action as is deemed necessary and consistent with the intent of this section to implement its provisions.

(2) The State Treasurer and the Board of Public Utilities may adopt implementation guidelines or directives, and adopt such administrative rules, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary for the implementation of those agencies' respective responsibilities under this section, except that notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the contrary, the State Treasurer and the Board of Public Utilities may adopt, immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law, such rules and regulations as deemed necessary to implement the provisions of this act which shall be effective for a period not to exceed 12 months and shall thereafter be amended, adopted or re-adopted in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

89. Section 2 of P.L.1969, c.242 (C.18A:66-168) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:66-168 Repeal subject to certain provisos.

2. Repeal of the act and parts of acts, and all amendments and supplements thereto, pursuant to section 1 of this act, is subject to the following provisos:

a. The alternate benefit programs established by the Board of Governors of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Board of Higher Education for certain employees of State and county colleges, are continued except as the benefit and contribution schedules are revised by this act.

b. The timely filing of applications for transfer from the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and the Group Annuity Plan as specified in such acts shall be deemed to have not been revised by this act.

c. The transfer of employee and employer contributions from the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and the Group Annuity Plan to the insurers or mutual fund companies of the alternate benefit programs shall be considered as having met the requirements of said acts and shall be continued as provided by this act.

d. Any contributions made by a member of the alternate benefit program for any additional death benefit coverage established under said acts shall not be returnable to the member or his beneficiary in any manner, or for any reason whatsoever, nor shall any contributions made for the additional death benefit coverage be included in any annuity payable to any such member or to his beneficiary.

90. Section 3 of P.L.1969, c.242 (C.18A:66-169) is amended to read as follows:

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C.18A:66-169 Definitions.

3. As used in this act:

a. "Accumulated deductions" means those contributions as defined in N.J.S.18A:66-2 or in section 6 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-6).

b. "Base salary" means a participant's regular base or contractual salary. It shall exclude bonus, overtime or other forms of extra compensation such as (1) longevity lump sum payments, (2) lump sum terminal sick leave or vacation pay, (3) the value of maintenance, (4) individual pay adjustments made within or at the conclusion of the participant's final year of service, (5) retroactive salary adjustments or other pay adjustments made in the participant's final year of service unless such adjustment was made as a result of a general pay adjustment for all personnel of the department or institution, (6) any unscheduled individual adjustment made in the final year to place the member at the maximum salary level within his salary range and (7) any pay for services rendered during the summer vacation period by a participant who is required to work only 10 months of the year.

c. "Base annual salary" means the base salary upon which contributions by the member and his employer to the alternate benefit program were based during the last year of creditable service.

d. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1994, c.48).

e. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2012, c.45)

f. "County colleges" means the colleges so defined in N.J.S.18A:64A-1.

g. "Division of Pensions" means the division established in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1955, c.70 (C.52:18A-95) and is the agency responsible for the administration of the alternate benefit program of the State and county colleges and for the administration of the group life and disability insurances of all alternate benefit programs established in the State for public employees.

h. "Full-time officers" and "full-time members of the faculty" shall include the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the respective school. "Full-time" shall also include eligible full-time officers and full-time members of the faculty who are granted sabbaticals or leaves of absence with pay where the compensation paid is 50% or more of the base salary at the time the leave commences and the period of eligibility terminates with the end of the school year following the year in which the sabbatical began. "Part-time" shall be defined as an appointment where the employee receives a salary or wages for a period of less than 50% of the normal work week. These definitions shall apply to teaching or administrative staff members or to employees serving in a dual capacity where the appointment includes teaching as well as administrative duties.

i. "Group Annuity Plan" refers to the Group Annuity Contract R-134 between the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

j. "Member" or "participant" means a full-time officer or a full-time member of the faculty participating in the alternate benefit program, and after the effective date of P.L.2008, c.89, means an adjunct faculty member or a part-time instructor whose employment agreement begins after that effective date.

k. "New Jersey Institute of Technology" means the Newark College of Engineering.

l. "Pension reserve" means those moneys as defined in N.J.S.18A:66-2 or in section 6 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-6).

m. "Rutgers, The State University" means the institution of higher education described in chapter 65 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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n. "State Colleges" means the colleges so described in chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and any former State college designated as a public research university pursuant to P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.).

o. "Mutual fund company" means an investment company or trust regulated by the federal "Investment Company Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C.s. 80a-1 et seq.

91. Section 4 of P.L.1969, c.242 (C.18A:66-170) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:66-170 Alternate benefit program.

4. All full-time officers and all full-time members of the faculty of Rutgers, The State University, the Newark College of Engineering, Rowan University, the State and county colleges and all regularly appointed teaching and administrative staff members in applicable positions, as determined by the Director of the Division of Pensions in the Department of the Treasury, shall be eligible and shall participate in the alternate benefit program, except those persons appointed in a part-time or temporary capacity, physicians and dentists holding employment in positions titled intern, resident or fellow on or after the effective date of this amendatory act, persons compensated on a fee basis, persons temporarily in the United States under an F or J visa and members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund, the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Police and Firemen's Retirement System or the Group Annuity Plan, who did not elect to transfer to the alternate benefit program in accordance with the provisions of chapter 64C or 65 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, P.L.1967, c.278 (C.18A:66-130 et seq.), or c.281 (C.18A:66-142 et seq.), or P.L.1968, c.181 (C.18A:66-154 et seq.). An eligible person who has been enrolled in the alternate benefit program for at least one year pursuant to this section may continue to be enrolled in the program, notwithstanding promotion or transfer to a position within the institution not otherwise eligible for the program.

Any person participating in the alternate benefit program shall be ineligible for membership in the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund, the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Police and Firemen's Retirement System or the Group Annuity Plan and any person electing to participate in the alternate benefit program shall thereby waive all rights and benefits provided by the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund, the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Police and Firemen's Retirement System or the Group Annuity Plan as a member of said fund, system or plan, except as herein and otherwise provided by law or under terms of the Group Annuity Plan.

Any person required to participate in the alternate benefit program by reason of employment, who at the time of such employment is a member of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund, shall be permitted to transfer his membership in said fund to the Public Employees' Retirement System, by waiving all rights and benefits which would otherwise be provided by the alternate benefit program. Any such new employee who is a member of the Public Employees' Retirement System will be permitted to continue his membership in that system, by waiving all rights and benefits which would otherwise be provided by the alternate benefit program. Such waivers shall be accomplished by filing forms satisfactory to the Division of Pensions within 30 days of the beginning date of employment.

Any person receiving a benefit by reason of his retirement from any retirement or pension system of the State of New Jersey or any political subdivision thereof shall be ineligible to participate in the alternate benefit program.

No person eligible for participation in the alternate benefit program shall be eligible for, or receive, benefits under chapters 4 and 8B of Title 43 of the Revised Statutes.

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The alternate benefit programs established pursuant to this act are deemed to be pension funds or retirement systems for purposes of P.L.1968, c.23 (C.43:3C-1 et seq.).

92. Section 7 of P.L.1969, c.242 (C.18A:66-173) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:66-173 Transfer to alternate benefit program.

7. (a) When a member of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund or the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System elects to transfer to an alternate benefit program by filing the proper application form declaring his election to participate in such alternate benefit program, the respective retirement system shall transfer the amount of his accumulated deductions as of the date of transfer to his individual account in the program.

(b) There shall also be transferred from the contingent reserve fund or the pension fund of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund or the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System or from the Group Annuity Plan to the individual's account in the alternate benefit program, the pension reserve required as of the date of his transfer to provide a pension for each year of service credited to the account of the member as set forth in N.J.S.18A:66-36 or N.J.S.18A:66-44 or as set forth in section 38 or section 48 of P.L.1954, c.84 as such sections have been amended and supplemented as of July 1, 1969 (C.43:15A-38, C.43:15A-48) or as set forth in section 17 of P.L.1964, c.241 (C.43:16A-11.2) or section 5 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-5) or for each year of service credited under the Group Annuity Plan. Such transfer from the contingent reserve fund or the pension fund of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund or the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System or the Group Annuity Plan shall be made at the time of the member's transfer to the alternate benefit program in the case of any such member who has then met the eligibility requirements for a pension under the aforementioned N.J.S.18A:66-36, or N.J.S.18A:66-44, or section 38 or section 48 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-38, C.43:15A-48) or section 17 of P.L.1964, c.241 (C.43:16A-11.2) or section 5 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-5) or the Group Annuity Plan. In the case of any member who elects to participate in the alternate benefit program who has not then met the eligibility requirements for a pension under N.J.S.18A:66-36 or N.J.S.18A:66-44, or under section 38 or section 48 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-38, C.43:15A-48) or section 17 of P.L.1964, c.241 (C.43:16A-11.2) or section 5 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-5) or under the Group Annuity Plan, the transfer from the contingent reserve fund or the pension fund of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund or the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System or the Group Annuity Plan shall be effected at the time such requirements have been met, taking into account for the purpose of such eligibility requirement his years of membership service at the time of his election and his subsequent years of service as a full-time member of the faculty of Rutgers, The State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, or the State or county colleges or as an eligible employee of the Department of Higher Education, or at the time he shall have 10 years of credit for New Jersey service and becomes physically incapacitated for the performance of duty if he had been a member of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund or the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System as of the date of transfer.

The annuity to be used in determining the amount of pension is the actuarial equivalent of the member's accumulated deductions transferred from the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund or the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System to the date the member attains 60 years of age, if subsequent to the date of election.

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The amount of pension is that established by formula within N.J.S.18A:66-44 or section 48 of P.L.1954, c.84 as such sections have been amended and supplemented as of July 1, 1969 (C.43:15A-48) or section 5 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-5) or under the Group Annuity Plan, and changes to N.J.S.18A:66-44 or section 48 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-48) or section 5 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-5) enacted subsequent to this act or the Group Annuity Plan shall have no application to the provisions of this act.

In the event that the eligibility requirement under N.J.S.18A:66-36 or under section 38 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-38) or section 17 of P.L.1964, c.241 (C.43:16A-11.2) or under the Group Annuity Plan is changed at some future date to permit members to become eligible for such benefit prior to the completion of 15 years of service, the transfer of the reserve from the contingent reserve fund or the pension fund of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund or the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System or from the Group Annuity Plan shall be effective as of the date the member who had elected the alternate benefit program meets the amended eligibility requirement or the effective date of the amendment, whichever is later.

In the event an option is available with respect to the distribution of employee and employer contributions between fixed and variable annuities under the alternate benefit program, the employee shall have the right to determine the percentage distribution of these funds subject to any limitations imposed by the designated insurer or insurers.

(c) No transfer of pension reserves shall be made pursuant to this section where more than two consecutive years elapse in which no employer contributions to an alternate benefit program are required.

93. Section 8 of P.L.1969, c.242 (C.18A:66-174) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:66-174 Reduction from compensation of participants; payments of employer contributions.

8. (a) Rutgers, The State University and the New Jersey Institute of Technology shall reduce the compensation of each participant in the alternate benefit program and pay over to the insurers or mutual fund companies for the benefit of the participant an employee contribution for the retirement annuity contract or contracts equal to 5% of the participant's base salary. The intervals for deductions or reductions and payments shall be determined by the respective school governing bodies.

The Division of Pensions and Benefits shall provide for reductions from the compensation of each participant in the alternate benefit program employed by the State and county colleges of an employee contribution equal to 5% of the participant's base salary and pay this amount to the insurers or mutual fund companies for the individual's retirement annuity contract or contracts. The intervals for deductions or reductions and payments shall be determined by the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

The Division of Pensions and Benefits may require that all participant contributions be made in accordance with section 414(h) of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. s.414(h)).

(b) Based on a certification to the Division of Pensions and Benefits by Rutgers, The State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Rowan University of the number and base salary of participants, the division shall authorize the State to make payment of the employer contributions to the alternate benefit program at a rate equal to 8% of the employee's base salary, except the amount of the contribution shall not exceed 8% of the maximum salary for department officers established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1974,

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c.55 (C.52:14-15.107), which moneys shall be paid to the designated insurers or mutual fund companies for the benefit of each participant.

Based on a certification by the Division of Pensions and Benefits of the number and base salary of participants employed by the State and county colleges, the State shall make payment of the employer contributions to the alternate benefit program at a rate equal to 8% of the employee's base salary, except the amount of the contribution shall not exceed 8% of the maximum salary for department officers established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1974, c.55 (C.52:14-15.107), which moneys shall be paid to the designated insurers or mutual fund companies for the benefit of each participant.

(c) For the member of the Public Employees' Retirement System employed by the county colleges, who is defined in the regulations of the Division of Pensions and Benefits as a full-time faculty member and who is permitted to transfer his membership and does so, the State shall pay the employer contribution to the alternate benefit program at a rate equal to 8% of the member's base salary, except the amount of the contribution shall not exceed 8% of the maximum salary for department officers established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1974, c.55 (C.52:14-15.107). If the member continues membership in the Public Employees' Retirement System, the State shall pay the employer contribution to the retirement system on his behalf and such employer contribution shall be at a rate equal to the normal contribution made by the State on behalf of nonveteran members of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

(d) For any nonacademic employee of a county college, as defined in section 4 of P.L.1969, c.242 (C.18A:66-170), who is eligible for the program according to the regulations of the Director of the Division of Pensions and Benefits, the county college shall pay the employer contribution to the retirement system on the employee's behalf in the same manner as the State, pursuant to this section.

94. Section 24 of P.L.1969, c.242 (C.18A:66-190) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:66-190 Authority to enter into agreements for annuity purchases; method of payment; limitations.

24. The Board of Governors of Rutgers, The State University, the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, the Board of Trustees of Rowan University, and the boards of trustees of State and county colleges, are hereby authorized to enter into agreement with each employee participating in the alternate benefit program whereby the employee agrees to take a reduction in salary with respect to amounts earned after the effective date of such agreement in return for the agreement of the respective institution to use a corresponding amount to purchase an annuity for such employee so as to obtain the benefits afforded under section 403(b) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, as amended. Any such agreement shall specify the amount of such reduction, the effective date thereof, and shall be legally binding and irrevocable with respect to amounts earned while the agreement is in effect; provided, however, that such agreement may be terminated after it has been in effect for a period of not less than one year upon notice in writing by either party, and provided further that not more than one such agreement shall be entered into during any taxable year of the employee. For the purposes of this section, any annuity or other contract which meets the requirements of section 403(b) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, as amended, may be utilized. The amount of the reduction in salary under any agreement entered into between the institutions and any employee pursuant to this section shall not exceed the limitations set forth in P.L.93-406 (Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974) and Section 415(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended for such year.

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Amounts payable pursuant to this section by an institution on behalf of an employee for a pay period shall be transmitted and credited not later than the fifth business day after the date on which the employee is paid for that pay period.

95. Section 25 of P.L.1969, c.242 (C.18A:66-191) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:66-191 Prohibited payments; authorized payments.

25. No retirement, death or other benefit shall be payable by the State, Rutgers, The State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University or the Division of Pensions under the alternate benefit program. Benefits shall be payable to participating employees and their beneficiaries only by the designated insurers or mutual fund companies under the terms of the contracts.

96. Section 3 of P.L.1969, c.142 (C.18A:71-30) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:71-30 Definitions.

3. As used in this act, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) The term "board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund created by section 4 of P.L.1968, c.142 (C.18A:71-31).

(b) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1994, c.48).

(c) The term "department" shall mean the Department of State.

(d) The term "fund" shall mean the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund created by section 4 of P.L.1968, c.142 (C.18A:71-31).

(e) The term "higher education" shall mean that education which is provided by any or all of the public institutions of higher education as herein defined or any or all equivalent private institutions.

(f) The term "public institutions of higher education" shall mean and include Rutgers, The State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, the eight State colleges, the county colleges, and any other public universities, colleges or county colleges now or hereafter established or authorized by law.

97. N.J.S.18A:71A-4 is amended to read as follows:

Board of the authority.

18A:71A-4. a. The Board of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall consist of 18 members as follows: the State Treasurer, ex-officio, or a designee; the Secretary of Higher Education, ex-officio, or a designee from among the public members of the commission; the chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Educational Opportunity Fund, ex-officio, or a designee from among the public members of the board; five representatives from eligible institutions in this State, including one from Rutgers, the State University, one from either the New Jersey Institute of Technology or Rowan University, one from the county colleges, one from the State colleges, and one from the independent institutions of higher education in the State; two students from different collegiate institutional sectors; seven public members who shall be residents of this State, including one who shall represent a lender party to a participation agreement with the authority; and the executive director of the authority, or designee, who shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the board.

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b. The seven public members, including the lender member, shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. No more than four of the public members shall be members of the same political party. The institutional representatives shall be nominated by the respective institution in the case of Rutgers, the State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Rowan University. The remaining institutional representatives shall be nominated by the respective sector association. Institutional representatives shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The student members shall be the individuals that the Student Advisory Committee elects as its chairperson and vice-chairperson. The Student Advisory Committee shall be created by the board to include students from all collegiate institutional sectors. The necessary appointments shall be made within 45 days of the enactment of P.L.1999, c.46 (N.J.S.18A:71A-1 et al.).

c. Public and institutional members of the board shall serve a term of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified, except in the case of the first members so appointed, four of whom shall be appointed for a term of four years, four of whom shall be appointed for a term of three years, two of whom shall be appointed for a term of two years, and two of whom shall be appointed for a term of one year. Student members shall serve a term of office not to exceed two years. Any vacancy in the membership of the board, occurring otherwise than by expiration of term, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment or election was made, but for the unexpired term only.

98. Section 3 of P.L.2000, c.163 (C.18A:71B-55) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:71B-55 Definitions regarding scholarship.

3. As used in this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Tony Pompelio Commemorative Scholarship Fund for the children of crime victims created pursuant to this act.

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

"Executive director" means the chief executive and administrative officer of the authority.

"Authority" means the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71A-1 et seq., the "Higher Education Student Assistance Authority Law," or any body, entity, commission, or department succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to whom the powers conferred upon the authority by N.J.S.18A:71A-1 et seq. shall be given by law.

"Public Institutions of Higher Education" means the State colleges and universities created pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; the county colleges; the New Jersey Institute of Technology; Rutgers, the State University; Rowan University; and any other public universities, colleges, county colleges and junior colleges now or hereafter established or authorized by law.

99. N.J.S.18A:71C-32 is amended to read as follows:

Definitions.

18A:71C-32. "Approved site" means a site located within a State designated underserved area or a health professional shortage area, or a clinic which is part of the extramural network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey Dental School of Rutgers, The State University, or a site that has been determined by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, in consultation with the Department of Health and Senior Services, to serve

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medically underserved populations according to criteria determined by the authority, including, but not limited to, the percentage of medically underserved patients served.

"Authority" means the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

"Eligible qualifying loan expenses" means the cumulative outstanding balance of student loans covering the cost of attendance at an undergraduate institution of medical, dental, or other primary care professional education at the time an applicant is selected for the program. Interest paid or due on qualifying loans that an applicant has taken out for use in paying the costs of undergraduate medical, dental, or other primary care professional education shall be considered eligible for reimbursement under the program. The authority may establish a limit on the total amount of qualifying loans which may be redeemed for participants under the program, provided that the total redemption of qualifying loans does not exceed \$120,000, or the maximum amount authorized by the federal government, whichever is greater, either in State funds or the sum of federal, State, and other non-federal matching funds, pursuant to section 338I of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.s.254q-1), whichever is applicable.

"Executive director" means the executive director of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

"Health professional shortage area" (HPSA) means an urban or rural area, a population group or a public or non-profit private medical or dental facility or other public facility which the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines has a health professional shortage pursuant to section 332 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. s.254e).

"Primary care" means the practice of family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, general obstetrics, gynecology, pediatric dentistry, general dentistry, public health dentistry, and any other areas of medicine or dentistry which the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services may define as primary care. Primary care also includes the practice of a nurse-practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, and physician assistant.

"Primary care practitioner" means a State-licensed or certified health care professional who has obtained a degree in allopathic or osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or another primary care profession at an undergraduate institution of medical, dental, or other primary care professional education, as applicable.

"Program" means the Primary Care Practitioner Loan Redemption Program established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71C-33.

"Program participant" means a primary care practitioner who contracts with the authority to engage in the clinical practice of primary care at an approved site in exchange for the redemption of eligible qualifying loan expenses provided under the program.

"Qualifying loan" means a government or commercial loan for the actual costs paid for tuition and reasonable education and living expenses relating to the obtaining of a degree in allopathic or osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or another primary care profession.

"State designated underserved area" means a geographic area in this State which has been ranked by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services on the basis of health status and economic indicators as reflecting a medical or dental health professional shortage.

"Total and permanent disability" means a physical or mental disability that is expected to continue indefinitely or result in death and renders a participant in the program unable to perform that person's service obligation, as determined by the executive director or his designee.

"Undergraduate medical, dental, or other primary care professional education" means the period of time between entry into medical school, dental school, or other primary care professional training program and the award of a degree in allopathic or osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or another primary care profession, respectively.

100. N.J.S.18A:71C-35 is amended to read as follows:

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Ranking of State designated underserved areas.

18A:71C-35. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, after consultation with the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Human Services, shall designate and establish a ranking of State designated underserved areas. The criteria used by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services in designating areas shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. the financial resources of the population under consideration, including the percentage of the population that is eligible for medical assistance pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.) and P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et seq.), and the percentage of the population that does not have health insurance coverage;
- b. the population's access to primary care services;
- c. appropriate physician, dentist, or other primary care staffing in State, county, municipal and private nonprofit health care facilities and in clinics which are part of the extramural network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey Dental School of Rutgers, The State University; and
- d. the extent to which racial and ethnic disparities in health care in a geographic area, including, but not limited to, disparities in the incidence of cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, chemical dependency, diabetes, asthma, homicide, suicide, accidental injury, infant mortality, child immunization rates, HIV/AIDS, dental caries, and periodontal disease, indicate the need to increase access to primary care services among racial and ethnic minority populations in that area.

The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall transmit the list of State designated underserved areas and the number of positions needed in each area to the executive director or designee.

101. Section 10 of P.L.2009, c.145 (C.18A:71C-36.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:71C-36.1 Performance standards for program participants.

10. a. A program participant, as a condition of participation, shall be required to adhere to performance standards established by the executive director or his designee and if the approved site is a clinic which is part of the extramural network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey Dental School of Rutgers, The State University the program participant shall also meet performance standards set by the New Jersey Dental School.

- b. The standards shall include, but not be limited to, requirements that a participant:
 - (1) maintain residency in the State;
 - (2) maintain a license or certification to practice a primary care profession in the State;
 - (3) remain current with payments on student loans;
 - (4) enter into a mutually acceptable contract with an approved site;
 - (5) maintain satisfactory performance of services rendered at an approved site; and
 - (6) report to the authority or its designee, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the authority or its designee, on the program participant's performance of services rendered at an approved site prior to repayment of the annual amount eligible for redemption.

102. N.J.S.18A:71C-38 is amended to read as follows:

Probationary period.

18A:71C-38. Each program participant shall serve a six-month probationary period upon initial placement at an approved site. During that period, the primary care staff of the

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approved site, or in the case of a clinic which is part of the extramural network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey Dental School of Rutgers, The State University, the director of the clinics and the vice-dean of the dental school, together with the program participant and the executive director or his designee, shall evaluate the suitability of the placement for the program participant. At the end of the probationary period, the primary care staff shall recommend the continuation of the program participant's present placement, a change in placement, or its determination that the program participant is an unsuitable candidate for the program. If the primary care staff of the approved site recommends a change in placement, the executive director or a designee shall approve an alternate placement at an approved site. If the primary care staff determines that the program participant is not a suitable candidate for the program, the executive director or his designee shall take this recommendation into consideration in regard to the program participant's final acceptance into the program. No loan redemption payment shall be made during the six-month probationary period; however, a program participant shall receive credit for the six-month period in calculating the first year of required service under the loan redemption contract.

103. N.J.S.18A:72A-3 is amended to read as follows:

Definitions.

18A:72A-3. As used in this act, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context indicates or requires another or different meaning or intent:

"Authority" means the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority created by this chapter or any board, body, commission, department or officer succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to whom the powers conferred upon the authority by this chapter shall be given by law;

"Bond" means bonds or notes of the authority issued pursuant to this chapter;

"County college capital project" means any capital project of a county college certified pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1971, c.12 (C.18A:64A-22.2) and approved by the State Treasurer for funding pursuant to the "County College Capital Projects Fund Act," P.L.1997, c.360 (C.18A:72A-12.2 et seq.);

"Dormitory" means a housing unit with necessary and usual attendant and related facilities and equipment, and shall include a dormitory of a public or private school, or of a public or private institution of higher education;

"Educational facility" means a structure suitable for use as a dormitory, dining hall, student union, administration building, academic building, library, laboratory, research facility, classroom, athletic facility, health care facility, teaching hospital, and parking maintenance storage or utility facility and other structures or facilities related thereto or required or useful for the instruction of students or the conducting of research or the operation of an institution for higher education, and public libraries, and the necessary and usual attendant and related facilities and equipment, but shall not include any facility used or to be used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship;

"Emerging needs program" means a program at one or more public or private institutions of higher education directed to meeting new and advanced technology needs or to supporting new academic programs in science and technology;

"Higher education equipment" means any property consisting of, or relating to, scientific, engineering, technical, computer, communications or instructional equipment;

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"Participating college" means a public institution of higher education or private college which, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, participates with the authority in undertaking the financing and construction or acquisition of a project;

"Project" means a dormitory or an educational facility or any combination thereof, or a county college capital project;

"Private college" means an institution for higher education other than a public college, situated within the State and which, by virtue of law or charter, is a nonprofit educational institution empowered to provide a program of education beyond the high school level;

"Private institution of higher education" means independent colleges or universities incorporated and located in New Jersey, which by virtue of law or character or license, are nonprofit educational institutions authorized to grant academic degrees and which provide a level of education which is equivalent to the education provided by the State's public institutions of higher education as attested by the receipt of and continuation of regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and which are eligible to receive State aid;

"Public institution of higher education" means Rutgers, The State University, the State colleges, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, the county colleges and any other public university or college now or hereafter established or authorized by law;

"School" means a secondary school, military school, or boarding school;

"University" means Rutgers, The State University.

104. N.J.S.18A:72A-26 is amended to read as follows:

Powers and duties of treasurer; institutions under State jurisdiction.

18A:72A-26. In order to provide new dormitories and to enable the construction and financing thereof, to refinance indebtedness hereafter created by the authority for the purpose of providing a dormitory or dormitories or additions or improvements thereto, or for any one or more of said purposes, but for no other purpose unless authorized by law, each of the following bodies shall have the powers hereafter enumerated to be exercised upon such terms and conditions, including the fixing of any consideration or rental to be paid or received, as it shall determine by resolution as to such property and each shall be subject to the performance of the duties hereafter enumerated, that is to say, the treasurer as to such as are located on land owned by the State or by the authority, the board of governors of the university, the board of trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology or Rowan University, the board of trustees of a State college or the board of trustees of a county college as to such as are located on land owned by the university or by the particular college respectively, namely:

a. The power to sell and to convey to the authority title in fee simple in any such land and any existing dormitories thereon owned by the State or owned by the board of trustees of a county college or the power to sell and to convey to the authority such title as the university or the college respectively may have in any such land and any existing dormitories thereon.

b. The power to lease to the authority any land and any existing dormitories thereon so owned for a term or terms not exceeding 50 years each.

c. The power to lease or sublease from the authority, and to make available, any such land and existing dormitories conveyed or leased to the authority under subsections a. and b. of this section, and any new dormitories erected upon such land or upon any other land owned by the authority, any rentals to be payable, as to the university or as to any such college from available funds other than moneys appropriated to it by the State.

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d. The power and duty, upon receipt of notice of any assignment by the authority of any lease or sublease made under subsection c. of this section, or of any of its rights under any such lease or sublease, to recognize and give effect to such assignment, and to pay to the assignee thereof rentals or other payments then due or which may become due under any such lease or sublease which has been so assigned by the authority.

105. N.J.S.18A:72A-27.1 is amended to read as follows:

Powers and duties, revenue producing facilities.

18A:72A-27.1. In addition to the powers and duties with respect to dormitories given under N.J.S.18A:72A-26 and 18A:72A-27 the treasurer, the board of governors of the university, the board of trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, the board of trustees of a State college, the board of trustees of Rowan University, and the board of trustees of a county college shall also have the same power and be subject to the same duties in relation to any conveyance, lease or sublease made under subsection a., b., or c. of section 18A:72A-26, with respect to revenue producing facilities; that is to say, structures or facilities which produce revenues sufficient to pay the rentals due and to become due under any lease or sublease made under subsection c. of section 18A:72A-26 including, without limitation, student unions and parking facilities.

106. Section 48 of P.L.2009, c.90 (C.18A:72A-82) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:72A-82 Definitions relative to higher education partnership agreements.

48. As used in sections 48 and 49 of P.L.2009, c.90 (C.18A:72A-82 and C.18A:72A-83):

"Board" means the Local Finance Board established in the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

"Bonds" mean bonds, notes or other obligations issued to finance or refinance higher education projects by a municipality, or on behalf of a municipality by a county improvement authority created pursuant to the "county improvement authorities law," P.L.1960, c.183 (C.40:37A-44 et seq.).

"Higher education partnership agreement" means an agreement between a municipality and an institution of higher education providing for the issuance of bonds by the municipality, a county improvement authority or a redevelopment entity, and the pledge of payments by the institution of higher education to secure those bonds to finance a higher education project, or part thereof.

"Higher education project" means the establishment and construction of higher education buildings and the expansion and construction of additional facilities at, and the acquisition of additional and upgraded equipment for existing higher education buildings, including but not limited to the planning, erecting, purchasing, improving, developing, constructing, reconstructing, extending, rehabilitating, renovating, upgrading, demolishing and equipping of facilities at institutions of higher education.

"Institution of higher education" means: Rutgers, The State University; a State college or university established pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; the New Jersey Institute of Technology; Rowan University; a county college and any other public university or college now or hereafter established or authorized by State law; and any college or university incorporated and located in New Jersey, which by virtue of law or character or license is a nonprofit educational institution authorized to grant academic degrees and which provides a level of education which is equivalent to the education provided by the State's public institutions of higher education, as attested by the receipt of

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and continuation of regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and which is eligible to receive State aid under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, but does not include any educational institution dedicated primarily to the education or training of ministers, priests, rabbis or other professional persons in the field of religion.

"Municipality" means the municipal governing body or an entity acting on behalf of the municipality if permitted by the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or, if a redevelopment agency or redevelopment entity is established in the municipality pursuant to P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-1 et seq.) and the municipality so provides, the redevelopment agency or entity so established.

107. Section 3 of P.L.1985, c.493 (C.18A:72H-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:72H-3 Definitions.

3. As used in this act:

a. "Auditorily impaired" means a hearing impairment of such severity that the individual depends primarily upon visual communication.

b. "Competent authority" means any doctor of medicine or any doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice medicine and surgery in this State.

c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1994, c.48).

d. "Eligible student" means any student "admitted to a public or independent institution of higher education who is" suffering from a visual impairment, auditory impairment or a specific learning disability within guidelines established by the Commission on Higher Education pursuant to regulations promulgated under this act.

e. "Independent institution of higher education" means a college or university incorporated and located in New Jersey, which by virtue of law or character or license is a nonprofit educational institution authorized to grant academic degrees and which provides a level of education which is equivalent to the education provided by the State's public institutions of higher education, as attested by the receipt of and continuation of regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and which is eligible to receive State aid under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, but does not include any educational institution dedicated primarily to the education or training of ministers, priests, rabbis or other professional persons in the field of religion.

f. "Learning disability" means a significant barrier to learning caused by a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which disorder may manifest itself in imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations. The disorder includes conditions such as perceptual handicap, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. This term shall not include learning problems which are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor handicaps, mental retardation, emotional disturbances, or environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

g. "Program" means the Higher Education Services for Visually Impaired, Auditorily Impaired and Learning Disabled Students Program established pursuant to this act.

h. "Public institution of higher education" means Rutgers, The State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, the State colleges and the county colleges.

i. "Support services" or "supportive services" means services that assist eligible students in obtaining a college education and include, but are not limited to, interpreters, note takers, and tutors.

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j. "Visually impaired" means a vision impairment where the better eye with correction does not exceed 20/200 or where there is a field defect in the better eye in which the diameter of the field is no greater than 20 degrees.

108. Section 2 of P.L.1987, c.183 (C.18A:72J-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:72J-2 Martin Luther King Physician-Dentist Scholarships.

2. There are created the Martin Luther King Physician-Dentist Scholarships which shall be maintained by the State and awarded and administered pursuant to this act to students from disadvantaged or minority backgrounds enrolled in the Rutgers University School of Dentistry.

109. Section 2 of P.L.2007, c.172 (C.26:1A-36.7a) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:1A-36.7a Activities of Early Intervention Program relative to autism spectrum disorders.

2. The Early Intervention Program in the Department of Health, established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1993, c.309 (C.26:1A-36.7), shall conduct activities to address the specific needs of children with autism spectrum disorders and their families. These activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. developing, in consultation with autism experts and advocates, including, but not limited to, the Governor's Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism, Autism Speaks, The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community, The Autism Center of New Jersey Medical School at Rutgers, The State University, the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network, Inc., and the New Jersey chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, guidelines for health care professionals to use in evaluating infants and toddlers living in the State for autism and to ensure the timely referral by health care professionals of infants and toddlers who are identified as having autism or suspected of being on the autism spectrum to the Early Intervention Program in order to provide appropriate services to those infants and toddlers as early as possible;

b. referring affected children who are identified as having autism or suspected of being on the autism spectrum and their families to schools and agencies, including community, consumer, and parent-based agencies, and organizations and other programs mandated by Part C of the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act" (20 U.S.C. s.1431 et seq.), which offer programs specifically designed to meet the unique needs of children with autism;

c. collecting data on Statewide autism screening, diagnosis, and intervention programs and systems that can be used for applied research, program evaluation, and policy development; and

d. disseminating information on the medical care of individuals with autism to health care professionals and the general public.

110. Section 23 of P.L.1972, c.29 (C.26:2I-23) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:2I-23 Power of State departments, agencies.

23. In order to provide new health care organizations and to enable the construction and financing thereof, to refinance indebtedness hereafter created by the authority for the purpose of providing one or more health care organizations or additions or improvements thereto or modernization thereof or for any one or more of said purposes but for no other purpose unless authorized by law, each of the following bodies shall have the powers hereafter

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enumerated to be exercised upon such terms and conditions, including the fixing of fair consideration or rental to be paid or received, as it shall determine by resolution as to such property and each shall be subject to the performance of the duties hereafter enumerated, that is to say, the Department of Health as to such as are located on land owned by, or owned by the State and held for, any State institution or on lands of the institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health or of the Department of Human Services, or by the authority, the Commissioner of Human Services as to State institutions operated by that department, the board of trustees or governing body of any public health care organization, the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University, as to such as are located on land owned by the university, or by the State for the university, the State or by the particular public health care organization, respectively, namely:

a. The power to sell and to convey to the authority title in fee simple in any such land and any existing health care facility thereon owned by the State and held for any department thereof or of any of the institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health or the power to sell and to convey to the authority such title as the State or the public health care organization, respectively, may have in any such land and any existing health care facility thereon.

b. The power to lease to the authority any land and any existing health care facility thereon so owned for a term or terms not exceeding 50 years each.

c. The power to lease or sublease from the authority, and to make available, any such land and existing health care facility conveyed or leased to the authority under subsections a. and b. of this section, and any new health care facility erected upon such land or upon any other land owned by the authority.

d. The power and duty, upon receipt of notice of any assignment by the authority of any lease or sublease made under subsection c. of this section, or of any of its rights under any such lease or sublease, to recognize and give effect to such assignment, and to pay to the assignee thereof rentals or other payments then due or which may become due under any such lease or sublease which has been so assigned by the authority.

111. Section 25 of P.L.1972, c.29 (C.26:2I-25) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:2I-25 Powers relative to revenue producing facilities.

25. In addition to the powers and duties with respect to health care organizations given under sections 23 and 24 of P.L.1972, c.29 (C.26:2I-23 and C.26:2I-24, respectively), the board of trustees or governing body of any State institution or public health care organization and the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University shall also have the same powers and be subject to the same duties in relation to any conveyance, lease or sublease made under subsection a., b., or c. of section 24 of P.L.1972, c.29 (C.26:2I-24), with respect to revenue producing facilities; that is to say, structures or facilities which produce revenues sufficient to pay the rentals due and to become due under any lease or sublease made under subsection c. of section 24 of P.L.1972, c.29 (C.26:2I-24), including, without limitation, extended care and parking facilities.

112. Section 27 of P.L.1972, c.29 (C.26:2I-27) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:2I-27 Powers exercised by resolution of governing body, trustees.

27. To the extent not otherwise expressly provided under existing law, all powers and duties conferred upon any State institution or Rutgers, The State University or any county, city or municipal health care organization pursuant to this act shall be exercised and

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performed by resolution of its governing body and all powers and duties conferred upon any of these health care organizations pursuant to this act shall be exercised and performed by resolution of its board of trustees or governing body.

113. Section 1 of P.L.1986, c.106 (C.26:2K-35) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:2K-35 Definitions.

1. As used in this act:

a. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

b. "Dispatch" means the coordinated request for and dispatch of the emergency medical service helicopter response unit by a central communications center located in the service area, following protocols developed by the mobile intensive care hospital, the regional trauma or critical care center, the commissioner, and the superintendent.

c. "Emergency medical service helicopter response unit" means a specially equipped hospital-based emergency medical service helicopter staffed by advanced life support personnel and operated for the provision of advanced life support services under the medical direction of a mobile intensive care program and the regional trauma or critical care center authorized by the commissioner.

d. "Emergency medical transportation" means the prehospital or interhospital transportation of an acutely ill or injured patient by a dedicated emergency medical service helicopter response unit operated, maintained and piloted by the Division of State Police of the Department of Law and Public Safety, pursuant to regulations adopted by the commissioner under chapter 40 of Title 8 of the New Jersey Administrative Code.

e. "Medical direction" means the medical control and medical orders transmitted from the physician of the mobile intensive care hospital or from the physician at the regional trauma or critical care center to the staff of the helicopter. The mobile intensive care unit coordinating center and regional trauma or critical care center shall have the ability to cross patch and consult with each other as approved by the commissioner.

f. "Mobile intensive care hospital" means a hospital authorized by the commissioner to develop and maintain a mobile intensive care unit to provide advanced life support services in accordance with P.L.1984, c.146 (C.26:2K-7 et al.).

g. "Regional trauma center" means a State designated level one hospital-based trauma center equipped and staffed to provide emergency medical services to an accident or trauma victim, including, but not limited to, the level one trauma centers at University Hospital in Newark, known as the "Eric Munoz Trauma Center," and at the Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center in Camden.

h. "Critical care center" means a hospital authorized by the commissioner to provide regional critical care services, such as trauma, burn, spinal cord, cardiac, poison, or neonatal care.

i. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Division of State Police of the Department of Law and Public Safety.

114. Section 2 of P.L.1986, c.134 (C.26:2N-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:2N-2 Pertussis immunization pamphlet.

2. The commissioner shall prepare and make available to all health care providers in the State and parents and guardians, upon request, a pamphlet which explains the benefits and possible adverse reactions to immunizations for pertussis. This pamphlet may contain any information which the commissioner deems necessary and may be revised by the department

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whenever new information concerning these immunizations becomes available. The pamphlet shall include the following information:

a. A list of the immunizations required for admission to a public or private school in the State;

b. Specific information regarding the pertussis vaccine which includes:

(1) The circumstances under which pertussis vaccine should not be administered or should be delayed, including the categories of persons who are significantly more vulnerable to major adverse reactions than are members of the general population;

(2) Possible adverse reactions to pertussis vaccine and the early warning signs or symptoms that may be precursors to a major adverse reaction which, upon occurrence, should be brought to the immediate attention of the health care provider who administered the vaccine;

(3) A form that the parent or guardian may use to monitor symptoms of a possible adverse reaction and which includes places where the parent or guardian can record information about the symptoms that will assist the health care provider; and

(4) Measures that a parent or guardian should take to reduce the risk of, or to respond to, a major adverse reaction including identification of who should be notified of the reaction and when the notification should be made.

The commissioner shall prepare the pamphlet in consultation with the Medical Society of New Jersey and shall adopt by regulation the information contained in the pamphlet, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

115. Section 2 of P.L.1999, c.66 (C.26:2U-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:2U-2 Informational manual; preparation, availability.

2. The Department of Health, in consultation with the New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association, Inc., and the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey, shall prepare and make available to all health care providers in the State, upon request, a manual which provides information about the clinical significance, diagnosis and treatment of chronic fatigue syndrome. The manual may contain any other information which the Commissioner of Health deems necessary and may be revised by the department whenever new information about chronic fatigue syndrome becomes available. The department shall publicize and make available the manual to the maximum extent possible.

116. Section 4 of P.L.1984, c.126 (C.26:5C-4) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:5C-4 Resource center.

4. Rutgers, The State University shall, in coordination with the State Department of Health and Senior Services, serve as a resource center and may offer diagnostic procedures, medical treatment, counseling, as well as any other services that may be necessary to assist AIDS victims and their families.

117. Section 115 of P.L.2008, c.29 (C.26:2NN-1) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:2NN-1 "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline.

115. a. The Department of Human Services shall maintain a toll-free information "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline on a 24-hour basis.

The hotline shall receive and respond to calls from law enforcement officers and sheriff's officers who have been involved in any event or incident which has produced personal or

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job-related depression, anxiety, stress, or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, or disorder for the officer and officers who have been wounded in the line of duty. The operators of the hotline shall seek to identify those officers who should be referred to further debriefing and counseling services, and to provide such referrals. In the case of wounded officers, those services may include peer counseling, diffusing, debriefing, group therapy and individual therapy as part of a coordinated assistance program, to be known as the "Blue Heart Law Enforcement Assistance Program," designed and implemented by the University Behavioral Healthcare Unit of Rutgers, The State University.

b. The operators of the hotline shall be trained by the Department of Human Services and, to the greatest extent possible, shall be persons, who by experience or education, are: (1) familiar with post trauma disorders and the emotional and psychological tensions, depressions, and anxieties unique to law enforcement officers and sheriff's officers; or (2) trained to provide counseling services involving marriage and family life, substance abuse, personal stress management, and other emotional or psychological disorders or conditions which may be likely to adversely affect the personal and professional well-being of a law enforcement officer and a sheriff's officer.

c. To ensure the integrity of the telephone hotline and to encourage officers to utilize it, the commissioner shall provide for the confidentiality of the names of the officers calling, the information discussed by that officer and the operator, and any referrals for further debriefing or counseling; provided, however, the commissioner may, by rule and regulation, (1) establish guidelines providing for the tracking of any officer who exhibits a severe emotional or psychological disorder or condition which the operator handling the call reasonably believes might result in harm to the officer or others and (2) establish a confidential registry of wounded New Jersey law enforcement officers.

118. Section 10 of P.L.2011, c.210 (C.26:5B-6) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:5B-6 Availability of information about sickle cell anemia.

10. a. The Department of Health, in consultation with the Medical Society of New Jersey and Rutgers, The State University, shall prepare, and make available on its Internet website, information in English and Spanish, which is designed to be easily understandable by the general public, about the genetic risk factors associated with, and the symptoms and treatment of, sickle cell anemia, in addition to any other information that the Commissioner of Health deems necessary for the purposes of this act. The department shall revise this information whenever new information about sickle cell anemia becomes available.

b. The department shall prepare an informational booklet in English and Spanish that contains the information posted on its website pursuant to subsection a. of this section, as funds become available for that purpose. The department shall make a supply of booklets available to all licensed health care facilities engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of sickle cell anemia, as well as to health care professionals, community health centers, members of the public, and social services agencies upon their request.

119. Section 2 of P.L.2005, c.379 (C.34:11-56.59) is amended to read as follows:

C.34:11-56.59 Definitions relative to prevailing wage levels for employees furnishing State building services.

2. As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development or the commissioner's duly authorized representatives.

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"Building services" means any cleaning or building maintenance work, including but not limited to sweeping, vacuuming, floor cleaning, cleaning of rest rooms, collecting refuse or trash, window cleaning, engineering, securing, patrolling, or other work in connection with the care, securing, or maintenance of an existing building, except that "building services" shall not include any maintenance work or other public work for which a contractor is required to pay the "prevailing wage" as defined in section 2 of P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.26).

"Leased by the State" means that not less than 55% of the property or premises is leased by the State, provided that the portion of the property or premises that is leased by the State measures more than 20,000 square feet.

"Prevailing wage for building services" means the wage and benefit rates designated by the commissioner based on the determinations made by the General Services Administration pursuant to the federal "Service Contract Act of 1965" (41 U.S.C. s.351 et seq.), for the appropriate localities and classifications of building service employees.

"The State" means the State of New Jersey and all of its departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, agencies and instrumentalities, including any State institutions of higher education, but does not include political subdivisions.

"State institutions of higher education," means Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Rowan University, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and any of the State colleges or universities established pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, but does not include any county college established pursuant to chapter 64A of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

120. Section 1 of P.L.2011, c.116 (C.38A:13-10) is amended to read as follows:

C.38A:13-10 Findings, declarations relative to a veteran peer support telephone helpline.

1. a. The Legislature finds and declares that the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, in conjunction with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, has established a veteran to veteran peer support program telephone helpline. The helpline receives and responds to calls from veterans, servicemembers, and their families. It provides them with access to a comprehensive mental health provider network of mental health professionals specializing in post traumatic stress disorder and other veterans issues. All services are free and confidential.

b. Since its inception, the helpline has fielded over 6,000 calls from veterans and their families and based on prior statistics, a 10% increase in calls has been projected.

c. The helpline is funded through an allocation from a State appropriation for post traumatic stress disorder. It is appropriate that the helpline have a separate annual appropriation.

121. Section 2 of P.L.2011, c.116 (C.38A:13-11) is amended to read as follows:

C.38A:13-11 Establishment of helpline.

2. a. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall establish, in coordination with University Behavioral HealthCare of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, a toll free veteran to veteran peer support helpline.

b. The helpline shall be accessible 24 hours a day seven days per week and shall respond to calls from veterans, servicemembers and their families. The operators of the helpline shall seek to identify the veterans, servicemembers and their families who should be referred to further peer support and counseling services, and provide referrals.

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c. The operators of the helpline shall be trained by University Behavioral Healthcare of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and, to the greatest extent possible, shall be trained veterans or mental health professionals with military service expertise and (1) familiar with post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and the emotional and psychological tensions, depressions, and anxieties unique to veterans, servicemembers, and their families or (2) trained to provide counseling services involving marriage and family life, substance abuse, personal stress management and other emotional or psychological disorders or conditions which may be likely to adversely affect the personal and service related well-being of veterans, servicemembers, and their families.

d. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey shall provide for the confidentiality of the names of the persons calling, the information discussed, and any referrals for further peer support or counseling; provided, however, the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey may establish guidelines providing for the tracking of any person who exhibits a severe emotional or psychological disorder or condition which the operator handling the call reasonably believes might result in harm to the veteran or servicemember or any other person.

122. Section 3 of P.L.2011, c.116 (C.38A:13-12) is amended to read as follows:

C.38A:13-12 List of credentialed health care providers.

3. University Behavioral Healthcare of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey shall maintain a list of credentialed military-oriented behavioral healthcare providers throughout the State of New Jersey. Case management services shall also be provided to ensure that veterans, service members, and their families receive ongoing counseling throughout all pre and post deployment events in New Jersey. The continuum of services shall utilize the National Yellow Ribbon guidelines while providing ongoing peer support customized for each branch of military service.

123. Section 4 of P.L.2011, c.116 (C.38A:13-13) is amended to read as follows:

C.38A:13-13 Quarterly consultations.

4. In establishing the helpline authorized under the provisions of section 2 of this act, P.L.2011, c.116 (C.38A:13-11) the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and University Behavioral Healthcare of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey shall consult on a quarterly basis with the New Jersey Division of Mental Health Services within the Department of Human Services, the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, the New Jersey Veterans Healthcare Network, at least two New Jersey Veteran Centers, and at least two State recognized veteran groups.

124. Section 25 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-25) is amended to read as follows:

C.43:15A-25 Annuity savings fund, members' contributions.

25. a. The annuity savings fund shall be the fund in which shall be credited accumulated deductions and contributions by members or on their behalf to provide for their allowances. A single account shall be established in this fund for each person who is or shall become a member and all contributions deducted from each such member's compensation shall be credited to this single account.

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b. (1) Members enrolled in the retirement system on or after July 1, 1994 shall contribute 5% of compensation to the system. Members enrolled in the system prior to July 1, 1994 shall contribute 5% of compensation to the system effective with the payroll period for which the beginning date is closest to July 1, 1995, provided, however, that any member enrolled before July 1, 1994, whose full contribution rate under the system prior to the revisions by this act was less than 6%, shall pay 4% of compensation to the system effective with the payroll period for which the beginning date is closest to July 1, 1995, and 5% of compensation to the system effective with the payroll period for which the beginning date is closest to July 1, 1996.

(2) Members enrolled in the retirement system on or after July 1, 2007 who are:

employees of the State, other than employees of the Judicial Branch;

employees of an independent State authority, board, commission, corporation, agency or organization;

employees of a local school district, regional school district, county vocational school district, county special services school district, jointure commission, educational services commission, State-operated school district, charter school, county college, any officer, board, or commission under the authority of the Commissioner of Education or of the State Board of Education, and any other public entity which is established pursuant to authority provided by Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; or

employees of a State public institution of higher education shall contribute 5.5% of compensation to the system, and all such members described above enrolled in the system prior to July 1, 2007 shall contribute 5.5% of compensation to the system effective with the payroll period for which the beginning date is closest to July 1, 2007.

Members enrolled in the retirement system on or after July 1, 2008, other than those described in the paragraph above, shall contribute 5.5% of compensation to the system. Members enrolled in the system prior to July 1, 2008, other than those described in the paragraph above, shall contribute 5.5% of compensation to the system effective with the payroll period that begins immediately after July 1, 2008.

(3) Members of the retirement system shall contribute 6.5% of compensation to the system on and after the effective date of P.L.2011, c.78, with an additional contribution of 1% to be phased in in equal increments over a period of seven years commencing with the first year following that effective date.

c. The retirement system shall certify to each State department or subdivision thereof, and to each branch of the State service not included in a State department, and to every other employer, the proportion of each member's compensation to be deducted and to facilitate the making of deductions the retirement system may modify the deduction required by a member by such an amount as shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the compensation upon the basis of which the deduction is to be made.

If payment in full, representing the monthly or biweekly transmittal and report of salary deductions, is not made within 15 days of the due date established by the retirement system, interest at the rate of 6% per annum shall commence to run against the total transmittal of salary deductions for the period on the first day after such fifteenth day.

d. Every employee to whom this act applies shall be deemed to consent and agree to any deduction from his compensation required by this act and to all other provisions of this act. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation affecting the salary, pay, compensation, other perquisites, or tenure of a person to whom this act applies, or shall apply, and notwithstanding that the minimum salary, pay, or compensation or other perquisites provided by law for him shall be reduced thereby, payment, less such deductions, shall be a full and

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complete discharge and acquittance of all claims and demands for service rendered by him during the period covered by such payment.

125. Section 3 of P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-27) is amended to read as follows:

C.43:21-27 Definitions.

3. As used in this act, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) (1) "Covered employer" means, with respect to whether an employer is required to provide benefits during an employee's own disability pursuant to P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.), any individual or type of organization, including any partnership, association, trust, estate, joint-stock company, insurance company or corporation, whether domestic or foreign, or the receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, trustee or successor thereof, or the legal representative of a deceased person, who is an employer subject to the "unemployment compensation law" (R.S.43:21-1 et seq.), except the State, its political subdivisions, and any instrumentality of the State unless such governmental entity elects to become a covered employer pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a); provided, however, that commencing with the effective date of this act, the State of New Jersey, including Rutgers, The State University and the New Jersey Institute of Technology, shall be deemed a covered employer, as defined herein.

"Covered employer" means, after June 30, 2009, with respect to whether the employer is an employer whose employees are eligible for benefits during periods of family temporary disability leave pursuant to P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.), and, after December 31, 2008, whether employees of the employer are required to make contributions pursuant to R.S.43:21-7(d)(1)(G)(ii), any individual or type of organization, including any partnership, association, trust, estate, joint-stock company, insurance company or domestic or foreign corporation, or the receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, trustee or successor thereof, or the legal representative of a deceased person, who is an employer subject to the "unemployment compensation law" (R.S.43:21-1 et seq.), including any governmental entity or instrumentality which is an employer under R.S.43:21-19(h)(5), notwithstanding that the governmental entity or instrumentality has not elected to be a covered employer pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a).

(2) Any governmental entity or instrumentality which is an employer under R.S.43:21-19(h)(5) may, with respect to the provision of benefits during an employee's own disability pursuant to P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.), elect to become a "covered employer" under this subsection beginning with the date on which its coverage under R.S.43:21-19(h)(5) begins or as of January 1 of any year thereafter by filing written notice of such election with the division within at least 30 days of the effective date. Such election shall remain in effect for at least two full calendar years and may be terminated as of January 1 of any year thereafter by filing with the division a written notice of termination at least 30 days prior to the termination date.

(b) (1) "Covered individual" means, with respect to whether an individual is eligible for benefits during an individual's own disability pursuant to P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.), any person who is in employment, as defined in the "unemployment compensation law" (R.S.43:21-1 et seq.), for which the individual is entitled to remuneration from a covered employer, or who has been out of such employment for less than two weeks, except that a "covered individual" who is employed by the State of New Jersey, including Rutgers, The State University or the New Jersey Institute of Technology, or by any governmental entity or instrumentality which elects to become a "covered employer" pursuant to this amendatory act, shall not be eligible to receive any benefits under the "Temporary Disability Benefits Law" until such individual has exhausted all sick leave accumulated as an employee in the

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classified service of the State or accumulated under terms and conditions similar to classified employees or accumulated under the terms and conditions pursuant to the laws of this State or as the result of a negotiated contract with any governmental entity or instrumentality which elects to become a "covered employer."

"Covered individual" shall not mean, with respect to whether an individual is eligible for benefits during an individual's own disability pursuant to P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.), any member of the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

(2) "Covered individual" means, with respect to whether an individual is eligible for benefits during the individual's period of family temporary disability leave pursuant to P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.), any individual who is in employment, as defined in the "unemployment compensation law" (R.S.43:21-1 et seq.), for which the individual is entitled to remuneration from a covered employer, or who has been out of that employment for less than two weeks.

(c) "Division" or "commission" means the Division of Temporary Disability Insurance of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and any transaction or exercise of authority by the director of the division shall be deemed to be performed by the division.

(d) "Day" shall mean a full calendar day beginning and ending at midnight.

(e) "Disability" shall mean such disability as is compensable under section 5 of P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-29).

(f) "Disability benefits" shall mean any cash payments which are payable to a covered individual for all or part of a period of disability pursuant to P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.).

(g) "Period of disability" with respect to any covered individual shall mean:

(1) The entire period of time during which the covered individual is continuously and totally unable to perform the duties of the covered individual's employment because of the covered individual's own disability, except that two periods of disability due to the same or related cause or condition and separated by a period of not more than 14 days shall be considered as one continuous period of disability; provided the individual has earned wages during such 14-day period with the employer who was the individual's last employer immediately preceding the first period of disability; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2009, the entire period of family temporary disability leave taken from employment by the covered individual.

(h) "Wages" shall mean all compensation payable by covered employers to covered individuals for personal services, including commissions and bonuses and the cash value of all compensation payable in any medium other than cash.

(i) (1) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2001, c.17).

(2) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2001, c.17).

(3) "Base week" with respect to periods of disability commencing on or after October 1, 1985 and before January 1, 2001, means any calendar week during which a covered individual earned in employment from a covered employer remuneration equal to not less than 20% of the Statewide average weekly wage determined under subsection (c) of R.S.43:21-3, which shall be adjusted to the next higher multiple of \$1.00 if not already a multiple thereof.

(4) "Base week" with respect to periods of disability commencing on or after January 1, 2001, means any calendar week of a covered individual's base year during which the covered individual earned in employment from a covered employer remuneration not less than an amount 20 times the minimum wage in effect pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a4) on October 1 of the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the benefit year commences, which amount shall be adjusted to the next higher multiple of \$1.00

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if not already a multiple thereof, except that if in any calendar week an individual subject to this paragraph is in employment with more than one employer, the covered individual may in that calendar week establish a base week with respect to each of the employers from whom the covered individual earns remuneration equal to not less than the amount defined in this paragraph during that week.

(j) (1) "Average weekly wage" means the amount derived by dividing a covered individual's total wages earned from the individual's most recent covered employer during the base weeks in the eight calendar weeks immediately preceding the calendar week in which a period of disability commenced, by the number of such base weeks.

(2) If the computation in paragraph (1) of this subsection (j) yields a result which is less than the individual's average weekly earnings in employment with all covered employers during the base weeks in such eight calendar weeks, then the average weekly wage shall be computed on the basis of earnings from all covered employers during the base weeks in the eight calendar weeks immediately preceding the week in which the period of disability commenced.

(3) For periods of disability commencing on or after July 1, 2009, if the computations in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection (j) both yield a result which is less than the individual's average weekly earnings in employment with all covered employers during the base weeks in the 26 calendar weeks immediately preceding the week in which the period of disability commenced, then the average weekly wage shall, upon a written request to the department by the individual on a form provided by the department, be computed by the department on the basis of earnings from all covered employers of the individual during the base weeks in those 26 calendar weeks, and, in the case of a claim for benefits from a private plan, that computation of the average weekly wage shall be provided by the department to the individual and the individual's employer.

When determining the "average weekly wage" with respect to a period of family temporary disability leave for an individual who has a period of family temporary disability immediately after the individual has a period of disability for the individual's own disability, the period of disability is deemed to have commenced at the beginning of the period of disability for the individual's own disability, not the period of family temporary disability.

(k) "Child" means a biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild or legal ward of a covered individual, child of a domestic partner of the covered individual, or child of a civil union partner of the covered individual, who is less than 19 years of age or is 19 years of age or older but incapable of self-care because of mental or physical impairment.

(l) "Domestic partner" means a domestic partner as defined in section 3 of P.L.2003, c.246 (C.26:8A-3).

(m) "Civil union" means a civil union as defined in section 2 of P.L.2006, c.103 (C.37:1-29).

(n) "Family member" means a child, spouse, domestic partner, civil union partner or parent of a covered individual.

(o) "Family temporary disability leave" means leave taken by a covered individual from work with an employer to (1) participate in the providing of care, as defined in the "Family Leave Act," P.L.1989, c.261 (C.34:11B-1 et seq.) and regulations adopted pursuant to that act, for a family member of the individual made necessary by a serious health condition of the family member; or (2) be with a child during the first 12 months after the child's birth, if the individual, or the domestic partner or civil union partner of the individual, is a biological parent of the child, or the first 12 months after the placement of the child for adoption with the individual. "Family temporary disability leave" does not include any period of time in which a covered individual is paid benefits pursuant to P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-25 et al.)

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because the individual is unable to perform the duties of the individual's employment due to the individual's own disability.

(p) "Health care provider" means a health care provider as defined in the "Family Leave Act," P.L.1989, c.261 (C.34:11B-1 et seq.), and any regulations adopted pursuant to that act.

(q) "Parent of a covered individual" means a biological parent, foster parent, adoptive parent, or stepparent of the covered individual or a person who was a legal guardian of the covered individual when the covered individual was a child.

(r) "Placement for adoption" means the time when a covered individual adopts a child or becomes responsible for a child pending adoption by the covered individual.

(s) "Serious health condition" means an illness, injury, impairment or physical or mental condition which requires: inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility; or continuing medical treatment or continuing supervision by a health care provider.

(t) "12-month period" means, with respect to an individual who establishes a valid claim for disability benefits during a period of family temporary disability leave, the 365 consecutive days that begin with the first day that the individual first establishes the claim.

126. Section 22 of P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-46) is amended to read as follows:

C.43:21-46 State disability benefits fund.

22. State disability benefits fund. (a) The State disability benefits fund, hereinafter referred to as the fund, is hereby established. The fund shall remain in the custody of the State Treasurer, and to the extent of its cash requirements shall be deposited in authorized public depositories in the State of New Jersey. There shall be deposited in and credited to the fund the amount of worker and employer contributions provided under subparagraph (G) of paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of R.S.43:21-7 and subsection (e) of R.S.43:21-7, less refunds authorized by the chapter (R.S.43:21-1 et seq.) to which this act is a supplement, and the entire amount of interest and earnings from investments of the fund, and all assessments, fines and penalties collected under this act. The fund shall be held in trust for the payment of disability benefits pursuant to this act, for the payment of benefits pursuant to subsection (f) of R.S.43:21-4, and for the payment of any authorized refunds of contributions. All warrants for the payment of benefits shall be issued by and bear only the signature of the Director of the Division of Unemployment and Temporary Disability Insurance or his duly authorized agent for that purpose. All other moneys withdrawn from the fund shall be upon warrant signed by the State Treasurer and countersigned by the Director of the Division of Unemployment and Temporary Disability Insurance of the Department of Labor of the State of New Jersey. The Treasurer shall maintain books, records and accounts for the fund, appoint personnel and fix their compensation within the limits of available appropriations. The expenses of the Treasurer in administering the fund and its accounts shall be charged against the administration account, as hereinafter established. A separate account, to be known as the administration account, shall be maintained in the fund, and there shall be credited to such account an amount determined to be sufficient for proper administration, not to exceed, however, 1/10 of 1% of the wages with respect to which current contributions are payable into the fund, and the entire amount of any assessments against covered employers, as hereinafter provided, for costs of administration prorated among approved private plans. The costs of administration of this act, including R.S.43:21-4(f), shall be charged to the administration account.

(b) A further separate account, to be known as the unemployment disability account, shall be maintained in the fund. Such account shall be charged with all benefit payments under R.S.43:21-4(f).

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Prior to July 1 of each calendar year, the Division of Unemployment and Temporary Disability Insurance of the Department of Labor of the State of New Jersey shall determine the average rate of interest and other earnings on all investments of the State disability benefits fund for the preceding calendar year. An amount equal to the sum of the amounts withdrawn from the unemployment trust fund pursuant to section 23 hereof multiplied by such average rate shall be determined by the division and credited to the unemployment disability account as of the end of the preceding calendar year.

If the unemployment disability account shall show an accumulated deficit in excess of \$200,000.00 at the end of any calendar year after interest and other earnings have been credited as provided hereinabove, the division shall determine the ratio of such deficit to the total of all taxable wages paid during the preceding calendar year, and shall make an assessment against all employers in an amount equal to the taxable wages paid by them during such preceding calendar year to employees, multiplied by such ratio, but in no event shall any such assessment exceed 1/10 or 1% of such wages; provided, however, that the assessment made against the State (including Rutgers, The State University and the New Jersey Institute of Technology) shall not exceed the sum of all benefits paid under the provisions of R.S.43:21-4(f) as the result of employment with the State. Such amounts shall be collectible by the division in the same manner as provided for the collection of employee contributions under this chapter (R.S.43:21-1 et seq.). In making this assessment, the division shall furnish to each affected employer a brief summary of the determination thereof. The amount of such assessments collected by the division shall be credited to the unemployment disability account.

As used in this section, "taxable wages" shall mean wages with respect to which employer contributions have been paid or are payable pursuant to subsections (a), (b) and (c) of R.S.43:21-7.

(c) A board of trustees, consisting of the State Treasurer, the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, the director of the division, and the State Comptroller, is hereby created. The board shall invest and reinvest all moneys in the fund in excess of its cash requirements, and such investments shall be made in obligations legal for savings banks; provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of P.L.1950, c.270 (C.52:18A-79 et seq.).

(d) There is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the fund, such amounts as may from time to time be required for the payment of disability benefits, and such amounts as may be required each year, as contained in the annual appropriation act, for the administration of this act, including R.S.43:21-4(f).

127. Section 2 of P.L.1999, c.201 (C.52:9E-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:9E-2 Definitions relative to spinal cord research.

2. As used in this act:

a. "Approved research project" means a peer reviewed scientific research project, which is approved by the commission and which focuses on the treatment and cure of spinal cord injuries and diseases that damage the spinal cord.

b. "Commission" means the New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research established pursuant to this act.

c. "Institutional support services" means all services, facilities, equipment, personnel and expenditures associated with the creation and maintenance of approved research projects.

d. "Qualifying research institution" means Rowan University; Rutgers, The State University; Princeton University; the Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research and Education

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Corporation; the Coriell Institute for Medical Research; and any other research institution in the State approved by the commission.

128. Section 3 of P.L.1999, c.201 (C.52:9E-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:9E-3 New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research.

3. a. There is established in the Executive Branch of the State government, the New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research. For the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, Section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of Health and Senior Services, but notwithstanding that allocation, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof.

b. The commission shall consist of 11 members, including the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, or his designee, who shall serve ex officio; one representative of Rowan University; one representative of Rutgers, The State University; one representative of the federally designated Spinal Cord Injury Model System; one representative from the American Paralysis Association; and six public members who are residents of the State knowledgeable about spinal cord injuries and who include at least one physician licensed in this State and at least one person with a spinal cord injury. The members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

c. The term of office of each appointed member shall be three years, but of the members first appointed, three shall be appointed for a term of one year, four for terms of two years, and three for terms of three years. All vacancies shall be filled for the balances of the unexpired terms in the same manner as the original appointments. Appointed members are eligible for reappointment upon the expiration of their terms. A member shall continue to serve upon the expiration of his term until a successor is appointed.

The members of the commission shall not receive compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the commission.

129. Section 2 of P.L.2003, c.200 (C.52:9EE-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:9EE-2 Definitions relative to brain injury research.

2. As used in this act:

"Approved research project" means a scientific research project, which is approved by the commission and which focuses on the treatment and cure of brain injuries.

"Commission" means the New Jersey State Commission on Brain Injury Research established pursuant to this act.

"Institutional support services" means all services, facilities, equipment, personnel and expenditures associated with the creation and maintenance of approved research projects.

"Qualifying research institution" means Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Rowan University, and any other institution approved by the commission, which is conducting an approved research project.

130. Section 3 of P.L.2003, c.200 (C.52:9EE-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:9EE-3 New Jersey State Committee on Brain Injury Research.

3. a. There is established in the Executive Branch of the State government, the New Jersey State Commission on Brain Injury Research. For the purposes of complying with the

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provisions of Article V, Section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of Health and Senior Services, but notwithstanding that allocation, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof.

b. The commission shall consist of 11 members, including the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, or his designee, who shall serve *ex officio*; one representative of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; one representative of Rowan University; six public members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom shall be a licensed physician in this State and one of whom shall be a person with a brain injury; and two public members, one of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly. All public members shall be residents of the State or otherwise associated with the State, and shall be known for their knowledge, competence, experience or interest in brain injury medical research.

c. The term of office of each public member shall be three years, but of the members first appointed, three shall be appointed for terms of one year, three for terms of two years, and two for terms of three years. All vacancies shall be filled for the balances of the unexpired terms in the same manner as the original appointments. Appointed members are eligible for reappointment upon the expiration of their terms. A member shall continue to serve upon the expiration of his term until a successor is appointed.

The members of the commission shall not receive compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the commission.

131. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:9U-3 Definitions.

3. As used in this act:

a. "Approved research project" means a scientific research project, which is approved by the commission and which focuses on the genetic, biochemical, viral, microbiological and environmental causes of cancer, and may include, but is not limited to, behavioral, socio-economic, demographic and psychosocial research or research into methods of clinical treatment; or which focuses on pain management and palliative care for persons diagnosed with cancer.

b. "Commission" means the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research established pursuant to this act.

c. "Institutional support services" means all services, facilities, equipment, personnel and expenditures associated with the creation and maintenance of approved research projects.

d. "Qualifying research institution" means the Coriell Institute for Medical Research in Camden, New Jersey, Rutgers--The State University, Rowan University, Princeton University and any other institution approved by the commission, which is conducting an approved research project.

132. Section 2 of P.L.2008, c.85 (C.52:16A-100) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:16A-100 Ellis Island Advisory Commission.

2. a. The Ellis Island Advisory Commission is hereby created and established in the Executive Branch of the State Government. For the purposes of complying with the

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provisions of Article V, Section IV, paragraph 1, of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of State.

The commission shall consist of 19 voting members, as follows:

(1) a representative of the Governor's office, the Secretary of State or a designee, the State Treasurer or a designee, the Attorney General or a designee, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or a designee, the Commissioner of Education or a designee, the Executive Director of the New Jersey Commerce Commission or a designee, the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or a designee, the Commissioner of Transportation or a designee, the New Jersey State representative of the National Trust for Historic Preservation or a designee, and the President of Save Ellis Island, Inc. or a designee, each serving ex officio;

(2) four members of the Legislature, of whom one shall be appointed by the Senate President, one by the Senate Minority Leader, one by the Speaker of the General Assembly and one by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly. Legislators appointed to the commission shall serve as members thereof for terms co-extensive with their respective terms as members of the Houses of the Legislature from which they were appointed; and

(3) four members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, of whom one shall be a representative of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, chosen with expertise in immigration issues, and three shall be members of the public, chosen with due regard for their knowledge of the role of Ellis Island in American history, including one member with expertise in the hospitality industry and one member with expertise in the development industry. No public members shall hold elective office.

b. Each public member of the commission shall serve for a term of three years, except that of the initial members so appointed: one member shall serve for one year, two members shall serve for two years, and two members shall serve for three years. Public members shall be eligible for reappointment. They shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified, and the term of any successor of any incumbent shall be calculated from the expiration of the term of that incumbent. A vacancy occurring other than by expiration of the term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment but for the unexpired term only. Public members may be removed by the Governor for cause.

c. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties subject to the availability of funds.

d. The Secretary of State, or a designee, shall serve as chair, and the members of the commission shall elect annually one of the public members to serve as vice-chair. The chair may appoint a secretary, who need not be a member of the commission. The presence of a majority of the full membership of the commission shall be required for the conduct of official business.

e. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair. The commission shall hold at least two meetings annually which shall be held at the State capitol and at such other times and places as the commission may deem expedient, including on Ellis Island.

133. Section 12 of P.L.1978, c.39 (C.52:18A-174) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:18A-174 Deferred compensation plan expanded.

12. Subject to the independent approval of the State Treasurer, the board may authorize the transfer of funds necessary to permit individuals employed at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rutgers, The State University, Rowan University, and any other agency,

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authority, commission, or instrumentality of State government which has an independent corporate existence, to participate in the plan.

134. Section 1 of P.L.1959, c.40 (C.52:27B-56.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:27B-56.1 Joint purchases.

1. The Director of the Division of Purchase and Property may, by joint action, purchase any articles used or needed by the State and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, the New Jersey Highway Authority, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the South Jersey Port Corporation, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, the Delaware River Port Authority, Rutgers, The State University, Rowan University, the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency, the New Jersey Mortgage Finance Authority, the New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority, the New Jersey Education Facilities Authority, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the South Jersey Transportation Authority, the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission, the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority or any other agency, commission, board, authority or other such governmental entity which is established and is allocated to a State department or any bi-state governmental entity of which the State of New Jersey is a member.

135. Section 2 of P.L.2005, c.373 (C.52:27C-97) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:27C-97 Foundation's board of trustees.

2. The Foundation for Technology Advancement shall be governed by a 22-member board of trustees who are appointed as follows:

a. The Executive Director of the New Jersey Commerce Commission; the Executive Director of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority; the Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology; and the Chief Technology Officer in the Office of Information Technology; or their designees, all of whom shall serve ex officio;

b. A faculty member appointed by the president of each of the following academic institutions: The New Jersey Institute of Technology; Rutgers, the State University; and Princeton University, all of whom shall serve ex officio; and

c. Fifteen public members appointed by the Governor as follows: a representative of each of the following organizations: the New Jersey Technology Council, the Biotechnology Council of New Jersey, the Forum for Academicians, Scientists and Technologists of New Jersey, the Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic Region for Tomorrow States Organization, the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, the New Jersey Tooling and Manufacturing Association, the Research and Development Council of New Jersey, the American Electronics Association - New Jersey/Pennsylvania Council, and a representative employed by a corporation from each of the following industry sectors: pharmaceuticals, financial services, advanced technology, information technology, and nanotechnology.

Of the public members first appointed, four shall serve for a term of two years, four for a term of three years, four for a term of four years, and three for a term of five years.

Members appointed thereafter shall serve five-year terms, and any vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term only. A member is eligible for reappointment. Vacancies in the membership of the foundation shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

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The members shall elect a chair and vice chair from the membership of the board of trustees.

136. Section 5 of P.L.2001, c.154 (C.58:10B-17.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.58:10B-17.1 Commencement of civil actions under environmental laws, limitations; definitions.

5. a. (1) Except where a limitations provision expressly and specifically applies to actions commenced by the State or where a longer limitations period would otherwise apply, and subject to any statutory provisions or common law rules extending limitations periods, any civil action concerning the remediation of a contaminated site or the closure of a sanitary landfill facility commenced by the State pursuant to the State's environmental laws shall be commenced within three years next after the cause of action shall have accrued.

(2) For purposes of determining whether a civil action subject to the limitations periods specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection has been commenced within time, no cause of action shall be deemed to have accrued prior to January 1, 2002 or until the contaminated site is remediated or the sanitary landfill has been properly closed, whichever is later.

b. (1) Except where a limitations provision expressly and specifically applies to actions commenced by the State or where a longer limitations period would otherwise apply, and subject to any statutory provisions or common law rules extending limitations periods, any civil action concerning the payment of compensation for damage to, or loss of, natural resources due to the discharge of a hazardous substance, commenced by the State pursuant to the State's environmental laws, shall be commenced within five years and six months next after the cause of action shall have accrued.

(2) For purposes of determining whether a civil action subject to the limitations periods specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection has been commenced within time, no cause of action shall be deemed to have accrued prior to January 1, 2002 or until the completion of the remedial action for the entire contaminated site or the entire sanitary landfill facility, whichever is later.

c. As used in this section:

"State's environmental laws" means the "Spill Compensation and Control Act," P.L.1976, c.141 (C.58:10-23.11 et seq.), the "Water Pollution Control Act," P.L.1977, c.74 (C.58:10A-1 et seq.), P.L.1986, c.102 (C.58:10A-21 et seq.), the "Brownfield and Contaminated Site Remediation Act," P.L.1997, c.278 (C.58:10B-1.1 et al.), the "Industrial Site Recovery Act," P.L.1983, c.330 (C.13:1K-6 et al.), the "Solid Waste Management Act," P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.), the "Comprehensive Regulated Medical Waste Management Act," P.L.1989, c.34 (C.13:1E-48.1 et seq.), the "Major Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Act," P.L.1981, c.279 (C.13:1E-49 et seq.), the "Sanitary Landfill Facility Closure and Contingency Fund Act," P.L.1981, c.306 (C.13:1E-100 et seq.), the "Regional Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Act," P.L.1987, c.333 (C.13:1E-177 et seq.), or any other law or regulation by which the State may compel a person to perform remediation activities on contaminated property; and

"State" means the State, its political subdivisions, any office, department, division, bureau, board, commission or agency of the State or one of its political subdivisions, and any public authority or public agency, including, but not limited to, the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

d. Nothing in the amendatory provisions to this section adopted pursuant to P.L.2009, c.60 (C.58:10C-1 et al.) shall extend a limitations period that has expired prior to the date of enactment of P.L.2009, c.60 (C.58:10C-1 et al.).

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137. Section 8 of P.L.2001, c.246 (App.A:9-71) is amended to read as follows:

App.A:9-71 Domestic Security Preparedness Planning Group.

8. a. There is established in the Department of Law and Public Safety the Domestic Security Preparedness Planning Group, which shall assist the task force in performing its duties under this act. In cooperation with the task force, the planning group shall develop and provide to the task force, for consideration, a coordinated plan to be included in the State Emergency Operations Plan to prepare for, respond to, mitigate and recover from incidents of terrorism.

b. The members of the planning group shall include the Director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, the Adjutant General of Military and Veterans' Affairs or his designee, the Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee, the Commissioner of Community Affairs or his designee, the Commissioner of Corrections or his designee, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or his designee, the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or his designee, the Commissioner of Human Services, or his designee, the Commissioner of Transportation or his designee, the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation or his designee, the State Treasurer or his designee, the New Jersey State Medical Examiner or his designee, the President of the Board of Public Utilities or his designee, a representative of the New Jersey County Emergency Management Coordinators Association, a representative of the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association, and a representative of the New Jersey State Police Chiefs Association. The planning group may include, to the extent such individuals may be made available for such purpose, a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a representative of the American Red Cross, and a representative of such other charitable groups as may be appropriate. The chairperson of the task force shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the planning group.

C.18A:64M-39 Layoffs of certain employees prohibited.

138. On and between the enactment date of this act and July 1, 2014, there shall be no layoff of any employee represented by a majority representative, who was employed as of the enactment date of this act, at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, University Hospital, Rutgers, the State University or Rowan University as a result of any reorganization, restructuring, transfer or acquisition of any school, facility, hospital, entity, function or operation of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Rutgers, the State University or Rowan University that occurs pursuant to or as a result of the implementation of this act.

C.18A:64M-40 Construction of act.

139. Nothing in P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.) shall be construed to modify or contravene the rights and obligations of employers or employees under the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

C.18A:64M-41 Pledge, covenant with bond holders.

140. The State of New Jersey does hereby pledge to and covenant and agree with the holders of any bonds heretofore issued and outstanding pursuant to a bond resolution of Rutgers, The State University or Rowan University that the entities established pursuant to this act shall abide by and otherwise fulfill the terms of any agreement, covenant, or

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indenture made by Rutgers, The State University to its bond holders and Rowan University to its bond holders, and will not in any way impair the rights or remedies of such holders.

C.18A:65-100 Protection from certain undisclosed liabilities.

141. In transferring the assets of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey to Rutgers, The State University, it is the intention of the Legislature to protect Rutgers, The State University, and to hold it harmless, subject to future appropriation, for unexpected costs or losses associated with undisclosed liabilities of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey that were not reasonably foreseeable or contemplated at the time of the transfers required by this act. Therefore, if Rutgers, The State University experiences, during fiscal years 2014 and 2015, costs or losses associated with liabilities of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey that were not identified in the certified financial statements of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey for the time periods preceding the incurrence of the cost or loss, the State shall reimburse Rutgers, The State University for such cost or loss, subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

C.18A:64M-42 Transition committee.

142. The State Treasurer shall establish a Transition Committee in such composition and with such subcommittees as he deems appropriate to advise him regarding all matters pursuant to this act, related to the division, allocation and assignment of State appropriations, debt issues, allocation of budgets, allocation of State personnel, and allocation of costs and resources, monetary and otherwise, of centralized services, involving Rowan University, Rutgers University-Camden, Rutgers, The State University, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and University Hospital. Upon the advice of the committee or of its subcommittees, the State Treasurer shall be empowered to take all necessary administrative acts to implement the provisions of this act.

C.18A:64M-43 Transfer provisions interdependent, essential.

143. The provisions of each of the transfers of the schools, functions, institutes, campuses and centers, and rights, assets and privileges thereof, shall be considered to be interdependent and essential to the intent and purpose of this act and shall be non-severable, and if any of these transfers shall be deemed unenforceable or invalid, the remaining transfers shall be unenforceable and invalid.

C.18A:65-101 "School of Biomedical and Health Sciences."

144. a. The schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and University Hospital, that are transferred to Rutgers, The State University pursuant to section 3 of this act shall comprise a university-wide "School of Biomedical and Health Sciences" within Rutgers, The State University. The School of Biomedical and Health Sciences shall also include the Rutgers University School of Nursing, the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, the Institute of Health, Health Policy, and Aging Research, and University Behavioral Healthcare. Any other schools, institutes, or centers may also be included in the School of Biomedical and Health Sciences as deemed appropriate by the president of Rutgers, The State University. As provided pursuant to section 14 of this act, University Hospital shall continue to serve as the principal teaching hospital for all of the Newark-based schools.

b. The president of Rutgers, The State University, with the consent of the board of governors, shall appoint a chancellor, who shall be a physician, to lead the School of

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Biomedical and Health Sciences. The chancellor shall be based at Rutgers University-Newark and shall report directly to the president of Rutgers, The State University.

There shall be a provost for Rutgers University-Newark responsible for biomedical and health sciences programs located in Newark and a provost, appointed by the president of Rutgers, The State University, for Rutgers University-New Brunswick responsible for biomedical and health sciences programs located in Middlesex County to report to the chancellor.

c. The School of Biomedical and Health Sciences shall be supported through a separate line item in the annual appropriations act.

C.18A:65-14.15 Appointment of chancellor.

145. The president of Rutgers, The State University, in consultation with the New Brunswick campus advisory board, shall appoint a chancellor for Rutgers University-New Brunswick, who shall not be the president of the university. The president of Rutgers, The State University, in consultation with the Newark campus advisory board, shall appoint a chancellor for Rutgers University-Newark. The chancellor of Rutgers University-Newark shall have direct responsibility for the management of Rutgers University-Newark, and the chancellor of Rutgers University-New Brunswick shall have direct responsibility for the management of Rutgers University-New Brunswick. Each chancellor shall report directly to the president of the university.

C.18A:65-14.13 Campus advisory board.

146. Effective July 1, 2013, a campus advisory board shall be appointed for Rutgers University-New Brunswick. The campus advisory board shall work with the chancellor of Rutgers University-New Brunswick in implementing the teaching, research, and service mission of Rutgers University-New Brunswick, the engagement of the campus with its local community, its region, and the State, and its commitment to academic excellence, access, and diversity.

The campus advisory board shall be composed of 11 members as follows: the chancellor of Rutgers University-New Brunswick who shall serve ex-officio; the member of the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University who is appointed by the board of trustees and who is, pursuant to N.J.S.18A:65-14, required to be a resident of Middlesex County; two Rutgers University-New Brunswick faculty members one of whom is appointed by the faculty union and one of whom is elected by the Rutgers-New Brunswick Faculty Council; one member of the Rutgers University-New Brunswick administration appointed by the Rutgers University-New Brunswick chancellor; one Rutgers University-New Brunswick staff member selected from among the staff unions; two student representatives appointed by the Rutgers University-New Brunswick student governing association; and three members of the local community, two of whom shall be selected by the Office of Community Affairs from community organizations with one of these members being an alumnus of Rutgers University-New Brunswick, and one of whom shall be selected by the Mayor of the City of New Brunswick.

All members shall serve a term of two years, renewable by reappointment or re-election in the same manner as the initial selection. A president of the advisory board shall be selected for a one-year term by a vote of the members of the campus advisory board, and may be so elected for successive terms without limit.

A member shall be subject to removal, after a hearing by a majority of the campus advisory board, for malfeasance or conduct injurious to the interest of Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

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The board shall meet and organize annually at a regular meeting held during the second week in September. The president shall serve until the following September and until his successor is appointed and qualified. Vacancies in the offices shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired term only.

Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses.

The campus advisory board shall hold at least one public meeting each semester.

C.18A:65-14.14 Duties of campus advisory board.

147. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:65-25 or any other section of law to the contrary, the campus advisory board of Rutgers University-New Brunswick shall:

- a. advise the president and the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University on the selection of the Rutgers University-New Brunswick chancellor;
- b. propose capital projects and bonding for Rutgers University-New Brunswick to the board of governors of Rutgers University; and
- c. propose an annual budget for Rutgers University-New Brunswick to the board of governors of Rutgers University.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, amend, modify, or diminish the authority of the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University to grant tenure and promotions to faculty at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, establish standards for academic programs and for the awarding of degrees for Rutgers University-New Brunswick, and make final decisions on capital projects, bonding, and the annual budget for Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

C.18A:65-102 Transfer of monies, personnel.

148. All monies including, but not limited to, grants, appropriations, capital improvement expenditures, research funds, State-funded personnel, institutional support, and grants-in-aid, previously allocated or otherwise provided to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey for the use of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, regardless of source, which remain unexpended on the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.) shall be transferred to Rutgers, The State University.

C.18A:64G-6.1g Five-year period for review of substantive changes.

149. For a period of five years after the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.), any substantive changes that result in the diminution, deterioration or reduction to essential health care services currently provided by University Hospital, including but not limited to, emergency, pediatric, surgical, family health, outpatient ambulatory diagnostic, treatment and clinical services, cancer treatment services and all services essential to maintaining level one trauma status, shall be subject to review by the University Hospital Community Oversight Board and approval by the Department of Health and Senior Services through a licensing review process. In determining whether to approve a substantive change in an essential service provided by University Hospital, among the factors the Department of Health and Senior Services shall consider is whether that service will continue to be provided to the greater Newark community through collaborative or other arrangements with area hospitals.

University Hospital shall provide quarterly financial statements to the Department of Health and Senior Services which shall be posted on the hospital's public Internet website.

C.18A:64G-6.1h Disposition of medical malpractice claims.

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150. For medical malpractice claims incurred at University Hospital, occurring before or after the effective date of this act, University Hospital and its employees shall be represented by the Attorney General in all such matters. The Department of the Treasury shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with University Hospital modeled on the June, 2003 memorandum of agreement between the Department of the Treasury and the University of Medicine and Dentistry concerning the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund, and moneys in the fund known as the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund shall be available to University Hospital solely to indemnify and defend medical malpractice claims against employees, officers, and servants at University Hospital.

C.18A:64G-6.1i Liberal construction relative to certain contracts, agreements.

151. a. The provisions of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.) and the authorization pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2006, c.95 (C.18A:64G-6.1) for the board of directors of University Hospital to enter into a contract or other agreement with a nonprofit corporation for the operation and management of University Hospital is to be liberally construed to promote the purposes of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.) and to permit the contracted manager to operate University Hospital and exercise the powers described herein notwithstanding that its actions might be deemed anti-competitive or a restraint of trade under any state or federal antitrust laws.

b. In the event that the board of directors of University Hospital enters into a contract or other agreement with a nonprofit corporation for the operation and management of University Hospital, the contracted manager may, in addition to any other authorized duties:

(1) make and execute contracts, and any other instruments including agreements in furtherance of the purposes of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.) with any health systems and providers of health care services, private payors, or other parties; and

(2) form and operate networks of hospitals, physicians, and other health care providers, arrange for the provision of health care services through such networks, and enter into such agreements, joint ventures, and affiliations directly related to the management of University Hospital.

c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of this section, University Hospital shall continue to be the principal teaching hospital of the New Jersey Medical School, the New Jersey Dental School, and any other Newark-based medical education program. University Hospital clinicians shall continue to have faculty appointments in a Newark-based school. Bargaining unit employees employed at University Hospital shall retain their status as public employees within the meaning of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.), and such employees shall continue to provide the services they were providing prior to University Hospital entering into a management contract. There shall be no substantive changes that result in the diminution, deterioration, or reduction to essential health care services currently provided by University Hospital for a period of five years after the effective date of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.) without review by the University Hospital Community Oversight Board and approval by the Department of Health and Senior Services, and any management contract shall conform to all other requirements of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:64M-1 et al.).

Repealer.

152. The following sections are repealed:

P.L.1970, c.102 (C.18A:64G-1 et seq.);

Sections 3, 6, 19, 20, 21, and 22 of P.L.1981, c.325 (C.18A:64G-3.1, 18A:64G-4.1, 18A:64G-3.3, 18A:64G-3.4, 18A:64G-3.5, 18A:64G-3.6);

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Sections 1, 7, and 8 of P.L.1992, c.84 (C.18A:64G-3.8, 18A:64G-3.9, and 18A:64G-3.10);
Section 4 of P.L.2006, c.95 (C.18A:64G-6.2); and
Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.1 (C.18A:64G-20.1).

153. Section 138 shall take effect immediately, sections 15, 20, 26, 33, 34, 38, and 146 of this act shall take effect and become operational on the 90th day after the date of enactment and the remainder of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2013 and shall first apply to the 2013-2014 academic year, but anticipatory administrative action may be taken in advance of the operative date as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

Approved August 22, 2012.