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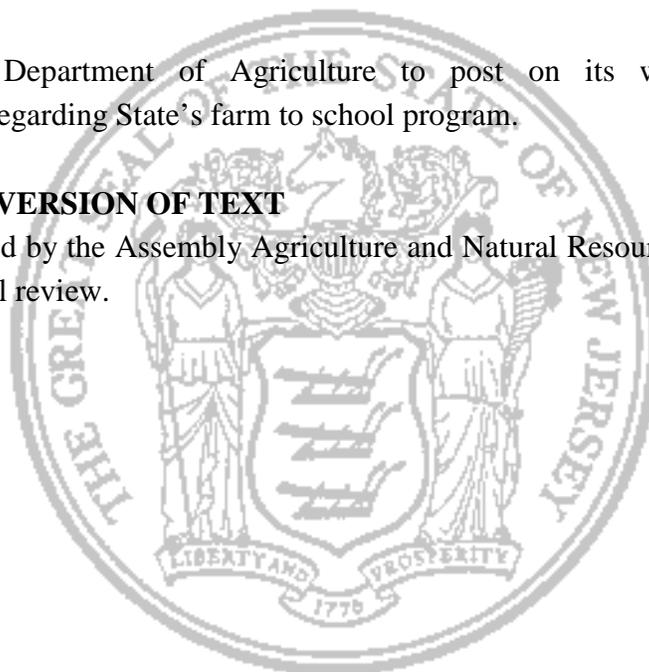
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SYNOPSIS

Requires Department of Agriculture to post on its website certain information regarding State's farm to school program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning the Internet publication of certain information
2 related to the “New Jersey Farm to School Program,” and
3 amending P.L.2011, c.10.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 2 of P.L.2011, c.10 (C.4:10-25.2) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 2. a. The Department of Agriculture shall develop **the**
11 **program** a “New Jersey Farm to School Program” and, pursuant to
12 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
13 seq.), adopt rules and regulations for its implementation, including,
14 but not necessarily limited to, **providing** rules and regulations
15 that:

16 (1) provide encouragement for schools that participate in school
17 meal programs to expand or improve their kitchen facilities to allow
18 for **producing** the daily production of meals that incorporate more
19 fresh, locally grown or produced farm produce, fruit or other
20 products **on a daily basis**;

21 (2) establish a bidding matrix that provides for school purchases
22 of New Jersey-grown food and allows schools to adopt price
23 preferences for local agricultural and farm products; and

24 (3) in conjunction and cooperation with the Department of
25 Education, provide for the incorporation and coordination of school
26 curricula with information about:

27 (a) New Jersey agriculture;

28 (b) the importance and significance of farms and farmers to
29 New Jersey's economy, culture, history, and quality of life; and

30 (c) the health value of eating fresh farm foods and locally grown
31 produce and fruits.

32 b. The Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the
33 Department of Education, shall develop a training program with
34 **the** emphasis on the theme of "Farm to School" and shall offer
35 this program to schools, teachers, and other event providers.

36 c. (1) The Department of Agriculture shall establish a "New
37 Jersey Farm to School" website that shall be designed to :

38 (a) provide opportunities for the establishment of purchasing
39 networks between and among farmers, distributors, and schools **to**
40 create purchasing networks, to **or school districts**;

41 (b) **develop and refine** facilitate the development and
42 refinement of promotional events **for** in association with "Jersey
43 Fresh Farm to School **Week,"** Week"; and **to disseminate**

44 (c) provide for the dissemination of information about , and the

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 website-based promotion of, these and other related events.

2 The department shall include on the “New Jersey Farm to
3 School” website a copy of any public contract or other written
4 agreement for the purchase of fresh foods and the provision thereof
5 to school children, which has been entered into and successfully
6 implemented by any school or school district in the State.

7 (2) The department shall post, in a prominent location on the
8 homepage of its Internet website, a hyperlink that provides visitors
9 with direct access to the “New Jersey Farm to School” website
10 established pursuant to this subsection.

11 (cf: P.L.2011, c.10, s.2)

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.