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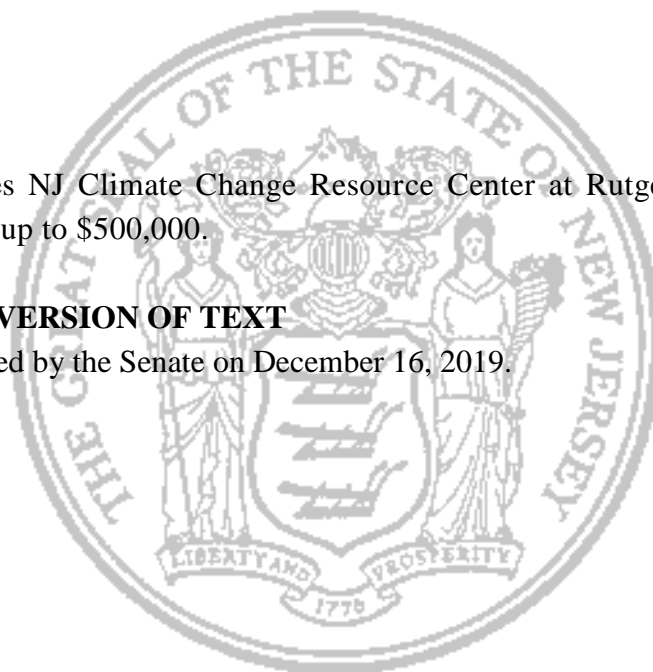
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes NJ Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers University;
appropriates up to \$500,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on December 16, 2019.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/14/2020)

1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Climate Change Resource
 2 Center, supplementing chapter 65 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
 3 Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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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. a. There is established the New Jersey Climate Change
 9 Resource Center, hereinafter referred to as the center, at Rutgers,
 10 The State University. The purpose of the center shall be to carry
 11 out ²collaborative and² interdisciplinary research ², analysis, and
 12 outreach² activities that will help New Jersey adapt ², mitigate,² and
 13 prepare for climate change.

14 b. The center shall conduct research with a mission to create
 15 and support the use of impartial and actionable science to advance
 16 government, public, private, and nongovernmental sector efforts to
 17 adapt to ², and mitigate,² a changing climate. The center's research
 18 ², analysis, and outreach activities² shall include, but need not be
 19 limited to:

20 (1) conducting a Statewide climate change vulnerability
 21 assessment to identify populations, built and natural assets, and
 22 communities that are most vulnerable to a changing climate;

23 (2) ¹facilitating and¹ coordinating ¹**【applied research】**, to the
 24 greatest extent possible,¹ among ¹New Jersey¹ academic institutions
 25 ¹**【to ensure efficient and effective delivery of findings to inform】**
 26 collaborative applied research, development of educational
 27 programs, and Statewide integration of research findings into¹
 28 adaptation², mitigation,² and resilience efforts ¹**【in the State】**¹ ;

29 (3) forming partnerships with practitioners in key economic
 30 sectors that are particularly vulnerable to climate change, including
 31 agriculture, public health, water resources, and the built and natural
 32 environment ², and with representatives from sectors that are
 33 significant sources of emissions contributing to climate change,
 34 including energy, transportation, and water²;

35 (4) undertaking actionable science that informs planning and
 36 policy-making at the local, State, and regional levels;

37 (5) developing and delivering technical guidance to practitioners
 38 to enhance adaptation ², mitigation,² and resilience in the public,
 39 private, and nongovernmental sectors;

40 (6) undertaking pilot projects that can be replicable throughout
 41 the State and that ²demonstrate effective mitigation strategies or²
 42 reduce the risks facing populations most vulnerable to climate
 43 change; and

44 (7) enhancing the State's capacity to address climate risks and
 45 impacts through outreach training, engagement, and education of

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SEN committee amendments adopted December 9, 2019.

²Senate floor amendments adopted December 16, 2019.

1 policymakers, practitioners, the media, and other key stakeholders.

2 c. ²The center shall consult with the Department of
3 Environmental Protection when developing its agenda in order to
4 facilitate coordination and resource sharing between the center, the
5 department, and other entities with respect to those entities' work
6 on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and preparation.

7 d.² Within two years after the effective date of this section, the
8 center shall provide a report to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2
9 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), summarizing its research and
10 activities and identifying priorities for the next five years, including
11 any additional resource needs.

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13 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the New
14 Jersey Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers, The State
15 University, ¹**[\$2 million]** an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to
16 reimburse the center for costs incurred based on receipts submitted
17 by the center to the Director of the Division of Budget and
18 Accounting¹ for the purposes provided in section 1 of this act.

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20 3. This act shall take effect immediately.