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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**Assemblyman CLINTON CALABRESE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs State Auditor to conduct performance review audits of public institutions of higher education.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Higher Education Committee with technical review.



1    **AN ACT** directing the State Auditor to conduct performance review  
2       audits of the public institutions of higher education.

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

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7       1.   a.   The State Auditor is directed to conduct a performance  
8       review audit of each public institution of higher education. For  
9       each institution, the performance review audit shall include, but  
10      need not be limited to:

11       (1) an analysis of the prevalence, cost, and quality of online  
12      courses offered by the institution;

13       (2) a review of the remedial courses offered by the institution  
14      and the effectiveness of those courses in preparing students for  
15      credit-bearing courses;

16       (3) a review of the fees charged by the institution, the  
17      appropriate level of those fees, and whether fees are being used by  
18      the institution as a mechanism to artificially deflate required tuition  
19      costs;

20       (4) an analysis of the market value of the degrees offered by the  
21      institution compared to the costs associated with earning that  
22      degree; and

23       (5) a review of the four-year and six-year graduation rates in the  
24      case of students enrolled in a four-year baccalaureate degree  
25      program, and of the two-year and three-year graduation rates for  
26      students enrolled in a two-year associate degree program, to  
27      determine the extent and causes of low graduation rates at the  
28      institution.

29       b.   The institutions of higher education to receive a performance  
30      review audit shall be Rutgers, the State University; Rowan  
31      University; the New Jersey Institute of Technology; Montclair State  
32      University; the State colleges and universities established pursuant  
33      to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; and the  
34      county colleges.

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36       2.   Within one year of the effective date of this act, the State  
37      Auditor shall submit a report to the Governor, and to the Legislature  
38      pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), on the  
39      results of the performance review audits conducted pursuant to  
40      section 1 of this act.

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42       3.   This act shall take effect immediately.