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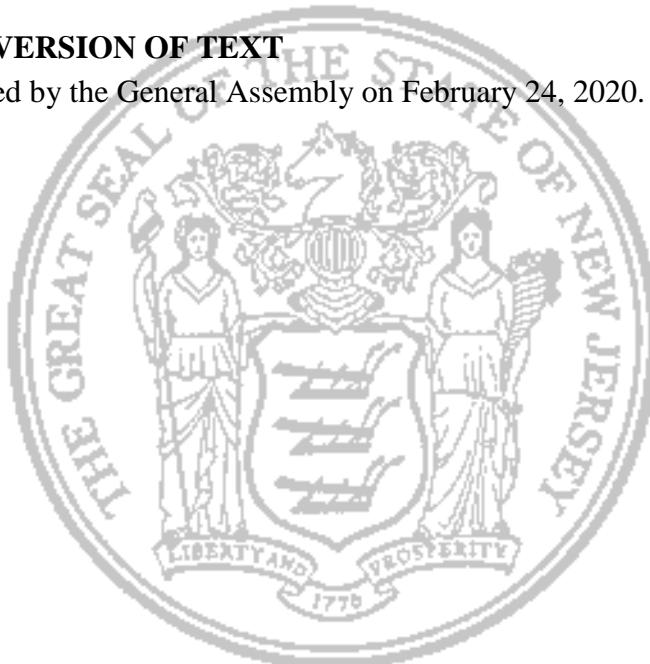
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes study commission to examine development of mutually beneficial relationships between institutions of higher education and municipalities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the General Assembly on February 24, 2020.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/30/2020)

1   **AN ACT** establishing a commission to study beneficial relationships  
2       between institutions of higher education and municipalities.

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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. There is established a study commission for the purpose  
8       of examining the development of mutually beneficial relationships  
9       between institutions of higher education and the municipalities in  
10      which the institutions are located. The commission shall consist of  
11      ~~'[15]~~ 16<sup>1</sup> members as follows:

12       (1) the Secretary of Higher Education, or a designee;

13       (2) ~~'[ten]~~ eleven<sup>1</sup> members appointed by the Governor,  
14       including a representative of the State colleges and universities  
15       established pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
16       Statutes, a representative of the public research universities, a  
17       representative of the county colleges, a representative of the  
18       independent colleges and universities, a mayor or designee of a  
19       municipality in which a State college or university is located, a  
20       mayor or designee of a municipality in which a public research  
21       university is located, a mayor or designee of a municipality in  
22       which a county college is located, a mayor or designee of a  
23       municipality in which an independent college or university is  
24       located, a representative of the New Jersey State League of  
25       Municipalities, ~~'a representative of the American Federation of~~  
26       Teachers,<sup>1</sup> and a representative of the New Jersey Education  
27       Association; and

28       (3) four members of the public with demonstrated expertise or  
29       interest in issues related to the work of the commission. The  
30       President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the  
31       Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the  
32       General Assembly shall each appoint one of the public members.

33       b. Appointments to the commission shall be made within 30  
34       days of the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership  
35       of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
36       appointments were made.

37       c. Members of the commission shall serve without  
38       compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
39       incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds  
40       made available to the commission for its purposes.

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42       2. a. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable,  
43       but no later than 30 days following the appointment of its members.  
44       The commission shall choose a chairperson from among its

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted February 24, 2020.

1 members and shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member  
2 of the commission.

3       b. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education shall  
4 provide such professional staff and related support services as the  
5 commission requires to carry out its work. The commission also  
6 shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the  
7 services of the employees of any State, county, or municipal  
8 department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it may require  
9 and as may be available to it for its purposes.

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11       3. It shall be the duty of the study commission to examine the  
12 creation and implementation of mutually beneficial relationships  
13 between the State's institutions of higher education and the  
14 municipalities in which the institutions are located. The commission  
15 shall study and consider issues including, but not  
16 limited to, the following:

17       a. ways in which institutions of higher education and  
18 municipalities may work closely together to foster relationships that  
19 will benefit the institution, the institution's students, and the  
20 community;

21       b. ways to increase the engagement of institutions of higher  
22 education with their surrounding communities in order to address  
23 and respond to community needs;

24       c. specific types of structured partnerships that may mutually  
25 benefit institutions of higher education and their surrounding  
26 communities including, but not limited to, partnerships related to  
27 academic programs, research, student internship and work  
28 opportunities, and community service and outreach;

29       d. the process by which an institution of higher education may  
30 acquire additional land, including whether the municipality should  
31 be required to approve the procurement of new land; and

32       e. recommendations or best practices for institutions of higher  
33 education and municipalities regarding the creation and  
34 implementation of mutually beneficial relationships and  
35 partnerships.

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37       4. The commission shall issue a report of its findings and  
38 recommendations to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant  
39 to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than 12  
40 months after the commission organizes.

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42       5. This act shall take effect immediately, and the commission  
43 shall expire 30 days after the submission of its report.