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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.



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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 ¹~~[15]~~ 16¹ members as follows:

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

13 (2) ¹~~[ten]~~ eleven¹ 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, ¹a representative of the American Federation of
26 Teachers,¹ 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:

¹Assembly 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
15 commission 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.