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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “New Jersey Higher Education Funding Formula Commission.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Higher Education Committee on June 15, 2021,
with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing the “New Jersey Higher Education Funding
2 Formula Commission.”

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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. There is established a New Jersey Higher Education Funding
8 Formula Commission. The commission shall consist of 11
9 members including: the Secretary of Higher Education, or a
10 designee, who shall serve ex-officio; the executive director of the
11 Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, or a designee, who
12 shall serve ex-officio; five members to be appointed by the
13 Governor including a representative of the State colleges and
14 universities established pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the
15 New Jersey Statutes, a representative of the public research
16 universities, a representative of the county colleges, a representative
17 of the independent colleges and universities, and one public
18 member; one member to be appointed by the President of the
19 Senate; one member to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the
20 Senate; one member to be appointed by the Speaker of the General
21 Assembly; and one member to be appointed by the Minority Leader
22 of the General Assembly.

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24 2. It shall be the duty of the commission to:

25 a. examine higher education funding formulas ¹for institutions
26 of higher education, including medical schools, law schools, and
27 graduate schools,¹ in other states, ¹**【including a thorough】**¹ review
28 ¹**【of 】**¹ performance-based funding formulas ¹in other states¹, and
29 identify best practices;

30 b. solicit and review detailed information from all of the
31 State’s institutions of higher education ¹, including medical schools,
32 law schools, and graduate schools,¹ on their funding needs,
33 programs and operations, and outputs; and

34 c. develop a report that includes a higher education funding
35 formula for the State support of ¹all¹ institutions of higher
36 education ¹, including medical schools, law schools, and graduate
37 schools¹. The report may include such recommendations for
38 legislative or regulatory action as the commission deems
39 appropriate.

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41 3. Appointments to the commission shall be made within 30
42 days of the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership
43 of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
44 appointments were made. The members of the commission shall

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 SHI committee amendments adopted June 15, 2021.

1 serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement
2 for expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties
3 within the limits of funds made available to the commission for its
4 purposes.

5 The members of the commission shall hold their initial
6 organizational meeting as soon as practicable, but no later than 30 days
7 following the appointment of the members.

8 The commission shall choose a chairperson from among its
9 members and shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of
10 the commission.

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12 4. Staff and related support services shall be provided to the
13 commission by the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education.
14 The commission shall also be entitled to call to its assistance and
15 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county or
16 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it
17 may require and as may be available to it for its purposes.

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19 5. The commission shall issue a final report of its findings and
20 recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the
21 Governor, the Senate Higher Education Committee, and the
22 Assembly Higher Education Committee no later than six months
23 after its organizational meeting.

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25 6. This act shall take effect immediately and the commission
26 shall expire 30 days after the submission of the final report.