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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes New Jersey Higher Education Student Advisory Commission.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1   **AN ACT** establishing the New Jersey Higher Education Student  
2       Advisory Commission and supplementing chapter 3B of Title  
3       18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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 a New Jersey Higher Education  
9       Student Advisory Commission in, but not of, the Department of  
10      State. The commission shall consist of 13 members appointed by  
11      the Secretary of Higher Education including: three student  
12      representatives from the State colleges and universities established  
13      pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, a  
14      student representative from each of the four public research  
15      universities, three student representatives from the county colleges,  
16      and three student representatives from the independent colleges and  
17      universities.

18      b. A student enrolled in an institution of higher education in the  
19      State may submit an application to serve on the commission to the  
20      Secretary of Higher Education. The application shall detail the  
21      student's experience as a campus leader and shall include a letter of  
22      recommendation from the president of the institution of higher  
23      education at which the student is enrolled. The secretary in making  
24      the appointments shall attempt to provide a balanced representation  
25      of the geographic regions of the State.

26      c. Appointments to the commission shall be made for a term of  
27      one year, although the secretary may reappoint a student for  
28      additional terms. The secretary shall make every effort to ensure  
29      that at least one member is reappointed to the commission from the  
30      prior year's membership.

31      d. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be  
32      filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made.  
33      Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be  
34      filled for the unexpired term.

35      e. The members of the commission shall serve without  
36      compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses  
37      necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties within the  
38      limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the  
39      commission for its purposes.

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41      2. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable  
42      following the appointment of its members, but no later than 60 days  
43      after the effective date of this act. The commission shall choose a  
44      chairperson from among its members and shall appoint a secretary  
45      who need not be a member of the commission. The commission  
46      shall meet a minimum of three times each year. The minutes of  
47      each meeting shall be posted on the Office of the Secretary of  
48      Higher Education's website.

