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SYNOPSIS

Establishes New Jersey Higher Education Student Advisory Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on July 30, 2020.



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 ¹~~13~~ ¹⁴ members
 11 ²~~appointed by the Secretary of Higher Education~~² including:
 12 three student representatives from the State colleges and
 13 universities established pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the
 14 New Jersey Statutes, a student representative from each of the four
 15 public research universities, three student representatives from the
 16 county colleges, ¹~~and~~¹ three student representatives from the
 17 independent colleges and universities ¹, and one student
 18 representative from a proprietary degree-granting institution¹ . ²The
 19 New Jersey Education Association shall appoint one member who is a
 20 member of the NJEA Preservice Program and represents any one of
 21 the higher education sectors, and the Secretary of Higher Education
 22 shall appoint the remaining members.²

23 b. A student enrolled in an institution of higher education ¹or a
 24 proprietary degree-granting institution¹ in the State may submit an
 25 application to serve on the commission to the Secretary of Higher
 26 Education. The application shall detail the student's experience as
 27 a campus leader and shall include a letter of recommendation from
 28 the president of the institution of higher education ¹or the
 29 proprietary institution¹ at which the student is enrolled. The
 30 secretary in making the appointments shall attempt to provide a
 31 balanced representation of the geographic regions of the State.

32 c. Appointments to the commission shall be made for a term of
 33 one year, although the secretary may reappoint a student for
 34 additional terms. The secretary shall make every effort to ensure
 35 that at least one member is reappointed to the commission from the
 36 prior year's membership.

37 d. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be
 38 filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made.
 39 Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be
 40 filled for the unexpired term.

41 e. The members of the commission shall serve without
 42 compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
 43 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties within the
 44 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the
 45 commission for its purposes.

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 25, 2020.

²Senate floor amendments adopted July 30, 2020.

- 1 2. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable
2 following the appointment of its members, but no later than 60 days
3 after the effective date of this act. The commission shall choose a
4 chairperson from among its members and shall appoint a secretary
5 who need not be a member of the commission. The commission
6 shall meet a minimum of three times each year. The minutes of
7 each meeting shall be posted on the Office of the Secretary of
8 Higher Education's website.
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- 10 3. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education shall
11 provide such stenographic, clerical, and other administrative
12 assistants, and such professional staff as the commission requires to
13 carry out its work. The commission also shall be entitled to call to
14 its assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees of any
15 State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission,
16 or agency as it may require and as may be available for its purposes.
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- 18 4. It shall be the responsibility of the commission to advise the
19 secretary on system-wide issues of concern to students. The
20 commission shall annually report to the Assembly Higher Education
21 Committee and the Senate Higher Education Committee, or their
22 successor committees on the concerns, perspectives, and
23 experiences of students attending institutions of higher education
24 ¹and proprietary degree-granting institutions¹ in the State and may
25 make recommendations on suggested legislative initiatives.
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- 27 5. This act shall take effect immediately.