SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1367

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1367.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides that if an authority, board, commission, committee, council, panel, task force, or other body created by an act or joint resolution has not met or does not meet, or was or is not able to conduct business due to the lack of a quorum, at least once every 365 days, that body is to be deemed inactive. The bill requires the Secretary of State to annually review the meeting records of every such body to determine if it is deemed inactive by the provisions of the bill. If a body is deemed inactive under the bill, the appointment of all members serving on that body would be terminated, and that body would not be allowed to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of employees of any State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to delete references to bodies created prior to 2011, making the bill applicable to any authority, board, commission, committee, council, panel, task force, or other body.