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SYNOPSIS

Creates office to encourage creation of federal jobs and federal infrastructure investment in the State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT creating an office to encourage creation of federal jobs and
2 federal infrastructure investment in the State, supplementing
3 Title 52 of the Revised 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 created in the Department of the Treasury an
9 office to advocate for the establishment of permanent federal jobs in
10 the State. Notwithstanding this allocation, the office shall be
11 independent of any supervision or control by the State Treasurer, or
12 the department, or by any division, board, office, or other officer
13 thereof. The duties of the office shall be administered by an officer
14 who shall be appointed by the Governor and who serves at the
15 pleasure of the Governor.

16 b. The officer shall be qualified by training and experience to
17 perform the duties of the office. The officer shall devote full time
18 and attention to the duties of the office and shall not pursue any
19 other business, occupation, or gainful employment.

20 c. It shall be the duty of the officer to:

21 identify, evaluate, and report on opportunities for the
22 establishment of federal jobs in the State;

23 recommend strategies and best practices to improve the ability of
24 the State to attract federal jobs;

25 seek to acquire civilian military missions for research,
26 development, acquisition, test, and evaluation in the State, as well
27 as to retain and grow existing military missions in the State;

28 seek to acquire non-military federal missions and jobs in the
29 State, as well as to retain and grow existing non-military federal
30 missions in the State;

31 advocate on behalf of the State in qualifying and applying for
32 federal infrastructure investment, including offices, transportation
33 infrastructure, and other permanent facilities to be located in the
34 State.

35 d. The officer may, within the limits of funds made available to
36 the office, hire staff as necessary for performance of the duties of
37 the office. The officer may, within the limits of funds made
38 available to the office, hire consultants as necessary.

39 e. Data and information on economic investment in the State,
40 and other similar resources of the New Jersey Economic
41 Development Authority shall be available to the officer, as
42 necessary. The officer shall be entitled to call upon and receive the
43 assistance of any State, county, or municipal department, agency,
44 board, bureau, or commission, as the officer may require and as
45 made available to the officer.

46 f. If the duties of the officer overlap with the Council on
47 Armed Forces and Veterans' Affairs or the Military and Defense
48 Economic Ombudsman in the Department of Military and Veterans'

1 Affairs, the duties of the officer shall focus on civilian missions,
2 including research, development, acquisition, test, and evaluation.
3 In the event risk of civilian mission loss or base closure is suspected
4 or identified, the officer shall lead a coordinated effort with the
5 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to mitigate the risk.

6 g. The officer shall report to the Governor, the Treasurer, the
7 New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the Department of
8 Military and Veterans' Affairs, and the Legislature, pursuant to
9 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), via mid-year and end-
10 of-year reports.

11 The mid-year report shall include a summary of all current
12 initiatives and their status, and all successes achieved and losses
13 that occurred during the reporting period.

14 The end-of-year report shall include details on all job and
15 infrastructure objectives, their status, and the benefits the State will
16 realize if achieved. The end-of-year report shall also include a
17 summary of New Jersey's federal jobs lost, federal jobs gained, and
18 federal infrastructure investments resulting from the offices efforts
19 over the previous five years, or since the office was created.

20 The mid-year and end-of-year reports shall include a forecast of
21 activities for the succeeding reporting period.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill establishes an office in the Department of the Treasury
29 through which the State will encourage establishment of permanent
30 federal jobs, as well as other federal investment, in the State. The
31 federal government creates and maintains jobs and projects
32 throughout the United States and often employs residents of the
33 state in which the projects are located.

34 The office will be headed by an officer whose duties will
35 include: seeking to acquire civilian military missions for research,
36 development, acquisition, test, and evaluation; seeking to acquire
37 non-military federal missions and jobs; seeking to retain and grow
38 existing federal missions in the State; and advocating on behalf of
39 the State in qualifying and applying for federal infrastructure
40 investment in the State.

41 In the event risk of civilian mission loss or base closure in the
42 State is suspected or identified, the officer will lead a coordinated
43 effort with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to
44 mitigate the risk.

45 The governor will appoint an officer to administer the duties of
46 the office, and the officer may hire necessary staff, including
47 consultants. In addition to other resources made available to the
48 officer, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority's

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1 resources will be available to the officer for use in performance of
2 the officer's duties. The officer may also ask and receive assistance
3 from any State or local government unit in performance of the
4 officer's duties. The bill requires the officer to submit semi-annual
5 reports regarding the efforts and outcome of efforts of the office.