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#### **SYNOPSIS**

Concerns subcontracting agreements entered into by public school districts and county colleges.

#### CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 25, 2020, with amendments.

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 AN ACT concerning collective bargaining agreements and subcontracting and supplementing P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).
 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State

6 of New Jersey:

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1. As used in this act:

9 "Employer" means any local or regional school district,
10 educational services commission, jointure commission, county special
11 services school district, county college, <sup>1</sup>[State college, public college
12 or university under the authority of the Secretary of Higher
13 Education, ]<sup>1</sup> or board or commission under the authority of the
14 Commissioner of Education or the State Board of Education.

15 "Employee" means any employee, whether employed on a full orpart-time basis, of an employer.

"Subcontracting" means any action, practice, or effort by an
employer which results in any services or work performed by any of
its employees being performed or provided by any other person,
vendor, corporation, partnership or entity.

"Subcontracting agreement" means any agreement or arrangement
entered into by an employer to implement subcontracting, but shall not
include any contract entered into pursuant to the "Uniform Shared
Services and Consolidation Act," P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-1 et al.),
or any contract entered into to provide services to nonpublic schools
through State or federal funds.

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28 2. Except for actions of an employer expressly required or 29 prohibited by the provisions of this act, all aspects or actions 30 relating to or resulting from an employer's decision to subcontract 31 including, but not limited to, whether or not severance pay is 32 provided, shall be mandatory subjects of negotiations.

34 3. No employer shall enter into a subcontracting agreement 35 which affects the employment of any employees in a collective 36 bargaining unit represented by a majority representative during the 37 term that an existing collective bargaining agreement with the

bargaining unit represented by a majority representative during the term that an existing collective bargaining agreement with the majority representative is in effect. No employer shall enter into a subcontracting agreement for a period following the term of the current collective bargaining agreement unless the employer:

a. Provides written notice to the majority representative of
employees in each collective bargaining unit which may be affected
by the subcontracting agreement and to the New Jersey Public
Employment Relations Commission, not less than 90 days before

**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 <u>thus</u> is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 25, 2020.

the employer requests bids, or solicits contractual proposals for the
 subcontracting agreement; and

3 b. Has offered the majority representative of the employees in 4 each collective bargaining unit which may be affected by the 5 subcontracting agreement the opportunity to meet and consult with 6 the employer to discuss the decision to subcontract, and the 7 opportunity to engage in negotiations over the impact of the subcontracting. The employer's duty to negotiate with the majority 8 9 representative of the employees in each collective bargaining unit 10 shall not preclude the employer's right to subcontract should no successor agreement exist. 11

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4. Each employee replaced or displaced as the result of a
subcontracting agreement shall retain all previously acquired
seniority during that period and shall have recall rights whenever
the subcontracting terminates.

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18 5. An employer who violates any provision of this act shall be 19 deemed to have committed an unfair practice, and any employee or 20 majority representative organization affected by the violation may 21 file an unfair practice charge with the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission. 22 If the employee or 23 organization prevails on the charge, the employee is entitled to a 24 remedy including, but not limited to, reinstatement, back pay, back benefits, back emoluments, tenure and seniority credit, attorney's 25 fees, and any other relief the commission deems appropriate to 26 27 effectuate the purposes of this act.

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6. Nothing in this act shall be construed as authorizing subcontracting which is not otherwise authorized by law. Nothing in this act shall be construed as restricting or limiting any right established or provided for employees by section 7 of P.L.1968, c.303 (C.34:13A-5.3); the purpose of this act is to provide rights in addition to those provided in that section.

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36 7. This act shall take effect immediately.