

ASSEMBLY, No. 1647

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT establishing a Commission on Blood Testing and Amateur
2 Athletes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. There is created a Commission on Blood Testing and Amateur
8 Athletes to consist of 17 members as follows: the Commissioners of
9 Health and Education and the chairman of the New Jersey Commission
10 on Higher Education, the chairman of the New Jersey State
11 Interscholastic Athletic Association, and the chairman of the
12 Governor's Advisory Council on AIDS, or their designees, who shall
13 serve ex officio; and 12 members to be appointed from the general
14 public, as follows: four each by the Governor, the President of the
15 Senate, and the Speaker of the General Assembly, who in each case
16 shall include the following: two persons each of whom by virtue of
17 education or experience is considered an expert in the field of amateur
18 athletics, one person who is a physician licensed to practice medicine
19 in this State, and one other person with an interest or expertise in this
20 issue.

21 Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the
22 same manner as the original appointments were made.

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24 2. a. The commission shall organize as soon as may be practicable
25 after the appointment of its members and shall select a chairperson
26 from among its members and may appoint a secretary who need not be
27 a member of the commission.

28 b. The commission may meet and hold hearings at such place or
29 places as it shall designate during the sessions or recesses of the
30 Legislature.

31 c. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation
32 but shall be reimbursed for the necessary expenses incurred in the
33 performance of their duties as members of the commission.

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35 3. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
36 avail itself of the services of such employees of any State, county or
37 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may

1 require and as may be available to it for its purposes, and to employ
2 such stenographic and clerical assistants and incur such traveling and
3 other miscellaneous expenses as it may deem necessary, in order to
4 perform its duties, and as may be within the limits of funds
5 appropriated or otherwise made available to it for its purposes.

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7 4. It shall be the duty of the commission to examine the policy and
8 ethical issues relating to the testing of high school and college students
9 who participate in athletic competition for the presence of the human
10 immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

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12 5. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations
13 to the Governor and Legislature within nine months after the effective
14 date of this act, and shall accompany the same with any legislative bills
15 which it may desire to recommend for adoption by the Legislature.

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17 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon the
18 issuance of the report by the commission pursuant to section 5 of this
19 act.

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22 STATEMENT

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24 This bill establishes a 17-member Commission on Blood Testing
25 and Amateur Athletes to examine the policy and ethical issues relating
26 to the testing of high school and college student athletes for HIV and
27 AIDS. The commission is directed to report its findings and
28 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature within nine
29 months after the effective date of the bill.

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34 Establishes Commission on Blood Testing and Amateur Athletes.