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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning energy conservation in State buildings and
2 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The General Services Administration in the Department of the
8 Treasury shall determine the minimum lighting requirements for every
9 building occupied, in whole or in part, by employees of the State.
10 Upon completing this determination, and upon a finding that the
11 minimum lighting requirements would consume less electricity than
12 currently consumed, while permitting the continued satisfactory
13 performance of State functions during working hours and ensuring the
14 safety of building occupants and property, the administration shall
15 develop a lighting reduction implementation plan, hereinafter referred
16 to as the "plan." The plan shall include, but need not be limited to, an
17 outline and timetable of the measures that will be taken to reduce the
18 amount of lighting used during all hours in each of the buildings.

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20 2. The administration shall complete the determination and
21 implement the plan required pursuant to section 1 of this act within 3
22 months of the effective date of this act.

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24 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill would require the General Services Administration in the
30 Department of the Treasury to conduct a minimum lighting
31 determination in each building within which State employees are
32 located in order to conserve energy within State government buildings.
33 Upon completion, and upon a finding that the minimum lighting
34 requirements would consume less electricity than currently consumed,
35 while permitting the continued satisfactory performance of State
36 functions during working hours and ensuring the safety of building

1 occupants and property, the administration would be required to
2 develop a lighting reduction implementation plan. The plan would
3 include, but need not be limited to, an outline and timetable of the
4 measures that will be taken to reduce the amount of lighting used
5 during all hours in each building. The bill requires the administration
6 to complete the determination and implement the plan within 3 months
7 of the date of enactment.

8 A new study indicates that less energy consumption (e.g., turning
9 off lights) not only saves energy, but also saves money, reduces air
10 emissions and creates jobs.

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15 Requires General Services Administration to develop minimum lighting
16 plan.