

SENATE, No. 106

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senators HAINES and GORMLEY

1 AN ACT establishing a pinelands enterprise zones pilot program to
2 assist in the economic revitalization of the pinelands area,
3 supplementing P.L.1983, c.303 and making an appropriation
4 therefor.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. a. Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, the New
10 Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority established pursuant to
11 P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-60 et seq.), hereinafter, the "authority,"
12 shall designate areas for pinelands enterprise zones as part of a pilot
13 program under the provisions of this act.

14 b. In designating the areas for the pinelands enterprise zones, the
15 authority shall not designate any municipality or area within a
16 municipality which has been designated as an urban enterprise zone
17 prior to the effective date of this act. In designating an area for a
18 pinelands enterprise zone, the authority shall utilize the following
19 criteria:

20 (1) The designated area shall not be located in a growth area, as
21 designated pursuant to the Comprehensive Management Plan adopted
22 pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1979, c.111 (C.13:18A-8); and

23 (2) The designated area shall be located in a municipality with a
24 population, as calculated pursuant to the latest federal decennial
25 census, of at least 4,000 persons.

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27 2. The authority shall, after consultation with the Division of
28 Economic Development in the Department of Commerce and
29 Economic Development, and after consultation with the Pinelands
30 Commission, promote the development of pinelands enterprise zones
31 for the purpose of attracting new businesses and jobs and retaining
32 existing businesses and jobs within the zones through the use of
33 awards, credits and incentives authorized pursuant to section 4 of this
34 act, including, but not limited to, the partial exemption from the tax

1 imposed under the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30
2 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.).

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4 3. Within 24 months after the designation of the areas for the
5 pinelands enterprise zones pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of
6 this act, the authority shall, after consultation with the Division of
7 Economic Development in the Department of Commerce and
8 Economic Development, and the Pinelands Commission, report to the
9 Governor and the Legislature on the success of the pinelands
10 enterprise zones pilot program authorized pursuant to this act,
11 including the cost of the program, the number of businesses assisted
12 by the program, the number of new jobs created under the program,
13 and any recommendations regarding the need for legislation to adopt
14 the pinelands enterprise zones program on a permanent basis.

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16 4. The authority shall, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure
17 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt any rules and
18 regulations deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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20 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the New Jersey
21 Urban Enterprise Zone Authority the sum of \$100,000 to effectuate
22 the purposes of this act.

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24 6. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following enactment
25 and shall expire on the 90th day following submission of the authority's
26 report and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature pursuant
27 to section 3 of this act.

28 29 30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill establishes a pinelands enterprise zones pilot program to
33 facilitate business and job attraction and retention within the pinelands
34 area.

35 The New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority is required to
36 designate sites for the location of pinelands enterprise zones, and is
37 thereafter required to promote the development of the pinelands
38 enterprise zones pilot program, after consultation with the Division of
39 Economic Development in the Department of Commerce and
40 Economic Development and the Pinelands Commission, for the
41 purpose of attracting new businesses and jobs and retaining existing
42 businesses and jobs within the zones through the use of awards, credits
43 and incentives provided pursuant to the existing urban enterprise zone
44 program.

45 Within two years following designation of the sites pursuant to the
46 act, after consultation with the Division of Economic Development

1 and the Pinelands Commission, the authority shall report to the
2 Governor and the Legislature on the success of the pilot program and
3 shall include the cost of the program, the number of businesses
4 assisted by the program, the number of new jobs created under the
5 program, and any recommendations regarding the need for legislation
6 to adopt the pinelands enterprise zones program on a permanent basis.

7 The bill also appropriates \$100,000 to the New Jersey Urban
8 Enterprise Zone Authority to effectuate the provisions of the act.

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13 Establishes pinelands enterprise zones pilot program; appropriates
14 \$100,000.