

SENATE, No. 208

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator CONNORS

1 **AN ACT** concerning undocumented aliens and supplementing Title 34
2 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. There is established within the Department of Labor a Council
8 on Undocumented Aliens which shall consist of 14 public members and
9 the commissioner, ex officio, or his designee, as chair, not more than
10 eight of whom shall be of the same political affiliation. Of the 14
11 public members, two shall be appointed by the President of the Senate
12 and two shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly,
13 two shall be representatives of nonprofit agencies providing services
14 to immigrants, two shall be representatives of organized labor, two
15 shall be representatives of employers, two shall be representatives of
16 regulated professions and two shall be representatives of urban cities.
17 With the exception of those public members appointed by the
18 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, each
19 public member of the council shall be appointed by the Governor, with
20 the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve until the council
21 ceases to exist as provided in section 4 of this act.

22 Any vacancies in the membership of the council occurring prior to
23 the dissolution of the council shall be filled by the Governor, with the
24 advice and consent of the Senate, for the unexpired term only. Any
25 member of the council may be removed from office by the Governor,
26 for cause, upon notice and opportunity to be heard.

27 The members of the council shall serve without compensation but
28 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance
29 of their duties.

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31 2. The council shall be responsible for:

32 a. Making a study of the undocumented alien population in this
33 State, including, but not limited to:

34 (1) An estimate of whether the number of undocumented aliens in
35 this State is increasing, decreasing or relatively stable;

1 (2) A determination of the source countries from which
2 undocumented aliens have come and paths of entry into and exit from
3 the State, including a finding as to whether there is a one way stream
4 or a back and forth flow from the source countries;

5 (3) Factors which are considered attractors for undocumented
6 aliens;

7 (4) Factors which maintain the presence of undocumented aliens
8 once in this State; and

9 (5) A determination of the impact of the presence of undocumented
10 aliens on the employment opportunities of persons legally resident in
11 this State.

12 b. Providing advice and recommendations to the department and
13 the Legislature for remedial action or legislation, or both, as
14 appropriate, with respect to the impact of undocumented aliens on
15 employment opportunities for those legally resident within this State.

16 c. Reviewing any relevant matters submitted to it by other persons
17 or entities.

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19 3. The Council may:

20 a. Hold public meetings or hearings within the State on any matter
21 or matters related to the provisions of this act.

22 b. Call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of such
23 employees of any State, county or municipal department, board,
24 commission, or agency as may be required and made available for its
25 purposes.

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27 4. Three years from the date the council first meets, the council
28 shall submit to the commissioner and the Legislature a report
29 summarizing its activities, findings and recommendations. Upon the
30 transmittal of this report, the council shall cease to exist, unless
31 otherwise determined by enactment of subsequent legislation.

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33 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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38 This bill establishes a Council on Undocumented Aliens in the
39 Department of Labor. The council would be responsible for: making
40 a study of various aspects of the undocumented alien population in the
41 State, including, but not limited to, the impact of this population on
42 the employment opportunities of persons legally resident in this State;
43 and recommending remedial action or legislation to the department or
44 Legislature, or both, as appropriate, with respect to the findings of the
45 council.

46 The council is to be made up of 14 public members and the

1 Commissioner of Labor, ex officio, or the commissioner's designee, as
2 chair. Public members are to be representative of various segments of
3 the State. Ten members are to be appointed by the Governor with the
4 advice and consent of the Senate. Two members are to be appointed
5 by the President of the Senate, and two members are to be appointed
6 by the Speaker of the General Assembly.

7 The council is required to submit a report to the commissioner and
8 the Legislature three years from the date of its first meeting. At the
9 end of such time, it will cease to exist unless otherwise determined by
10 enactment of subsequent legislation.

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15 Establishes Council on Undocumented Aliens in Department of Labor.