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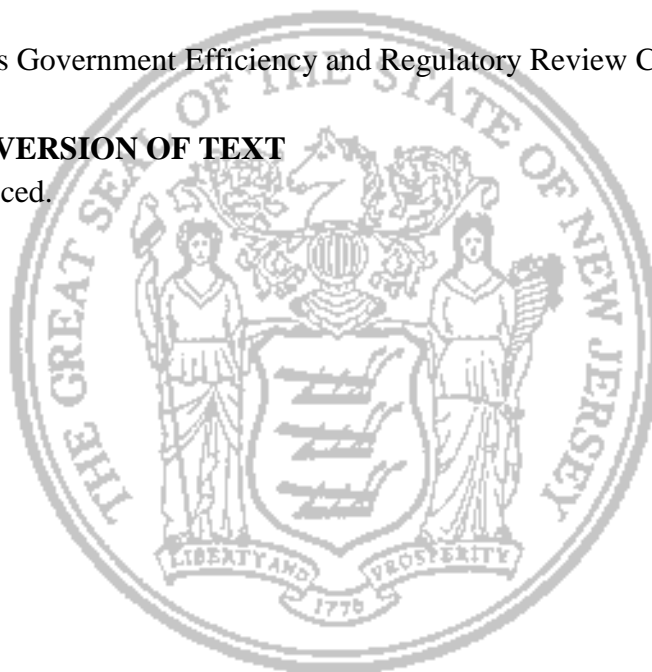
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Government Efficiency and Regulatory Review Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/19/2021)

1 AN ACT establishing a Government Efficiency and Regulatory
2 Review Commission and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 a. It is imperative that proposed or adopted State rules and
10 regulations, as well as operative Executive Orders, be thoroughly
11 reviewed in a careful, balanced, and expeditious way to: assess their
12 potential or actual effects on the State's economy; determine
13 whether their costs and other burdens on businesses, workers, and
14 local governments outweigh their intended benefits; and establish a
15 basis for providing recommendations to the Governor to amend any
16 rules and regulations or Executive Orders that unduly burden the
17 State's businesses, workers, and local governments.

18 b. A bipartisan commission consisting of representatives from
19 the Executive and Legislative branches of State government, who
20 are devoted to the common goal of promptly addressing the State's
21 economic viability and prosperity, should conduct this review.

22 c. The bipartisan commission should conduct its review with
23 transparency, providing an opportunity for businesses, workers,
24 local governments, and members of the public to obtain information
25 about the commission's work and to communicate pertinent
26 information and opinions to the commission in an appropriate and
27 effective manner.

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29 2. a. There is created, in the Office of the Governor, a
30 Government Efficiency and Regulatory Review Commission.

31 b. The commission shall consist of nine members as follows:

32 (1) The Chief Innovation Officer, or a designee, who shall serve
33 as chair of the commission;

34 (2) The Executive Director of the New Jersey Business Action
35 Center, or a designee;

36 (3) The Chief Counsel to the Governor, or a designee;

37 (4) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or a
38 designee;

39 (5) The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development,
40 or a designee;

41 (6) The President of the Senate, or a designee;

42 (7) The Speaker of the General Assembly, or a designee;

43 (8) The Senate Minority Leader, or a designee; and

44 (9) The General Assembly Minority Leader, or a designee.

45 c. The Chief Innovation Officer, at his or her discretion, may
46 appoint additional members to provide the commission with
47 necessary and appropriate expertise and representation on behalf of
48 businesses, workers, and local governments. Members appointed

1 by the Chief Innovation Officer shall serve at the pleasure of the
2 Chief Innovation Officer.

3 d. Members of the commission shall serve without
4 compensation.

5 e. The commission shall meet once every six months and at
6 such other times as the chair of the commission may determine.

7 f. The commission shall hold at least two public hearings in
8 different regions of the State annually, at such times and places as
9 the chair shall determine. The commission shall invite to testify
10 business leaders, workers' groups, local government officials,
11 taxpayers, and other interested parties to discuss issues surrounding
12 applicable rules, regulations, and executive orders.

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14 3. a. The commission shall:

15 (1) review all proposed and adopted rules and regulations and
16 operative Executive Orders issued by the Governor to: assess their
17 potential or actual effects on the State's economy; determine
18 whether their costs and other burdens on businesses, workers, and
19 local governments outweigh their intended benefits; and establish a
20 basis for providing recommendations to the Governor to amend any
21 rules and regulations or Executive Orders that unduly burden the
22 State's businesses, workers, and local governments;

23 (2) call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this
24 State to supply the commission with data and other information,
25 personnel, or assistance it deems necessary to discharge its duties;

26 (3) solicit both written and oral comments from the public,
27 including professional, labor, community, and environmental
28 organizations, businesses, workers, and other affected persons or
29 entities as the commission deems appropriate, and to consider the
30 views expressed by those parties in any report; and

31 (4) provide annually a written report to the Governor and the
32 Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
33 19.1), in which the commission shall provide recommendations to
34 repeal, rescind, or amend any rules and regulations or Executive
35 Orders that unduly burden the State's businesses, workers, and local
36 governments.

37 b. Each department, office, division, or agency of the State
38 shall cooperate with the commission and furnish it with such
39 information, personnel, and assistance necessary for the
40 commission to accomplish its duties.

41 c. Reports provided by the commission pursuant to this section,
42 including any recommendations to repeal, rescind, or amend any
43 rules and regulations or Executive Orders contained therein, shall
44 not confer any legal rights upon any persons or entities affected by
45 those rules and regulations or Executive Orders. The commission's
46 reports shall be advisory and shall not be used as a basis for any
47 legal challenges based upon the action or inaction of any
48 department, office, division, or agency of the State.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill creates the Government Efficiency and Regulatory
7 Review Commission to assess the effect that rules and regulations
8 and Executive Orders have on the State's economy and to provide
9 recommendations to the Governor to amend any rules and
10 regulations or Executive Orders that unduly burden the State's
11 businesses, workers, and local governments.

12 Under the bill, the commission would be comprised of nine
13 members, consisting of representatives from the Executive and
14 Legislative branches of State government, who are devoted to the
15 common goal of promptly addressing the State's economic viability
16 and prosperity. The bill requires each department, office, division,
17 or agency of the State to cooperate with the commission and furnish
18 it with any information, personnel, and assistance it needs to
19 accomplish its duties. The commission's findings would be
20 advisory and cannot be used as a basis for any legal challenges
21 based upon the action or inaction of any department, office,
22 division, or agency of the State.

23 The bill requires the commission to:

24 (1) review all proposed and adopted rules and regulations and
25 operative Executive Orders issued by the Governor to: assess their
26 potential or actual effects on the State's economy; determine
27 whether their costs and other burdens on businesses, workers, and
28 local governments outweigh their intended benefits; and establish a
29 basis for providing recommendations to the Governor to amend any
30 rules and regulations or Executive Orders that unduly burden the
31 State's businesses, workers, and local governments;

32 (2) call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this
33 State to supply the commission with data and other information,
34 personnel, or assistance it deems necessary to discharge its duties;

35 (3) solicit both written and oral comments from the public,
36 including professional, labor, community, and environmental
37 organizations, businesses, workers, and other affected persons or
38 entities as the commission deems appropriate, and to consider the
39 views expressed by those parties in any report; and

40 (4) provide annually a written report to the Governor and the
41 Legislature in which the commission must provide
42 recommendations to repeal, rescind, or amend any rules and
43 regulations or Executive Orders that unduly burden the State's
44 businesses, workers, and local governments.