

ASSEMBLY, No. 5371

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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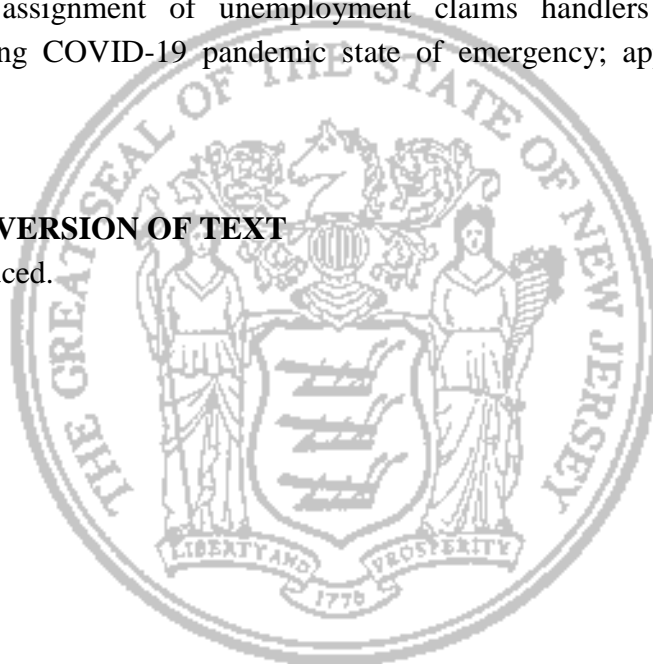
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SYNOPSIS

Requires assignment of unemployment claims handlers to legislative districts during COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency; appropriates \$1.8 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT requiring assignment of unemployment claims handlers to
2 legislative districts during COVID-19 pandemic state of
3 emergency, and making an appropriation.
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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. a. During the public health emergency and State of
9 Emergency declared on March 9, 2020 by the Governor pursuant to
10 Executive Order No. 103 and any extension of the order, and for six
11 months after the expiration of the order, the Department of Labor
12 and Workforce Development shall assign at least one full-time
13 unemployment claims handler to each legislative district.

14 b. The department shall make available to employees of
15 legislative district offices:

16 (1) view-only access to the unemployment claims system for use
17 in their constituent services duties; and

18 (2) training on confidentiality and information security rules.

19 c. The commissioner shall take necessary action to implement
20 technological infrastructure upgrades to implement the provisions
21 of this bill.
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23 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund \$1,800,000 to
24 effectuate the provisions of this act.
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26 3. This act shall take effect thirty days after enactment.
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29 STATEMENT
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31 This bill requires the Department of Labor and Workforce
32 Development to assign an unemployment claims handler to each
33 legislative district during the state of emergency related to the
34 COVID-19 pandemic. It also requires the department to make view-
35 only access to the unemployment claims system available to
36 employees of legislative district offices, along with training on
37 confidentiality and information security rules. The bill appropriates
38 \$1,800,000 from the general fund to effectuate its purposes.