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AN ACT ¹[concerning deadlines for applications by State agencies 1 for federal funds] establishing a Grants Management Office¹ and 2 3 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 1. ¹[The State Treasurer] <u>a. There is established in the</u> 8 9 Department of the Treasury a Grants Management Office to 10 improve efficiency, streamline processes, reduce administrative burdens on both granting agencies and grant recipients, and 11 12 facilitiate development and implementation of a Statewide 13 centralized grants management and accountability system. 14 b. The office shall be under the immediate supervision of a 15 director, who shall report to the State Treasurer and who shall be a 16 person qualified by training and experience to direct the work of 17 such office. The director shall administer the work of the office and shall perform such other functions of the office as necessary to 18 19 implement the provisions of P.L. . c. (C.) (pending 20 before the Legislature as this bill). 21 c. The Director of the Grants Management Office shall: 22 (1) distribute federal grant notices, coordinate applications, and 23 provide information on the grant process to departments; 24 (2) distribute weekly information produced by the Federal 25 Funds Information for States of grant opportunities to departments; 26 (3) coordinate with liaisons designated by each department to 27 determine department interest in grant opportunities; 28 (4) create and maintain a database of active grants from 29 announcement and application through award, execution, and 30 compliance; 31 (5) investigate whether applications for federal funds were 32 submitted appropriately and in accordance with relevant deadlines, 33 laws, rules and regulations and policies; 34 (6) act as a compliance officer to monitor and audit grants; 35 (7) conduct outreach to municipal, county, non-profit, and other 36 interested stakeholders concerning State and federal grants 37 opportunities;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in **bold-faced** brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows: ¹Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's

recommendations May 17, 2021.

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(8) create and distribute training tools, standard operating 1 2 procedures, and best practices guidelines; and 3 (9) produce seminars and events, including annual conferences 4 for stateholders. 5 d. The Director of the Grants Management Office is authorized 6 to call upon any Executive Branch department or agency, including staff in the Governor's Office, to supply the Grants Management 7 8 Office with information or other assistance as the director determines necessary. Each Executive Branch department and 9 10 agency is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the director within the limits of each 11 12 department's or agency's statutory authority, and to furnish such 13 assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the 14 purpose of this law. e. The Director of the Grants Management Office¹ shall submit 15 16 to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), ¹[at intervals of six months,] annually¹ a report 17 ¹[identifying the deadlines, occurring in the six] that describes all 18 federal funds received by State agencies in the preceding fiscal 19 20 year. [months immediately following the date of the report, for applications by State agencies within, or in but not of, the Executive 21 22 Branch of State government for federal funds from or for any 23 program, project, or purpose. The first report shall be submitted within 30 days following the effective date of this act, 24 25 P.L., c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill). 26 Each report shall: 27 describe in reasonable detail the program, project, or purpose; 28 identify the federal law or regulation pursuant to which the 29 program, project, or purpose was created and the funds have been 30 made available; 31 provide the address for the federal website that provides 32 information on the program, project, or purpose and the available 33 funds: provide the name and address of the federal office or official to 34 35 which or to whom the application for funds is to be submitted; explain in reasonable detail why a deadline has not or will not be 36 37 met and whether an extension has or will be granted; 38 summarize the history of the receipt of such funds for such 39 programs, projects, or purposes by the State within the past 10 40 years; 41 provide a list of reports prepared on the use of such funds in the 42 past and the location of those reports; and 43 provide such other information as the President of the Senate or 44 the Speaker of the General Assembly may request.]¹ 45 46 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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- 3 Requires State Treasurer to submit report to Legislature every six
- 4 months identifying deadlines for applications for federal funds by
- 5 State agencies.