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SYNOPSIS

Establishes study commission to examine development of mutually beneficial relationships between institutions of higher education and municipalities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Higher Education Committee on March 11, 2021, with amendments.



1 AN ACT establishing a commission to study beneficial relationships
2 between institutions of higher education and municipalities.

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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. a. There is established a study commission for the purpose
8 of examining the development of mutually beneficial relationships
9 between institutions of higher education and the municipalities in
10 which the institutions are located. The commission shall consist of
11 ¹~~14~~ 17¹ members as follows:

12 (1) the Secretary of Higher Education, or a designee ¹and the
13 Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the
14 Department of Community Affairs, or a designee¹;

15 ¹~~1~~(2) eight members appointed by the Governor, including a
16 representative of the State colleges and universities established
17 pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, a
18 representative of the public research universities, a representative of
19 the county colleges, a representative of the independent colleges
20 and universities, a mayor or designee of a municipality in which a
21 State college or university is located, a mayor or designee of a
22 municipality in which a public research university is located, a
23 mayor or designee of a municipality in which a county college is
24 located, and a mayor or designee of a municipality in which an
25 independent college or university is located;

26 (3) a representative of the New Jersey State League of
27 Municipalities; and

28 ~~(4)~~ ¹(2) 11 members appointed by the Governor, including a
29 representative of the State colleges and universities established
30 pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, a
31 representative of the public research universities, a representative of
32 the county colleges, a representative of the independent colleges
33 and universities, a mayor or designee of a municipality in which a
34 State college or university is located, a mayor or designee of a
35 municipality in which a public research university is located, a
36 mayor or designee of a municipality in which a county college is
37 located, a mayor or designee of a municipality in which an
38 independent college or university is located, a representative of the
39 New Jersey State League of Municipalities, a representative of the
40 American Federation of Teachers, and a representative of the New
41 Jersey Education Association; and

42 ⁽³⁾¹ four members of the public with demonstrated expertise or
43 interest in issues related to the work of the commission. The

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 thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHI committee amendments adopted March 11, 2021.

- 1 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the
2 Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the
3 General Assembly shall each appoint one of the public members.
- 4 b. Appointments to the commission shall be made within 30
5 days of the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership
6 of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
7 appointments were made.
- 8 c. Members of the commission shall serve without
9 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses
10 incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds
11 made available to the commission for its purposes.
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- 13 2. a. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable,
14 but no later than 30 days following the appointment of its members.
15 The commission shall choose a chairperson from among its
16 members and shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member
17 of the commission.
- 18 b. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education shall
19 provide such professional staff and related support services as the
20 commission requires to carry out its work. The commission also
21 shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the
22 services of the employees of any State, county, or municipal
23 department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it may require
24 and as may be available to it for its purposes.
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- 26 3. It shall be the duty of the study commission to examine the
27 creation and implementation of mutually beneficial relationships
28 between the State's institutions of higher education and the
29 municipalities in which the institutions are located. The
30 commission shall study and consider issues including, but not
31 limited to, the following:
- 32 a. ways in which institutions of higher education and
33 municipalities may work closely together to foster relationships that
34 will benefit the institution, the institution's students, and the
35 community;
- 36 b. ways to increase the engagement of institutions of higher
37 education with their surrounding communities in order to address
38 and respond to community needs;
- 39 c. specific types of structured partnerships that may mutually
40 benefit institutions of higher education and their surrounding
41 communities including, but not limited to, partnerships related to
42 academic programs, research, student internship and work
43 opportunities, and community service and outreach;
- 44 d. the process by which an institution of higher education may
45 acquire additional land, including whether the municipality should
46 be required to approve the procurement of new land; and

- 1 e. recommendations or best practices for institutions of higher
2 education and municipalities regarding the creation and
3 implementation of mutually beneficial relationships and
4 partnerships.
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- 6 4. The commission shall issue a report of its findings and
7 recommendations to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant
8 to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than 12
9 months after the commission organizes.
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- 11 5. This act shall take effect immediately, and the commission
12 shall expire 30 days after the submission of its report.