

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 5293**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 5293 (1R).

This bill revises provisions of State law concerning the operations of the New Jersey Civic Information Consortium.

Under current law, the New Jersey Civic Information Consortium consists of The College of New Jersey; Kean University; Montclair State University; the New Jersey Institute of Technology; Rowan University; and Rutgers, The State University. The purpose of the consortium is to advance research and innovation in the field of media and technology.

The bill staggers the terms of service for the consortium's board of directors. The bill also removes the provisions of law concerning hiring program officers and administrative staff. The bill broadens the categories of university representatives that can serve as grantee partners and permits unspent funds to be used in subsequent years, allowing the flexibility to provide multi-year grants.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 5293 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3746, which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.