

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2100

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 9, 2026

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2100.

This bill permits educational research and service corporations to act as the lead agency or contracting unit for procurement of any goods and services.

Under current law, a four-year public institution of higher education is permitted to join with other public or independent institutions to form an educational research and services corporation to be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes in accordance with federal law. Current law further permits an educational research and services corporation to act as a lead agency or contracting unit for the procurement of goods and services concerning educational technology systems and related services by the entities comprising the corporation. The bill permits the educational research and services corporation to act as a lead agency or contracting unit for the procurement of any goods or services.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2026-2027 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to remove a provision that would have permitted an educational services corporation to act as a lead agency or contracting unit for the procurement of public works.