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SYNOPSIS

Directs the Dept. of Agriculture to establish a clearinghouse website for farmers to offer produce and dairy products for use by school breakfast programs, school lunch programs, and food banks.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Economic Growth Committee on May 5, 2014, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT establishing a farmer clearinghouse website for use by
 2 school breakfast programs ¹**[and]**¹ school lunch programs,
 3 ¹and food banks,¹ and supplementing Title ¹**[18A]** ¹4¹ of the
 4 ¹**[New Jersey]** Revised¹ Statutes.

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 6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
 7 of New Jersey:

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 9 1. a. The Department of Agriculture ¹, in consultation with the
 10 ²**[Departments]** Department² of Education and ²the Department of²
 11 Health,¹ shall ²**[develop and]**² establish ²and maintain² ¹, or partner
 12 with a nonprofit organization to ²**[develop and]**² establish ²and
 13 maintain² ¹, a website to serve as a clearinghouse for farmers to
 14 provide produce and dairy products to school breakfast programs
 15 ¹**[and]**¹ school lunch programs ¹, and food banks¹ throughout the
 16 State. The website shall ²**[provide a forum for farmers with**
 17 produce and dairy products ¹**[available for use by school breakfast**
 18 and lunch programs]¹ to connect with any school ¹**[or]**¹ school
 19 district¹, or food bank¹ ¹**[**include a list of schools, school districts,
 20 and food banks² with a need for ¹**[the]**¹ produce or dairy products
 21 ¹**[for its]** ²[available for use by]¹ school breakfast or lunch
 22 ¹**[program]** programs or for donations by a food bank¹ ¹, organized
 23 by county, with hyperlinks to each individual school, school district, or
 24 food bank website².

25 b. The Department of Agriculture may adopt, pursuant to the
 26 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
 27 seq.), any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of
 28 this act.

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 30 2. This act shall take effect ¹**[immediately]** 12 months after the
 31 date of enactment¹.

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:

¹Assembly AWC committee amendments adopted March 10, 2014.

²Senate SEG committee amendments adopted May 5, 2014.