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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “New Jersey Out-of-School Time Advisory Commission” to review before-school, after-school, and summer programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on May 11, 2015, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT establishing the “New Jersey Out-of-School Time
2 Advisory Commission” ²**[and making an appropriation]**².

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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. There is established a New Jersey Out-of-School Time
8 Advisory Commission. The commission shall consist of ¹**[19]** 20¹
9 members, including the Commissioners of Education, Human
10 Services, and Children and Families, ex officio, or their designees,
11 the Secretary of Higher Education, ex officio, or a designee, one
12 member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one
13 member of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the
14 General Assembly, and ¹**[13]** 14¹ public members appointed by the
15 Governor, including one representative from each of the following:
16 the New Jersey Council for Young Children; the Association for
17 Children of New Jersey; the New Jersey School-Age Care
18 Coalition; the New Jersey Association of School Administrators;
19 the New Jersey Parent Teacher Association; the Statewide Parent
20 Advocacy Network; the New Jersey Education Association; the
21 New Jersey State Federation of Teachers; the New Jersey School
22 Boards Association; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors
23 Association; the New Jersey Charter Schools Association; the
24 Advisory Committee for Nonpublic Schools of the Department of
25 Education; ¹the New Jersey Child Care Association¹; and one
26 academic researcher in the field of youth development.

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28 2. All appointments shall be made within 30 days after the
29 effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership of the
30 commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
31 appointments were made. Members of the commission shall serve
32 without compensation but shall be entitled to their actual and
33 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties
34 within the limits of funds made available to the commission for its
35 purposes.

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37 3. The commission shall organize within 30 days after the
38 appointment of its members and shall select a chairperson and a
39 vice-chairperson from among its Legislative members and a
40 secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

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42 4. The chairperson shall retain and may remove at his pleasure
43 a consultant and other such personnel as he may deem necessary for

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 floor amendments adopted June 26, 2014.

²Assembly AED committee amendments adopted May 11, 2015.

1 the performance of the commission's duties, and shall fix their
2 compensation within the amounts made available. The duties of the
3 consultant shall include, but need not be limited to, organizing
4 public hearings, conducting site visits, facilitating the interaction
5 between the commission and work groups, and preparing the
6 interim and final reports.

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8 5. It shall be the duty of the commission to:

9 a. assess the state of out-of-school time programs in New
10 Jersey by reviewing the policies of all State agencies that fund
11 before-school, after-school or summer programs, as well as review
12 existing research and best practices;

13 b. adopt appropriate Statewide standards for out-of-school time
14 program design, implementation and assessment;

15 c. examine the existing amount of funding available for out-of-
16 school time programs and the source of the funding; and

17 d. examine the development and operation of out-of-school
18 time programs in urban, suburban and rural school districts, and
19 make recommendations to increase the accountability and quality of
20 the before-school, after-school and summer programs.

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22 6. Staff and related support services shall be provided to the
23 commission by the Department of Education. The commission shall
24 be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of
25 the employees of any State, county or municipal department, board,
26 bureau, commission or agency as it may require and as may be
27 available for its purposes.

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29 7. The commission shall issue an interim report of its findings
30 and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to
31 the Governor, the Senate Education Committee, and the Assembly
32 Education Committee, no later than one year after its organizational
33 meeting, and a final report no later than two years after its
34 organizational meeting.

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36 ²[8. There is appropriated \$60,000 from the General Fund to the
37 commission to effectuate the purposes of this act.]²

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39 ²[9.] 8.² This act shall take ²[place] effect² immediately and
40 the commission shall expire 30 days after the submission of the
41 final report.