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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Farm to School Coordinating Council.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on September 19, 2016, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT creating the Farm to School Coordinating Council.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. a. There is established in the Department of Agriculture the
7 Farm to School Coordinating Council. The council shall consist of
8 five members as follows:

9 (1) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the secretary's designee;

10 (2) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
11 designee; and

12 (3) three members of the public appointed by the Governor,
13 ¹**[with the advice and consent of the Senate,]**¹ who have experience
14 working with the New Jersey Farm to School Program ¹, one upon
15 recommendation by the President of the Senate and one upon
16 recommendation by the Speaker of the General Assembly¹ .

17 b. The Governor shall appoint the chairperson of the council.
18 The council shall hold its first meeting as soon as practicable after
19 the appointment of the public members.

20 c. The council may meet and hold hearings at the times and
21 places it designates.

22 d. The council may call upon any department, office, division,
23 or agency of State government as it may require ¹**[and]** ¹ as may
24 be available to it for its purposes, ¹and¹ as may be necessary in
25 order to perform its duties, within the limits of funds appropriated
26 or otherwise made available to it for its purposes.

27 e. Any vacancy in the membership of the council shall be filled
28 in the same manner as the original appointment.

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30 2. a. The Farm to School Coordinating Council shall examine
31 all areas of the New Jersey Farm to School Program and identify
32 any outstanding issues or problems that need to be resolved and
33 areas in need of improvement. The council shall focus on the
34 procurement process relating to the purchase of agricultural
35 products by schools from New Jersey farmers, and recommend
36 ways to increase the participation of both farmers and schools in the
37 program. The council shall also make recommendations on ways to
38 promote and increase the use of fresh farm foods at schools
39 throughout the State.

40 b. Within one year after its first meeting, the council shall prepare
41 and submit a written report to the Governor and to the Legislature
42 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), with its
43 findings, conclusions, and recommendations. Copies of the report
44 shall also be provided to the public upon request free of charge, and

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 AAN committee amendments adopted September 19, 2016.

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1 posted on the Internet websites of the Department of Agriculture and
2 the Department of Education.

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4 3. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire on the
5 60th day after submittal of the report required pursuant to subsection b.
6 of section 2 of this act.