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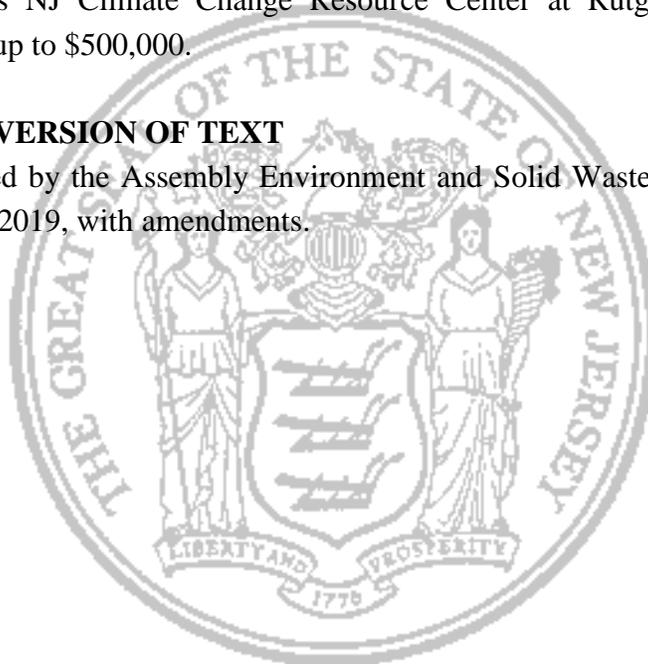
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes NJ Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers University;  
appropriates up to \$500,000.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee on  
December 9, 2019, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Climate Change Resource  
2 Center, supplementing chapter 65 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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

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8 1. a. There is established the New Jersey Climate Change  
9 Resource Center, hereinafter referred to as the center, at Rutgers,  
10 The State University. The purpose of the center shall be to carry  
11 out interdisciplinary research activities that will help New Jersey  
12 adapt and prepare for climate change.

13 b. The center shall conduct research with a mission to create  
14 and support the use of impartial and actionable science to advance  
15 government, public, private, and nongovernmental sector efforts to  
16 adapt to a changing climate. The center's research shall include,  
17 but need not be limited to:

18 (1) conducting a Statewide climate change vulnerability  
19 assessment to identify populations, built and natural assets, and  
20 communities that are most vulnerable to a changing climate;

21 (2) <sup>1</sup>facilitating and <sup>1</sup>coordinating <sup>1</sup>**【applied research】**, to the  
22 greatest extent possible, <sup>1</sup>among <sup>1</sup>New Jersey <sup>1</sup>academic institutions  
23 <sup>1</sup>**【to ensure efficient and effective delivery of findings to inform】**  
24 collaborative applied research, development of educational  
25 programs, and Statewide integration of research findings into <sup>1</sup>  
26 adaptation and resilience efforts <sup>1</sup>**【in the State】** <sup>1</sup>;

27 (3) forming partnerships with practitioners in key economic  
28 sectors that are particularly vulnerable to climate change, including  
29 agriculture, public health, water resources, and the built and natural  
30 environment;

31 (4) undertaking actionable science that informs planning and  
32 policy-making at the local, State, and regional levels;

33 (5) developing and delivering technical guidance to practitioners  
34 to enhance adaptation and resilience in the public, private, and  
35 nongovernmental sectors;

36 (6) undertaking pilot projects that can be replicable throughout  
37 the State and that reduce the risks facing populations most  
38 vulnerable to climate change; and

39 (7) enhancing the State's capacity to address climate risks and  
40 impacts through outreach training, engagement, and education of  
41 policymakers, practitioners, the media, and other key stakeholders.

42 c. Within two years after the effective date of this section, the  
43 center shall provide a report to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2  
44 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), summarizing its research 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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AEN committee amendments adopted December 9, 2019.

- 1 activities and identifying priorities for the next five years, including  
2 any additional resource needs.  
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- 4 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the New  
5 Jersey Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers, The State  
6 University, <sup>1</sup>["\$2 million"] an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to  
7 reimburse the center for costs incurred based on receipts submitted  
8 by the center to the Director of the Division of Budget and  
9 Accounting<sup>1</sup> for the purposes provided in section 1 of this act.  
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- 11 3. This act shall take effect immediately.