

ASSEMBLY, No. 253

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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits businesses that outsource jobs overseas from receiving State contracts or grants; prohibits investment of State funds in such businesses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** prohibiting businesses that outsource jobs overseas from
2 receiving State contracts or grants, prohibiting investment of
3 State funds in such firms, and supplementing Title 52 of the
4 Revised 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 business entity that outsources any jobs to any foreign
10 nation shall be ineligible to perform any contract or receive any
11 grant that is paid for, in whole or in part, with or out of State funds
12 and no State funds or funds under the custody or control of the State
13 shall be invested in securities of such a business entity.

14 Prior to receiving any State contract or grant a business entity
15 shall certify in writing to the State agency awarding the contract or
16 grant that it is not prohibited by the provisions of this section from
17 performing such contract or receiving such grant. A business entity
18 that is awarded any State contract or grant shall agree that during
19 the duration of the contract or grant it shall not engage in conduct
20 that would make it ineligible to receive a contract or grant under
21 this section.

22 The Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury
23 shall not invest any State funds or funds under the custody or
24 control of the State in the securities of any business entity until the
25 division determines that such investment is not prohibited by the
26 provisions of this section.

27 As used in this section,

28 "business entity" means any natural or legal person, business
29 corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability
30 company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust,
31 association or any other legal commercial entity, whether for profit
32 or nonprofit, organized under the laws of this State or of any other
33 state or foreign jurisdiction; and

34 "outsource" means eliminating any jobs performed by employees
35 of a business entity in the United States and causing the functions
36 performed by those employees to be performed, instead, by workers
37 in any foreign nation.

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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44 The purpose of this bill is to discourage the "outsourcing" of
45 American jobs to other countries. It provides that any business
46 entity that eliminates jobs performed by its employees in the United
47 States and caused the functions performed by those employees to be
48 performed, instead, by workers in any foreign nation will be

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1 ineligible to perform any State contract or receive any State grant.
2 The bill provides that State funds or funds under the custody or
3 control of the State will not be invested in securities of such a
4 business entity.
5 Prior to receiving any State contract or grant, a business entity
6 will be required to certify in writing to the State agency awarding
7 the contract or grant that it is not prohibited by the bill's provisions
8 from performing such contract or receiving such grant. A business
9 entity that is awarded any State contract or grant must agree that
10 during the duration of the contract or grant it will not engage in
11 conduct that would make it ineligible to receive a contract or grant
12 under the bill. The Division of Investment in the Department of the
13 Treasury is directed not to invest any State funds in the securities of
14 any business until the division determines that such investment is
15 not prohibited by the bill's provisions.