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SYNOPSIS

Requires environmental sustainability plan for State House Complex.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT requiring an environmental sustainability plan for the State
2 House Complex, and amending and supplementing P.L.1992,
3 c.67.

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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. Section 6 of P.L.1992, c.67 (C.52:31-39) is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 6. a. It shall be the duty of the commission and its respective
11 subcommittees to:

12 (1) maintain, monitor and preserve the architectural, historical,
13 cultural and artistic integrity of any completed project for the
14 restoration, preservation and improvement of the State capitol complex
15 and to safeguard any related artifacts, documents and objects;

16 (2) maintain custody of the State capitol complex, with exclusive
17 jurisdiction with respect to its management and operation and with
18 consideration for the environmental sustainability thereof , including
19 maintenance, repair, renovation, improvement, security, parking,
20 furnishing, artifact displays, and space utilization; [and]

21 (3) consult with the Capital City Redevelopment Corporation,
22 established pursuant to P.L.1987, c.58 (C.52:9Q-9 et seq.), regarding
23 matters of common concern ; and

24 (4) (a) adopt and implement, and revise as necessary at least
25 every four years, an environmental sustainability plan for the State
26 capitol complex in accordance with the requirements of section 2 of
27 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill); and

28 (b) issue an annual progress report on the implementation of the
29 environmental sustainability plan, which shall be provided to the
30 public upon request and free of charge, and shall be posted on the
31 internet websites of the Governor and the Legislature .

32 b. The exclusive responsibility to carry out these duties shall
33 repose with the commission with respect to common facilities; the
34 subcommittee on executive branch facility management with respect to
35 executive branch facilities; and the subcommittee on legislative branch
36 facility management with respect to legislative branch facilities.
37 (cf: P.L.1992, c.67, s.6)

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39 2. (New section) The environmental sustainability plan for the
40 State capitol complex, adopted and implemented by the commission
41 pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection a. of section 6 of P.L.1992,
42 c.67 (C.52:31-39), shall include:

43 a. Initiatives to improve energy savings and efficiency, including
44 alternative electric energy, increase use of Energy Star products, and
45 make other technology upgrades;

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.

- 1 b. Water conservation techniques including xeriscaping;
- 2 c. Applicable principles set forth in the Leadership in Energy and
3 Environmental Design Green Building Rating System established by
4 the United States Green Building Council;
- 5 d. Involvement of State capitol complex food services, including
6 the consideration of locally produced foods and sustainable
7 serveware products, such as Jersey Fresh food products and
8 biodegradable or bio-plastic utensils and other serveware products;
- 9 e. Consideration of methods to lower the level of carbon
10 emissions and reduce the carbon footprint of the State capitol complex,
11 including alternatives such as planting trees and purchasing carbon
12 credits to offset emissions; and
- 13 f. Establishment of performance measures to track the progress of
14 each aspect of the environmental sustainability plan, including the
15 management and operation of the State capitol complex in
16 consideration of the plan as required pursuant to paragraph (2) of
17 subsection a. of section 6 of P.L.1992, c.67 (C.52:31-39).

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19 3. Section 7 of P.L.1992, c.67 (C.52:31-40) is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 7. a. The commission or any subcommittee may enter into
22 agreements with other State agencies or private vendors for the
23 performance of any function or the provision of any service relating
24 to the custody, management or operation of the State capitol
25 complex.

26 b. The commission or any subcommittee may enter into
27 agreements with any State agency with respect to the joint
28 management and use of facilities or systems which serve both the
29 capitol complex and buildings under the custody of the agency.

30 c. The commission shall be subject to the provisions of subtitle
31 5 **【.** of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes with respect to contracting
32 and, as appropriate, shall consider the environmental sustainability
33 plan adopted pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection a. of section 6
34 of P.L.1992, c.67 (C.52:31-39) prior to entering into any contract.

35 d. The commission shall appoint an advisory committee of
36 experts in environmental sustainability to assist the commission in
37 the preparation and implementation of the environmental
38 sustainability plan to be adopted pursuant to paragraph (4) of
39 subsection a. of section 6 of P.L.1992, c.67 .

40 (cf: P.L.1992, c.67, s.7)

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42 4. Section 8 of P.L.1992, c.67 (C.52:31-41) is amended to read
43 as follows:

44 8. Upon completion of any project for the restoration,
45 preservation **【and】** , improvement , and environmental
46 sustainability of the State capitol complex, no alteration of any
47 element of the project shall be made without the approval of the

1 commission or the appropriate subcommittee.
2 (cf: P.L.1992, c.67, s.8)

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4 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill would require the State Capitol Joint Management
10 Commission to prepare, adopt, and implement an environmental
11 sustainability plan for the State House Capitol Complex.

12 The commission would be required to adopt an environmental
13 sustainability plan that includes energy savings and efficiency
14 upgrades, water conservation techniques, applicable principles set
15 forth by the United States Green Building Council, the involvement
16 of food services, the consideration of methods to reduce the carbon
17 emissions and minimize the State's "carbon footprint," and the
18 establishment of performance measures to be reported annually and
19 made available on the Internet websites of the Governor and
20 Legislature.

21 This bill also would amend current law to ensure that the
22 commission considers environmentally sustainable options with
23 respect to contracting and the management and operation of the
24 State House Capitol Complex. The environmental sustainability
25 plan would be revised as necessary at least every four years and an
26 advisory committee of experts in environmental sustainability
27 would be appointed to assist the commission.