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SYNOPSIS

Establishes State board to oversee implementation and evaluation of State pilot programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a New Jersey Pilot Program Review Board and
2 supplementing chapter 9H of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. There is established in, but not of, the Department of the
8 Treasury a board to be known as the “New Jersey Pilot Program
9 Review Board.” The board shall be independent of any supervision
10 or control by the Department of the Treasury except as expressly
11 authorized under this act, P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
12 Legislature as this bill).

13 b. The board shall consist of nine members as follows:

14 (1) five members shall be appointed by the Governor, of whom
15 one shall serve as chairperson;

16 (2) one member shall be appointed by the President of the
17 Senate;

18 (3) one member shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of
19 the Senate;

20 (4) one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
21 General Assembly; and

22 (5) one member shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of
23 the General Assembly.

24 c. In appointing members, the appointing authority shall select
25 academic, business, and other professionals who have knowledge,
26 expertise, and practice in at least four of the following areas:

27 (1) accounting and auditing;

28 (2) State, county, or municipal government;

29 (3) economic analysis;

30 (4) governmental finance and fiscal management,

31 (5) program evaluation;

32 (6) cost benefits analysis; and

33 (7) quantitative and qualitative research methods.

34 The chair of the board shall be an individual with expertise and
35 experience in cost-benefit analysis, program evaluation, and
36 research methods.

37 d. Members of the board shall be appointed not later than 60
38 days after the effective date of this act and shall hold their initial
39 meeting as soon as practicable, but no later than 30 days following
40 the appointment of a majority of the authorized membership. Not
41 more than five members appointed to the board may be from the
42 same political party.

43 e. Members of the board shall serve for a term of four years,
44 except that of the appointments first made to the board by the
45 Governor, two of the appointments shall serve for a term of two
46 years, and except that the appointments first made by the Senate
47 Minority Leader and the Assembly Minority Leader shall be for a
48 term of two years. The term of each member shall be deemed to

1 commence on July 1 of the calendar year of the appointment and
2 shall expire on June 30 of the second or fourth calendar year
3 thereafter, as the case may be for the first or subsequent
4 appointments, but members shall continue to serve during a
5 succeeding term until the appointment and qualification of a
6 successor. Any vacancy during a term shall be filled in the same
7 manner as the original appointment but only for the balance of the
8 unexpired term. Members shall be eligible for reappointment to
9 successive terms. Any member of the board may be removed for
10 cause by the Governor.

11 f. Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but
12 shall be entitled to reimbursements for all necessary expenses
13 incurred in the performance of their duties.

14 g. The board shall meet at the call of the chairperson. Five
15 members of the board shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number
16 of members may hold hearings. No action of the board shall be
17 taken without the affirmative vote of the majority of all the
18 authorized members of the board. The board shall meet once every
19 six months and at such other times as the chair of the board may
20 determine.

21 h. The board shall hold annually at least two public hearings each
22 in the northern, central, and southern region of the State at such times
23 and places as the chair shall determine. The board shall invite to
24 testify professional, labor, community, and environmental
25 organizations, businesses, workers, governmental units, and other
26 interested parties to discuss the pilot programs in the State.

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28 2. a. The purpose of the New Jersey Pilot Review Board shall
29 be to evaluate pilot programs enacted by law to assess whether the
30 programs are being properly implemented and meeting the
31 programs intended goals, and, if so, to examine whether the
32 program should be expanded Statewide and to a permanent status.

33 b. The board shall:

34 (1) review all pilot programs periodically and not more than a
35 year after the completion of the pilot program to measure the degree
36 to which the pilot program is achieving its desired goals and
37 outcomes and the overall effectiveness of the pilot program;

38 (2) evaluate each pilot program using the objective performance
39 measures established and developed by the implementing
40 department division, or other agency of State government as set
41 forth in subsection d. of this section;

42 (3) solicit both written and oral comments on the impact of a
43 certain pilot program from the public, including professional, labor,
44 community, and environmental organizations, businesses, workers,
45 and other affected persons or entities as the board deems
46 appropriate, and to consider the views expressed by those parties in
47 any report; and

1 (4) provide a written report after each review of a pilot program
2 to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
3 (C.52:14-19.1), the Legislature, in which the board shall provide
4 recommendations on whether or not a the pilot program is being
5 properly implemented and meeting the programs intended goals and
6 outcomes, and, if so, whether the program should be expanded
7 Statewide and to a permanent status.

8 c. The Department of the Treasury shall provide primary staff
9 support to the board. The board shall be entitled to call upon any
10 department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply the
11 board with data and other information, personnel, or assistance it
12 deems necessary for its purposes. Each department, office,
13 division, or agency of the State shall cooperate with the board and
14 furnish it with such information, personnel, or assistance as may be
15 necessary for the board to discharge its duties.

16 d. The department, division, or other agency of State
17 government responsible for the implementation of a pilot program
18 shall develop and establish objective performance measures for
19 each pilot program before the pilot program is implemented. The
20 department, division, or other agency of State government shall
21 develop the objective performance measures in consultation with
22 the New Jersey Pilot Review Board established pursuant to this act.

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24 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill establishes the “New Jersey Pilot Program Review
30 Board” to oversee implementation and evaluation of State pilot
31 programs.

32 Under the bill, the “New Jersey Pilot Program Review Board” is
33 established in, but not of, the Department of the Treasury. The
34 board will be independent of any supervision or control by the
35 Department of the Treasury except as expressly authorized under
36 the bill.

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45 Assembly; and

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47 General Assembly.

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4 analysis, governmental finance and fiscal management, program
5 evaluation, cost benefits analysis, and quantitative and qualitative
6 research methods. Members of the board will serve for a term of
7 four years, except that of the appointments first made to the board
8 by the Governor, two of the appointments will serve for a term of
9 two years, and except that the appointments first made by the
10 minority leaders in each House will be for a term of two years. The
11 term of each member will be deemed to commence on July 1 of the
12 calendar year of the appointment and will expire on June 30 of the
13 second or fourth calendar year thereafter, as the case may be for the
14 first or subsequent appointments.

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22 department division, or other agency of State government;

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24 certain pilot program from the public, and to consider the views
25 expressed by those parties in any report; and

26 (4) provide a written report after each review of a pilot program
27 to the Governor and the Legislature, in which the board shall
28 provide recommendations on whether or not the pilot program is
29 being properly implemented and meeting the programs intended
30 goals and outcomes, and, if so, whether the program should be
31 expanded Statewide and to a permanent status.

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33 support to the board and each department, office, division, or
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