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SYNOPSIS

Requires State to enter into contract for COVID-19 testing kits for purchase by institutions of higher education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of COVID-19 testing kits by
2 institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 34 of
3 Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation
9 to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Purchase and
10 Property in the Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the
11 Commissioner of Health, shall award a contract or contracts for the
12 procurement of COVID-19 testing kits, in accordance with the
13 provisions of chapter 34 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, which
14 shall include antibody testing kits and nasal swab testing kits, to a
15 bidder or bidders whose proposal will be most advantageous to the
16 State. The director, in consultation with the commissioner, may
17 make awards to multiple bidders in accordance with section 1 of
18 P.L.1986, c.26 (C.52:34-12.1).

19 b. The governing board of a public institution of higher
20 education or an independent institution of higher education, without
21 advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained
22 pursuant to advertising therefor, by resolution may purchase
23 COVID-19 testing kits through the contract or contracts for such
24 testing kits entered into by the Division of Purchase and Property,
25 pursuant to the provisions of subsection a. of this section.

26 c. The Commissioner of Health shall coordinate the purchase
27 of COVID-19 testing kits by public institutions of higher education
28 and independent institutions of higher education which determine to
29 purchase the testing kits in accordance with subsection b. of this
30 section.

31 d. As used in this section:

32 “Independent institution of higher education” means an eligible
33 institution as defined under subsection a. of section 3 of
34 P.L.1979, c.132 (C.18A:72B-17).

35 “Public institution of higher education” means Rutgers, The
36 State University, the State colleges, the New Jersey Institute of
37 Technology, Rowan University, Montclair State University, the
38 county colleges and any other public university or college now or
39 hereafter established or authorized by law.

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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44 STATEMENT

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46 This bill requires the State to purchase, in bulk, COVID-19
47 testing kits. The testing kits would include antibody testing kits and
48 nasal swab testing kits, among other things. The State would not be

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1 limited to awarding contracts to one bidder. If it is deemed
2 advantageous, the State may purchase from more than one bidder to
3 fill the necessary demand for COVID-19 testing kits. Public and
4 independent institutions of higher education throughout the State
5 would then be allowed to purchase the testing kits from the State.
6 Under the bill, the Commissioner of Health would be required to
7 coordinate the purchase of testing kits by the institutions of higher
8 education.