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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “New Jersey Technology Task Force.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** establishing the “New Jersey Technology
2 Task Force.”

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. There is established a task force to be known as “New
8 Jersey Technology Task Force.” The purpose of the task force shall
9 be to conduct a study of potential technology upgrades to State
10 computer systems, networks, software, and hardware across all
11 departments, commissions, councils, boards, authorities, offices,
12 and other agencies of the executive and judicial branches of State
13 government, with a determination of which technology upgrades are
14 critical and which may be implemented incrementally, with a focus
15 on computer system and network interoperability, for the efficiency
16 and security of State government operations.

17 b. The task force shall consist of 11 members as follows:

18 (1) the Chief Technology Officer of the Office of Information
19 Technology, who shall serve ex officio;

20 (2) the Director of the New Jersey Cybersecurity and
21 Communications Integration Cell in the New Jersey Office of
22 Homeland Security and Preparedness, who shall serve ex officio;

23 (3) the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, who
24 shall serve ex officio;

25 (4) four public members who shall be appointed by the
26 Governor, including two representatives with an expertise in
27 government information technology, one representative with an
28 expertise in emergency management, and one representative with an
29 expertise in cybersecurity;

30 (5) one public member appointed by the Governor upon the
31 recommendation of the President of the Senate, with an expertise in
32 government information technology;

33 (6) one public member appointed by the Governor upon the
34 recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, with an
35 expertise in government information technology;

36 (7) one public member appointed by the Governor upon the
37 recommendation of the Senate Minority Leader, with an expertise in
38 emergency management; and

39 (8) one public member appointed by the Governor upon the
40 recommendation of the Assembly Minority Leader, with an
41 expertise in cybersecurity.

42 c. Within 90 days after the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
43 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), a majority of the task
44 force's authorized membership shall be appointed and the task force
45 shall hold its initial meeting. The task force shall organize upon the
46 appointment of a majority of its authorized membership and shall
47 elect a chair from among its members. The members of the task
48 force, other than those serving ex officio, shall serve for the

1 duration of the existence of the task force. Any vacancy shall be
2 filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The task
3 force members shall serve without compensation, but shall be
4 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
5 their duties to the extent that funds are available for that purpose.

6 d. Not later than 180 days after the initial meeting of the task
7 force, the task force shall issue a report to the Governor and,
8 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
9 Legislature, which shall include, but not be limited to,
10 recommendations on needed technology upgrades to State computer
11 systems, networks, software, and hardware across all State-level
12 departments, commissions, councils, boards, authorities, offices, or
13 other agencies, with emphasis on critical technology upgrades, any
14 cost benefit analyses concerning all needed technology upgrades, a
15 summary of the benefits of computer system and network
16 interoperability, any other information relevant to the subject of the
17 report, and any draft legislation the task force deems appropriate to
18 implement the purposes of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
19 Legislature as this bill).

20 e. The task force shall be entitled to the assistance and services
21 of the employees of any State board, bureau, commission, or agency
22 as it may require, and as may be available to it for these purposes
23 including, but not limited to, stenographic and clerical assistants
24 within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available
25 to it for its purposes.

26 f. The Office of Information Technology shall assist the task
27 force in the performance of its duties and provide the task force
28 with studies, data, or other materials in the possession of those
29 entities, to the extent that such are relevant to the purposes of the
30 task force.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
33 the issuance of the report submitted by the task force pursuant to
34 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
35 this bill).

36 37 38 STATEMENT

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40 This joint resolution establishes the “New Jersey Technology
41 Task Force.” The purpose of the task force is to conduct a study of
42 potential technology upgrades to State computer systems, networks,
43 software, and hardware across all departments, commissions,
44 councils, boards, authorities, offices, and other agencies of the
45 executive and judicial branches of State government, with a
46 determination of which technology upgrades are critical and which
47 may be implemented incrementally, with a focus on computer

1 system and network interoperability, for the efficiency and security
2 of State government operations.

3 The task force is to consist of 11 members as follows:

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5 Technology, who is to serve ex officio;

6 (2) the Director of the New Jersey Cybersecurity and
7 Communications Integration Cell in the New Jersey Office of
8 Homeland Security and Preparedness, who is to serve ex officio;

9 (3) the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, who
10 is to serve ex officio;

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12 Governor, including two representatives with an expertise in
13 government information technology, one representative with an
14 expertise in emergency management, and one representative with an
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17 recommendation of the President of the Senate, with an expertise in
18 government information technology;

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20 recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, with an
21 expertise in government information technology;

22 (7) one public member appointed by the Governor upon the
23 recommendation of the Senate Minority Leader, with an expertise in
24 emergency management; and

25 (8) one public member appointed by the Governor upon the
26 recommendation of the Assembly Minority Leader, with an
27 expertise in cybersecurity.

28 Within 90 days after the effective date of this joint resolution, a
29 majority of the task force's authorized membership is to be
30 appointed and the task force is to hold its initial meeting. The task
31 force is to organize upon the appointment of a majority of its
32 authorized membership and it is to elect a chair from among the
33 members. The members of the task force, other than those serving
34 ex officio, are to serve for the duration of the existence of the task
35 force. Any vacancy is to be filled in the same manner as the original
36 appointment. The task force members are to serve without
37 compensation, but are to be reimbursed for necessary expenses
38 incurred in the performance of their duties.

39 Not later than 180 days after the initial meeting of the task force,
40 the task force is to issue a report to the Governor and to the
41 Legislature that is to include, but not be limited to,
42 recommendations on needed technology upgrades to State computer
43 systems, networks, software, and hardware across all State-level
44 departments, commissions, councils, boards, authorities, offices, or
45 other agencies, with emphasis on critical technology upgrades, any
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47 summary of the benefits of computer system and network

1 interoperability, any other information relevant to the subject of the
2 report, and any draft legislation the task force deems appropriate to
3 implement the purposes the task force. The task force will expire
4 upon the submission of this report.

5 The Office of Information Technology is to assist the task force
6 in the performance of its duties and provide the task force with
7 studies, data, or other materials in the possession of those entities,
8 to the extent that such are relevant to the purposes of the task force.