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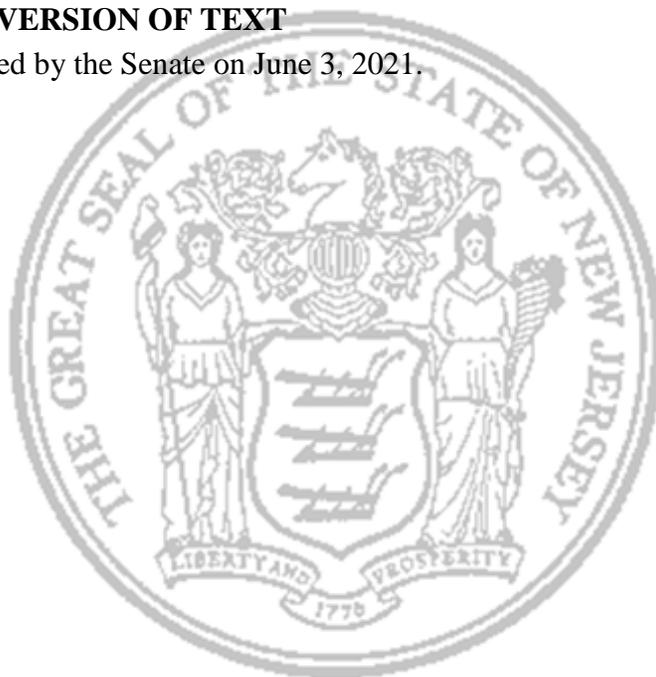
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes study commission to examine development of mutually beneficial relationships between institutions of higher education and municipalities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on June 3, 2021.



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1 AN ACT establishing a commission to study beneficial relationships  
2 between institutions of higher education and municipalities.

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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 a study commission for the purpose  
8 of examining the development of mutually beneficial relationships  
9 between institutions of higher education and the municipalities in  
10 which the institutions are located. The commission shall consist of  
11 <sup>1</sup>~~14~~ 17<sup>1</sup> members as follows:

12 (1) the Secretary of Higher Education, or a designee <sup>1</sup>and the  
13 Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the  
14 Department of Community Affairs, or a designee<sup>1</sup>;

15 <sup>1</sup>~~[(2)~~ eight members appointed by the Governor, including a  
16 representative of the State colleges and universities established  
17 pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, a  
18 representative of the public research universities, a representative of  
19 the county colleges, a representative of the independent colleges  
20 and universities, a mayor or designee of a municipality in which a  
21 State college or university is located, a mayor or designee of a  
22 municipality in which a public research university is located, a  
23 mayor or designee of a municipality in which a county college is  
24 located, and a mayor or designee of a municipality in which an  
25 independent college or university is located;

26 (3) a representative of the New Jersey State League of  
27 Municipalities; and

28 ~~(4)~~ <sup>1</sup>~~(2)~~ 11 members appointed by the Governor, including a  
29 representative of the State colleges and universities established  
30 pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, a  
31 representative of the public research universities, a representative of  
32 the county colleges, a representative of the independent colleges  
33 and universities, a mayor or designee of a municipality in which a  
34 State college or university is located, a mayor or designee of a  
35 municipality in which a public research university is located, a  
36 mayor or designee of a municipality in which a county college is  
37 located, a mayor or designee of a municipality in which an  
38 independent college or university is located, a representative of the  
39 New Jersey State League of Municipalities, a representative of the  
40 American Federation of Teachers, and a representative of the New  
41 Jersey Education Association; and

42 ~~(3)~~<sup>1</sup> four members of the public with demonstrated expertise or  
43 interest in issues related to the work of the commission. The  
44 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SHI committee amendments adopted March 11, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted June 3, 2021.

- 1 Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the  
2 General Assembly shall each appoint one of the public members.
- 3 b. Appointments to the commission shall be made within 30  
4 days of the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership  
5 of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
6 appointments were made.
- 7 c. Members of the commission shall serve without  
8 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
9 incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds  
10 made available to the commission for its purposes.
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- 12 2. a. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable,  
13 but no later than 30 days following the appointment of its members.  
14 The commission shall choose a chairperson from among its  
15 members and shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member  
16 of the commission.
- 17 b. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education shall  
18 provide such professional staff and related support services as the  
19 commission requires to carry out its work. The commission also  
20 shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the  
21 services of the employees of any State, county, or municipal  
22 department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it may require  
23 and as may be available to it for its purposes.
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- 25 3. It shall be the duty of the study commission to examine the  
26 creation and implementation of mutually beneficial relationships  
27 between the State's institutions of higher education and the  
28 municipalities in which the institutions are located. The  
29 commission shall study and consider issues including, but not  
30 limited to, the following:
- 31 a. ways in which institutions of higher education and  
32 municipalities may work closely together to foster relationships that  
33 will benefit the institution, the institution's students, and the  
34 community;
- 35 b. ways to increase the engagement of institutions of higher  
36 education with their surrounding communities in order to address  
37 and respond to community needs;
- 38 c. specific types of structured partnerships that may mutually  
39 benefit institutions of higher education and their surrounding  
40 communities including, but not limited to, partnerships related to  
41 academic programs, research, student internship and work  
42 opportunities, and community service and outreach;
- 43 d. the process by which an institution of higher education may  
44 acquire additional land, including whether the municipality should  
45 be required to approve the procurement of new land; and

1 e. recommendations or best practices for institutions of higher  
2 education and municipalities regarding the creation and  
3 implementation of mutually beneficial relationships and  
4 partnerships.

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6 4. The commission shall issue a report of its findings and  
7 recommendations to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant  
8 to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than 12  
9 months after the commission organizes.

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11 5. This act shall take effect <sup>2</sup>**[immediately]** 90 days after the date  
12 of enactment<sup>2</sup>, and the commission shall expire 30 days after the  
13 submission of its report.