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SYNOPSIS

Establishes New Jersey Higher Education Student Advisory Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Higher Education Committee on June 25, 2020,
with amendments.



1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Higher Education Student
2 Advisory Commission and supplementing chapter 3B of Title
3 18A of the New Jersey 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. There is established a New Jersey Higher Education
9 Student Advisory Commission in, but not of, the Department of
10 State. The commission shall consist of ~~'[13] 14'~~¹ members
11 appointed by the Secretary of Higher Education including: three
12 student representatives from the State colleges and universities
13 established pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
14 Statutes, a student representative from each of the four public
15 research universities, three student representatives from the county
16 colleges, ~~'[and]'~~¹ three student representatives from the
17 independent colleges and universities ¹, and one student
18 representative from a proprietary degree-granting institution¹.

19 b. A student enrolled in an institution of higher education ¹or a
20 proprietary degree-granting institution¹ in the State may submit an
21 application to serve on the commission to the Secretary of Higher
22 Education. The application shall detail the student's experience as
23 a campus leader and shall include a letter of recommendation from
24 the president of the institution of higher education ¹or the
25 proprietary institution¹ at which the student is enrolled. The
26 secretary in making the appointments shall attempt to provide a
27 balanced representation of the geographic regions of the State.

28 c. Appointments to the commission shall be made for a term of
29 one year, although the secretary may reappoint a student for
30 additional terms. The secretary shall make every effort to ensure
31 that at least one member is reappointed to the commission from the
32 prior year's membership.

33 d. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be
34 filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made.
35 Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be
36 filled for the unexpired term.

37 e. The members of the commission shall serve without
38 compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
39 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties within the
40 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the
41 commission for its purposes.

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43 2. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable
44 following the appointment of its members, but no later than 60 days

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:

¹Senate SHI committee amendments adopted June 25, 2020.

1 after the effective date of this act. The commission shall choose a
2 chairperson from among its members and shall appoint a secretary
3 who need not be a member of the commission. The commission
4 shall meet a minimum of three times each year. The minutes of
5 each meeting shall be posted on the Office of the Secretary of
6 Higher Education's website.

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8 3. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education shall
9 provide such stenographic, clerical, and other administrative
10 assistants, and such professional staff as the commission requires to
11 carry out its work. The commission also shall be entitled to call to
12 its assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees of any
13 State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission,
14 or agency as it may require and as may be available for its purposes.

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16 4. It shall be the responsibility of the commission to advise the
17 secretary on system-wide issues of concern to students. The
18 commission shall annually report to the Assembly Higher Education
19 Committee and the Senate Higher Education Committee, or their
20 successor committees on the concerns, perspectives, and
21 experiences of students attending institutions of higher education
22 'and proprietary degree-granting institutions' in the State and may
23 make recommendations on suggested legislative initiatives.

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25 5. This act shall take effect immediately.