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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Trenton Makes Commission.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** establishing a commission to identify ways to support New
2 Jersey manufacturing and incentivize new manufacturing to locate
3 in the State and supplementing Title 34 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. There is established, in the New Jersey Economic
9 Development Authority, the Trenton Makes Commission. The duties
10 and responsibilities of the commission shall be to assist the authority
11 to develop strategies and recommend policies to the Governor and
12 Legislature for adoption into law ways to incentivize manufacturing
13 businesses to locate in New Jersey, while also focusing on
14 strengthening the existing manufacturing business sector already
15 established within the State.

16 b. The Trenton Makes Commission shall consist of 13 voting
17 members, to be selected and qualified as follows:

18 (1) One public member appointed by the Governor;

19 (2) One public member appointed by the President of the Senate;

20 (3) One public member appointed by the Speaker of the General
21 Assembly;

22 (4) One public member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
23 Senate;

24 (5) One public member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
25 General Assembly;

26 (6) One public member appointed by the Governor to represent
27 the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program, Inc.;

28 (7) One public member appointed by the Governor to represent
29 the New Jersey Business & Industry Association;

30 (8) One public member appointed by the Governor to represent
31 the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce;

32 (9) The Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic
33 Development Authority, or the chief executive officer's designee,
34 who shall serve ex officio;

35 (10) The Secretary of Higher Education, or the secretary's
36 designee, who shall serve ex officio;

37 (11) One public member appointed by the Governor to represent
38 the State's county colleges;

39 (12) One public member appointed by the Governor to represent
40 the State's public institutions of higher education; and

41 (13) One public member appointed by the Governor to represent
42 the State's independent colleges and universities.

43 c. The 10 public members first appointed, barring those serving
44 ex officio, shall all serve for an appointment term of four years.
45 Thereafter, all other public members appointed by the Governor shall
46 serve for a term of two years.

- 1 d. Each appointed member shall serve for the term of the
2 appointment and until a successor shall have been appointed and
3 qualified.
- 4 e. Any vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be
5 filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.
- 6 f. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable after the
7 appointment of its members, and shall select a chair from among its
8 members, and a secretary who need not be a member of the board.
- 9 g. A majority of the entire commission shall constitute a quorum
10 for the transaction of business. Action may be taken, and motions and
11 resolutions adopted by the commission at any meeting thereof by the
12 affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the
13 commission.
- 14 h. The members of the commission shall serve without
15 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses
16 incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 17 i. The commission shall be entitled to the assistance and service
18 of the employees of the New Jersey Economic Development
19 Authority, and may avail itself of the services of the employees of
20 any other State department, board, bureau, commission, agency, or
21 public institution of higher education in the State, as it may require
22 and as may be available for its purposes.
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- 24 2. The commission shall:
- 25 a. study and analyze approaches other states have utilized to
26 incentivize and strengthen the manufacturing business sector in those
27 states;
- 28 b. identify cost-effective techniques to (1) incentivize
29 manufacturing businesses to come to New Jersey; and (2) bolster and
30 support the existing manufacturing business sector within the State;
- 31 c. consult with the scientific and academic community for expertise
32 and input; and
- 33 d. report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the
34 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1),
35 to the Legislature no later than one year following the first meeting of
36 the commission.
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- 38 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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41 STATEMENT

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43 This bill establishes the “Trenton Makes Commission”
44 (commission). The permanent commission is established to research
45 and implement the best ways to incentivize manufacturing businesses
46 to come into New Jersey, while also focusing on strengthening the
47 current manufacturing business sector already established within the
48 State.

1 The commission is to consist of 13 voting members, including
2 members appointed by the Governor, legislative leaders, and relevant
3 associations and agencies. The appointed members are to serve terms
4 ranging from two to four years. The commission is tasked with
5 studying and analyzing approaches other states have utilized to
6 incentivize and strengthen the manufacturing business sector in those
7 states, identifying cost-effective techniques to incentivize and
8 support both new and existing manufacturing businesses within the
9 State, consulting with the scientific and academic community for
10 expertise and input, and reporting its findings and recommendations
11 to the Governor and Legislature.