

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Commission on Apprenticeship Program Promotion.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** establishing the “Commission on
2 Apprenticeship Program Promotion.”

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

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7 1. There is hereby established the “Commission on
8 Apprenticeship Program Promotion.”

9 a. The commission shall consist of seven members, to be
10 appointed as follows:

11 (1) the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or
12 the commissioner’s designee, who shall serve ex officio;

13 (2) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner’s
14 designee, who shall serve ex officio;

15 (3) one member to appointed by the President of the Senate;

16 (4) one member to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the
17 Senate;

18 (5) one member to be appointed by the Speaker of the General
19 Assembly;

20 (6) one member to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the
21 General Assembly; and

22 (7) one member to be appointed by the Governor.

23 At least one member shall be a representative of a county college
24 or an organization of county colleges, at least one member shall be a
25 representative of the manufacturing community, and at least one
26 member shall be a representative of a labor union that participates in
27 a joint apprenticeship program with an employer of its members.

28 b. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be
29 filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was
30 made.

31 c. It shall be the duty of the commission to study how to best
32 promote apprenticeship programs to high school students in a manner
33 and form that demonstrates the value of the education and skills
34 acquired through apprenticeship programs and the economic
35 opportunities available upon completion of such a program.

36 d. The members of the commission shall be appointed within 60
37 days following the date of enactment of this section. The commission
38 shall organize as soon as is practicable after the appointment of its
39 members, and shall select a chairperson from among its membership
40 and a secretary who need not be a member of the commission. The
41 presence of four members of the commission shall constitute a
42 quorum. The commission may conduct business without a quorum,
43 but may only vote on recommendations when a quorum is present.
44 The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail
45 itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
46 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, authority, or
47 agency as it may require, and as may be available to it for its
48 purposes. Members of the commission shall serve without

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1 compensation, but shall be entitled to employ stenographic and
2 clerical assistance and incur traveling and other miscellaneous
3 expenses as it may deem necessary in order to perform its duties,
4 within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available
5 to it for its purposes. The commission shall meet at the call of its
6 chairperson, at the times and in the places the chairperson may deem
7 appropriate and necessary to effectuate the commission's duties, and
8 it may conduct public hearings at such place or places as the
9 chairperson shall designate.

10 e. Within one year of its organization, the commission shall
11 issue a report of its findings and conclusions to the Governor and to
12 the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
13 19.1).

14 f. For the purposes of this section, "apprenticeship program"
15 means a registered apprenticeship program providing to each trainee
16 combined classroom and on-the-job training under the direct and
17 close supervision of a highly skilled worker in an occupation
18 recognized as an apprenticeable trade, registered by the Office of
19 Apprenticeship of the U.S. Department of Labor, and meeting the
20 standards established by the office, or registered by a State
21 apprenticeship agency recognized by the office.

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23 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately, and shall
24 expire on the 30th day following the submission of the commission's
25 report to the Governor and Legislature, as provided by subsection e.
26 of section 1 of this joint resolution.

STATEMENT

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31 This joint resolution establishes the "Commission on
32 Apprenticeship Program Promotion." The commission shall consist
33 of seven members: the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce
34 Development, or the commissioner's designee; the Commissioner of
35 Education, or the commissioner's designee; one member to be
36 appointed by the President of the Senate; one member to be appointed
37 by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one member to be appointed
38 by the Speaker of the General Assembly; one member to be appointed
39 by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly; and one member to
40 be appointed by the Governor.

41 Under the resolution, the commission would study the best way to
42 promote apprenticeship programs to high school students in a manner
43 and form that demonstrates the value of the education and skills
44 acquired through apprenticeship programs and the economic
45 opportunities available upon completion of such a program.

46 The members of the commission are to be appointed within 60
47 days from the enactment of the resolution, and the commission is to
48 issue a report one year after the date of its organization. The

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- 1 commission would submit the report, together with any
- 2 recommendations it may have to legislative or regulatory action, to
- 3 the Governor and the Legislature. The commission would dissolve
- 4 30 days after the issuance of its final report.