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SYNOPSIS

Creates Senate Task Force on Government Efficiency and Regulatory Review.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** creating a Senate Task Force on
2 Government Efficiency and Regulatory Review.

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4 **WHEREAS**, It is imperative that State statutes, rules and regulations,
5 and Executive Orders be thoroughly reviewed in a careful,
6 balanced, and expeditious way to assess their potential or actual
7 effects on the State's economy; and

8 **WHEREAS**, It is imperative to determine whether the costs and other
9 burdens of State statutes, rules and regulations, and Executive
10 Orders on businesses, workers, school districts, and local
11 governments outweigh their intended benefits; and

12 **WHEREAS**, It is imperative to establish a basis for providing
13 recommendations to amend statutes, rules and regulations, or
14 Executive Orders, that unduly burden the State's businesses,
15 workers, school districts, and local governments; and

16 **WHEREAS**, A bipartisan task force consisting of members of the
17 Senate, who are devoted to the common goal of promptly
18 addressing the State's economic viability and prosperity, should
19 conduct this review; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The bipartisan task force should conduct its review with
21 transparency, providing an opportunity for businesses, workers,
22 school districts, local governments, and members of the public to
23 obtain information about the task force's work and to communicate
24 pertinent information and opinions to the task force in an
25 appropriate and effective manner; now, therefore,

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27 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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29 1. There is created a Senate Task Force on Government
30 Efficiency and Regulatory Review. The purpose of the task force
31 shall be to review State statutes, rules and regulations, and
32 Executive Orders to assess their potential or actual effects on the
33 State's economy. The task force shall determine whether the costs
34 and other burdens of State statutes, rules and regulations, and
35 Executive Orders on businesses, workers, school districts, and local
36 governments outweigh their intended benefits.

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38 2. a. The task force shall consist of six members of the Senate
39 as follows:

40 (1) Three members designated by the Senate President, who
41 shall be members of the same political party as the Senate
42 President; and

43 (2) Three members designated by the Minority Leader of the
44 Senate, who shall be members of the same political party as the
45 Minority Leader.

46 b. Members of the task force shall be appointed within 30 days
47 after the adoption of this resolution and shall hold their initial
48 organizational meeting within 30 days after their appointment. The

1 Senate President shall appoint two members to serve as co-chairs,
2 who shall not be members of the same political party. The co-
3 chairs may appoint a secretary, who need not be a member of the
4 task force.

5 c. The Senate President, with the advice of the co-chairs of the
6 task force, may appoint additional members of the public to provide
7 the task force with necessary and appropriate expertise and
8 representation on behalf of businesses, workers, school districts,
9 and local governments. The public members appointed by the
10 Senate President shall serve at the pleasure of the Senate President.

11 d. The task force shall meet at least once every six months and
12 at such other times as the co-chairs of the task force may determine.

13 e. The task force shall hold at least two public hearings in
14 different regions of the State annually, at such times and places as
15 the co-chairs shall determine. The task force shall invite to testify
16 business leaders, workers' groups, school district officials, local
17 government officials, taxpayers, and other interested parties to
18 discuss issues surrounding applicable statutes, rules and regulations,
19 and executive orders.
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21 3. The task force shall:

22 (1) review statutes, rules and regulations, and Executive Orders
23 issued by the Governor to: assess their potential or actual effects on
24 the State's economy; determine whether their costs and other
25 burdens on businesses, workers, school districts, and local
26 governments outweigh their intended benefits; and establish a basis
27 for providing recommendations to repeal, rescind, or amend any
28 statutes, rules and regulations, or Executive Orders that unduly
29 burden the State's businesses, workers, school districts, and local
30 governments;

31 (2) request data and other information or assistance it deems
32 necessary from any department, office, division, or agency of this
33 State;

34 (3) solicit both written and oral comments from the public,
35 including professional, labor, community, business and
36 environmental organizations, workers, school districts, and other
37 affected persons or entities as the task force deems appropriate, and
38 consider the views expressed by those parties in any report;

39 (4) hold one public hearing within 60 days following the
40 adoption of this resolution;

41 (5) provide an initial report of findings and recommendations to
42 the Senate one year following the adoption of this resolution; and

43 (6) provide annually a written report to the Senate, in which the
44 task force shall provide recommendations to repeal, rescind, or
45 amend any statutes, rules and regulations, or Executive Orders that
46 unduly burden the State's businesses, workers, school districts, and
47 local governments.

4. This senate resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by this House.

STATEMENT

This resolution creates the Senate Task Force on Government Efficiency and Regulatory Review to assess the effect that statutes, rules and regulations, and Executive Orders have on the State's economy and to provide recommendations to repeal, rescind, or amend any statutes, rules and regulations, or Executive Orders that unduly burden the State's businesses, workers, school districts, and local governments.

Under the resolution, the bi-partisan task force would be comprised of six members of the Senate. The Senate President would appoint three members and the Minority Leader of the Senate would appoint three members. The Senate President would appoint two co-chairs, who would not be members of the same political party. The Senate President, with the advice of the co-chairs, may appoint additional members of the public to the task force. The members would be representatives who are devoted to the common goal of promptly addressing the State's economic viability and prosperity.

The resolution requires the task force to:

(1) review statutes, rules and regulations, and Executive Orders issued by the Governor to: assess their potential or actual effects on the State's economy; determine whether their costs and other burdens on businesses, workers, school districts, and local governments outweigh their intended benefits; and establish a basis for providing recommendations to repeal, rescind, or amend any statutes, rules and regulations, or Executive Orders that unduly burden the State's businesses, workers, school districts, and local governments;

(2) request data and other information or assistance it deems necessary from any department, office, division, or agency of this State;

(3) solicit both written and oral comments from the public, including professional, labor, community, business and environmental organizations, workers, school districts, and other affected persons or entities as the task force deems appropriate, and to consider the views expressed by those parties in any report;

(4) hold one public hearing within 60 days following the adoption of this resolution;

(5) provide an initial report of findings and recommendations to the Senate one year following the adoption of this resolution; and

(6) provide annually a written report to the Senate, in which the task force will provide recommendations to repeal, rescind, or amend any statutes, rules and regulations, or Executive Orders that

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- 1 unduly burden the State’s businesses, workers, school districts, and
- 2 local governments.