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SYNOPSIS

Eliminates various boards, commissions, committees, councils, and task forces created by law.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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AN ACT to eliminate inactive boards, commissions, committees, 1 2 councils, and task forces, and amending and repealing various 3 parts of the statutory law. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. The following are hereby repealed: 9 R.S.32:13A-1 through R.S.32:13A-20 10 Section 1 of P.L.1938, c.379 (C.32:13A-2.1) Sections 17 and 18 of P.L.1948, c.446 (C.34:1A-17 and 11 12 C.34:1A-18) P.L.1949, c.14 (C.52:9J-1 et seq.) 13 14 P.L.1952, c.194 (C.32:22-1 et seq.) P.L.1953, c.198 (C.34:1A-36 et seq.) 15 P.L.1954, c.44 (C.32:22-11 et seq.) 16 17 P.L.1965, c.12 (C.32:22B-1 et seq.) Sections 28 and 29 of P.L.1986, c.103 (C.52:27D-357 and 18 19 C.52:27D-358) 20 P.L.1986, c.205 (C.30:1A-4 et seq.) Sections 3 and 4 of P.L.1991, c.294 (C.17:16Q-3 and C.17:16Q-21 22 4) 23 P.L.1993, c.149 (C.52:9H-34 et seq.) 24 P.L.1997, c.215 (C.30:4-123.47a et seq.) 25 Section 28 of P.L.1998, c.21 (C.17:29A-50) 26 Section 27 of P.L.1998, c.44 (C.52:27C-87) 27 Section 13 of P.L.1999, c.380 (C.52:14-15.115) 28 Section 7 of P.L.2001, c.167 (C.2C:7-18) 29 Sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2003, c.133 (C.18A:64H-9 and C.18A:64H-10) 30 31 Sections 2 and 3 of P.L.2005, c.70 (C.34:11-56a4.7 and C.34:11-32 33 Section 23 of P.L.2005, c.206 (C.24:6B-32) 34 P.L.2007, c.44 (C.13:1L-26 et seq.) 35 P.L.2007, c.55 (C.52:9RR-1 et seq.) 36 Sections 5 through 7 of P.L.2007, c.330 (C.26:1A-136, C.26:1A-37 137, and C.26:1A-138) 38 Section 10 of P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:4-6.2) 39 Sections 3 and 4 of P.L.2010, c.105 (C.34:13A-16.8 and 40 C.34:13A-16.9) 41 P.L.2013, c.109 (C.52:17B-239 et seq.) 42 43 2. Section 70 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-70) is amended to 44 read as follows:

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

70. The Legislature finds and declares that:

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

a. Every day, residents of New Jersey confront congestion in some part of their day as they commute to work, recreate, or travel for family business. As our State continues to grow and prosper, we can only expect more cars, trucks, and buses on our roads. Meanwhile, the number of riders on our trains and buses is also increasing along with the number of pedestrians and bicyclists.

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- b. Our ability to deal with these demands at all levels of government is limited without a sound framework for developing responses to congestion and aging infrastructure problems and providing adequate funding to implement strategic solutions.
- c. Sections 69 through 81 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-69 through C.5:10A-81) develops the concept of a transportation planning district, which permits the assessment of fees on future development to ensure that adequate transportation infrastructure is put into place to accommodate the vehicular and pedestrian traffic caused by future development.
- d. Existing financial resources and existing mechanisms for securing financial commitments for transportation improvements are inadequate to meet transportation improvement needs which are the result of new development in growth areas and, therefore, it is appropriate for the State to make special provisions for the financing of needed transportation improvements Meadowlands District, including the assessment of fees on new developments which are responsible for the travel demand burdens on the transportation system. Creation of a transportation planning district provides a mechanism through which the State, counties, and municipalities, and the Meadowlands Regional Commission, as well as the private sector, will have the means to work together to respond to transportation needs on a regional basis as determined by travel conditions or transportation needs in developed areas rather than upon preexisting boundaries. The Meadowlands Regional Commission [and the Meadowlands Transportation Planning Board shall oversee the development of a district-wide transportation plan through a consultative planning process which relies upon the participation of public and private sector interests.
- e. In assessing development fees under sections 69 through 81 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-69 through C.5:10A-81), the commission recognizes that: (1) those fees supplement, but do not replace, the public investment needed in the transportation system; (2) the costs of remedying pre-existing problems shall not be charged to a new development; (3) the fee charged to any particular development shall be reasonably related to the impact of that development on the transportation system of the district and shall not exceed the development's fair share of the cost of the improvements and related allowable administrative costs; and (4) no development shall be subject to any assessment or fees for transportation improvements by the State, a county, or a municipality, except as provided pursuant to sections 69 through 81

- of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-69 through C.5:10A-81). In determining the basis for assessing development fees, the commission shall develop reasonable formulas that rely on established planning models.
 - f. The creation of a transportation planning district shall be accompanied by the development of strategies to improve regional comprehensive planning, to encourage transportation-efficient land uses, to reduce automobile dependency, to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and to encourage alternatives to peak-hour automobile trips.
- 11 (cf: P.L.2015, c.19, s.70)

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- 3. Section 71 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-71) is amended to read as follows:
- 15 71. As used in sections 69 through 81 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-69 through C.5:10A-81):
 - "Allowable administrative costs" means expenses incurred by the commission [or the board] in developing a district transportation plan, including a financial element, and in managing a transportation planning district.
- 21 **[**"Board" means the Meadowlands Transportation Planning 22 Board established by section 72 of P.L.2015, c.15 (C.5:10A-72).**]**
- "Chief fiscal officer" means the chief fiscal officer of the commission.
- "Commission" means the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which may be referred to as the "Meadowlands Regional Commission," as established by section 6 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-6).
- 29 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Transportation.
- "Department" means the Department of Transportation.
 - "Developer" means the legal or beneficial owner or owners of a lot or of any land proposed to be included in a proposed development, including the holder of an option or contract to purchase, or other person having an enforceable proprietary interest in that land.
- "Development" means any project for which zoning approval is required pursuant to sections 1 through 68 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-1 through C.5:10A-68), or rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.
- "Development fee" means a fee assessed on a development pursuant to a resolution of the commission adopted under section 74 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-74).
- "District transportation plan" or "plan" means the plan adopted pursuant to section 73 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-73).
- "Hackensack Meadowlands District" or "Meadowlands District" means the area within the jurisdiction of the commission set forth in section 5 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-5).

"Project costs" means expenses incurred in the planning, design, engineering, and construction of any transportation project, and shall include debt service.

"Public highways" means public roads, streets, expressways, freeways, parkways, motorways, and boulevards including bridges, tunnels, overpasses, underpasses, interchanges, rest areas, express bus roadways, bus pullouts and turnarounds, park-ride facilities, traffic circles, grade separations, traffic control devices, the elimination or improvement of crossings of railroads and highways, whether at grade or not at grade, bicycle and pedestrian pathways, and pedestrian and bicycle bridges traversing public highways and any facilities, equipment, property, rights-of-way, easements, and interests therein needed for the construction, improvement, and maintenance of highways.

"Public transportation project" means, in connection with public transportation service or regional ridesharing programs, passenger stations, shelters and terminals, automobile parking facilities, ferries and ferry facilities including capital projects for ferry terminals, approach roadways, pedestrian accommodations, parking, docks, and other necessary land-side improvements, ramps, track connections, signal systems, power systems, information and communication systems, roadbeds, transit lands or rights-of-way, equipment storage and servicing facilities, bridges, grade crossings, rail cars, locomotives, motorbus and other motor vehicles, maintenance and garage facilities, revenue handling equipment, and any other equipment, facility, or property useful for, or related to, the provision of public transportation service or regional ridesharing programs.

"Transportation planning district" or "district" means the Meadowlands District.

"Transportation project" or "transportation improvement" means, in addition to public highways and public transportation projects, any equipment, facility, or property useful or related to the provision of any ground, waterborne, or air transportation for the movement of people and goods within or through the district, including rail freight infrastructure.

(cf: P.L.2015, c.19, s.71)

- 4. Section 72 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-72) is amended to read as follows:
- 72. a. There is hereby established a transportation planning district which shall consist of those lands which comprise the
- 43 Meadowlands District. The Meadowlands Transportation
- 44 Planning Board, created pursuant to subsection b. of this section,
- 45 <u>Regional Commission</u> shall be the managing authority to administer
- and manage the transportation planning district and to carry out
- 47 such additional functions as provided in sections 69 through 81 of
- 48 P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-69 et seq.).

- 1 b. [There is established in, but not of, the Department of State, 2 the Meadowlands Transportation Planning Board. The board shall consist of: the Commissioner of Community Affairs or the 3 4 commissioner's designee; the Commissioner of Transportation or 5 the commissioner's designee; a representative from the ridesharing 6 organization EZ Ride or its successor organization; a representative 7 of the Hackensack Meadowlands Municipal Committee; a representative of the Meadowlands Regional Chamber of 8 9 Commerce; and four public members appointed by the Governor, 10 with the advice and consent of the Senate. The executive director 11 of the commission shall serve as the secretary of the board. The board shall be staffed by the employees of the commission] 12 13 (Deleted by amendment, P.L., c.) (pending before the 14 Legislature as this bill).
- 15 c. In furtherance of the development of a coherent and 16 sustainable transportation system for the district, the [board] commission shall initiate a joint planning process with participation 17 18 by: State departments and agencies, corporations, commissions, 19 boards, and authorities; those bi-state authorities, metropolitan 20 planning organizations, and counties and municipalities with 21 jurisdiction in the district; and private representatives. The [board] 22 commission shall oversee the development and updating of a 23 comprehensive, future-oriented district transportation plan in 24 accordance with the provisions of section 73 of P.L.2015, c.19 25 (C.5:10A-73).

The provisions of sections 69 through 81 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-69 et seq.) shall be retroactive to January 1, 2014. (cf: P.L.2015, c.72, s.24)

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- 30 5. Section 73 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-73) is amended to 31 read as follows:
 - 73. a. The district transportation plan shall establish goals, policies, needs, and improvement priorities for all modes of transportation, including walking and bicycling, within the district for the ensuing 20 years following the effective date of sections 69 through 81 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-69 through C.5:10A-81) and shall be consistent with the master plan adopted by the commission pursuant to section 10 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-10). The district transportation plan shall be based on a reasonable assessment of likely future growth reflected in that master plan.
 - b. The plan shall quantify transportation needs arising from anticipated future traffic passing within or through the district based upon future development anticipated to occur within or through the district, and reflected in the master plan. The plan shall set forth proposed transportation projects designed to address that future development, prioritized over increments of five years, the allocation of public and private shares of project costs and allowable administrative costs, and the amount, schedule, and

collection of development fees. If new developments are proposed in the district which are not considered in the plan which is currently in effect, the plan shall be reevaluated, notwithstanding the five-year increment provision.

- The plan shall be consistent with the State transportation master plan adopted under section 5 of P.L.1966, c.301 (C.27:1A-5), the applicable county master plans adopted under R.S.40:27-2, and the applicable regional transportation plan or plans adopted by a metropolitan planning organization pursuant to 23 C.F.R. To the extent appropriate given the district-wide s.450.322. objectives of the plan, the plan shall be coordinated with local zoning ordinances and master plans.
- 13 The plan shall include a financial element setting forth a 14 statement of projected revenue and expenses, including all project 15 costs. The financial element of the plan shall identify public and 16 private financial resources which may be available to fund, in whole 17 or in part, those transportation projects set forth in the plan. The 18 financial element shall make recommendations for the types and rates of development fees to be assessed under section 74 of 19 20 P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-74), formulas to govern the assessment of 21 those fees, and the projected annual revenue to be derived 22 therefrom.
 - The [board] commission shall make copies of the plan available to the public for inspection no less than 14 days prior to taking any formal action to recommend the plan to the commission for adoption thereof. In addition, the [board] commission shall take steps to notify members of the business community and other interested parties of the plan and shall hold a public hearing thereon after having given public notice of the hearing.
 - The commission may, by resolution, adopt the plan as recommended by the **[**board**]** commission or with modifications. (cf: P.L.2015, c.19, s.73)

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- 34 6. Section 8 of P.L.2007, c.330 (C.17:1D-1) is amended to read 35 as follows:
 - 8. a. There is established in the Department of Banking and Insurance the Office for the Development, Implementation, and Deployment of Electronic Health Information Technology in New Jersey, to be known as the Office for e-HIT.
- 40 b. The Office for e-HIT[, in collaboration with the Health 41 Information Technology Commission, I shall develop, implement, and oversee the operation of a Statewide health information 42 43 technology plan. The plan shall provide for, but not be limited to, a 44 mechanism designed to support the establishment of a secure, interoperative, and Statewide electronic integrated, information infrastructure for the sharing of electronic health 46 information and electronic health records among health care

- 1 facilities, health care professionals, public and private payers, and 2 patients, which complies with all State and federal privacy 3 requirements and links all components of the health care delivery system through secure and appropriate exchanges of health 4 5 information for the purpose of enhancing health care quality, patient safety, communication of patient information, disease management 6 7 capabilities, patient and provider satisfaction, clinical 8 administrative cost reductions, fraud and abuse prevention and 9 detection, and public health emergency preparedness. The plan shall 10 also provide for the designation of a custodian for all protected 11 health information that meets federal and State privacy and security
- 14 c. **[**The Office for e-HIT shall submit the plan to the Health 15 Information Technology Commission for the commission's review 16 and approval.

laws and is accredited by a national standard setting organization

17 d. In collaboration with the commission, the <u>I The</u> Office for e-18 HIT shall, no later than 18 months after its initial meeting and 19 annually thereafter, submit a joint report to the Governor, and to the 20 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), 21 concerning its activities and the status, and actions taken regarding 22 development, implementation, and oversight, of the Statewide health information technology plan. The office shall include in that 23 24 report any findings and recommendations that it desires to make, 25 along with any legislative bills that it desires to recommend for 26 adoption by the Legislature.

(cf: P.L.2007, c.330, s.8)

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- 29 7. Section 1 of P.L.1991, c.294 (C.17:16Q-1) is amended to 30 read as follows:
 - 1. As used in this act:

recognized by the department.

- 32 "Appropriate federal financial supervisory agency" means:
- a. The Comptroller of the Currency with respect to federallychartered banks;
 - b. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System with respect to bank holding companies and State chartered banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System;
 - c. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation with respect to State chartered banks and savings banks which are not members of the Federal Reserve System; and
 - d. The Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision with respect to associations whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and association holding companies.
- I"Board" means the Community Financial Services Advisory
 Board established pursuant to section 3 of this act.
- 46 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Banking.
- "CRA" means the "Community Reinvestment Act of 1977,"
 Pub.L. 95-128 (12 U.S.C. s.2901 et seq.).

1 "Depository institution" means a State or federally chartered 2 bank, savings bank or savings and loan association located in this 3 State.

4 (cf: P.L.1991, c.294, s.1)

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- 8. Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.294 (17:16Q-2) is amended to read as follows:
- 2. Beginning on the effective date of this act, each time a 8 9 depository institution receives a CRA rating on and after July 1, 10 1990, from its appropriate federal financial supervisory agency, it shall send a copy of the public section of the written evaluation to 11 12 the commissioner [and the board] within 45 calendar days of 13 receipt. The commissioner shall make these reports available to the 14 public for inspection, copying, or both, and may set a reasonable fee 15 to be charged for inspection, copying, or both.

16 (cf: P.L.1991, c.294, s.2)

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- 9. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.264 (C.18A:73-25.6) is amended to read as follows:
 - 2. The New Jersey Historical Commission [, in consultation with the New Jersey Heritage Tourism Task Force established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2006, c.60,] is authorized to establish a program to encourage local government units, nonprofit charitable organizations, and civic organizations to identify and propose sites of historical and cultural significance in the State, to be recognized by the placement of roadside markers. The markers shall feature a standardized design bearing the State seal, indicating that the site has been approved by the commission and that the marker meets standards for historical accuracy. In developing the program required pursuant to this section, the commission shall consult with the Department of Transportation to establish standards for the design, placement, and location of the roadside markers.

33 (cf: P.L.2009, c.264, s.2)

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- 35 10. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92.2) is amended to read as follows:
 - 2. a. The Commissioner of Corrections, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall establish a program of mandatory education in each State correctional facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for each inmate who fails to attain a minimal educational standard.
- b. The minimal educational standard set forth in subsection a. of this section shall be the attainment of a high school equivalency certificate or high school diploma.
- c. Consistent with the phase-in schedule adopted by the commissioner pursuant to subsection h. of this section, the requirement of attaining a minimal educational standard shall apply to an inmate who:

(1) is in the custody of the Department of Corrections on and after the effective date of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92.1 et al.);

- (2) has 18 months or more remaining to be served before a mandatory release date;
- (3) is not exempted due to a medical, developmental, or learning disability; and
- (4) does not possess a high school equivalency certificate or high school diploma.
- d. The mandatory education requirement may be deferred for an inmate who is serving a sentence exceeding 10 years.
- e. An inmate who satisfactorily participates in the mandatory education program shall be eligible for commutation time for good behavior pursuant to R.S.30:4-140 or credits for diligent application to work and other institutional assignments pursuant to R.S.30:4-92.
- f. The commissioner shall report to the State Parole Board the academic progress of an inmate participating in the mandatory education program.
- g. The commissioner may utilize digital technology and on-line education methods to meet the mandatory education requirement established by this section provided these alternate methods are documented to be as effective with inmate populations as live instruction.
- h. The commissioner shall establish a schedule for the incremental implementation of the minimal educational standard required by this section. As hereinafter provided, the schedule shall consist of five foundation stages and shall provide for the full implementation of the minimal educational standard within five years of the effective date of this act.
- (1) Stage One: [The Prisoner Reentry Commission, established pursuant to section 10 of P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:4-6.2), shall prepare a report outlining and assessing the availability of innovative technology, volunteer services and private sector resources the Department of Corrections may utilize to support and enhance in-prison education programs. In preparing this report, the commission, in consultation with the Department of Corrections and the Department of Education, shall prepare an inventory of the in-house educational programs currently available to inmates, the curricula for those programs, and the educational materials utilized. The report shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Corrections Commissioner of Education, along recommendations the commission may have, not later than the first day of the 12th month following the effective date of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92.1 et al.) (Deleted by amendment, P.L., c.) (pending before Legislature as this bill).
 - (2) Stage Two: Beginning in the 13th month following the effective date of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92.1 et al.), the commissioner shall initiate a program designed to raise the literacy level of inmates scheduled for release within three years to a ninth

- 1 The program shall utilize, to the greatest extent grade level. 2 feasible, available technology, volunteer services and private sector 3 resources.
- (3) Stage Three: Beginning in the 25th month following the effective date of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92.1 et al.), the commissioner shall initiate a program designed to raise the literacy level of inmates scheduled to be released within 10 years to a ninth The program shall utilize, to the greatest extent grade level. 9 feasible, available technology, volunteer services and private sector 10 resources.
 - (4) Stage Four: Beginning in the 48th month following the effective date of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92.1 et al.), the commissioner shall initiate a program designed to raise the literacy level of inmates scheduled to be released within 10 years to a 12th grade level. The program shall utilize, to the greatest extent feasible, available technology, volunteer services and private sector resources.
 - (5) Stage Five: Beginning in the 60th month following the effective date of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92.1 et al.), the commissioner shall initiate a program designed to raise the literacy level of all inmates to a 12th grade level. The program shall utilize, to the greatest extent feasible, available technology, volunteer services and private sector resources.
 - The commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall promulgate, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) the rules and regulations that are necessary to implement the provisions of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92.1 et al.). These rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, provisions to:
 - (1) determine when an inmate shall be exempted from the mandatory education program due to a medical, developmental, or learning disability as authorized under paragraph (3) of subsection c. of this section;
 - (2) authorize these exempted inmates to voluntarily participate in the mandatory education program; and
 - (3) offer and encourage these exempted inmates who possess the capability to participate in an alternate educational program. (cf: P.L.2009, c.330, s.2)

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- 11. Section 19 of P.L.2008, c.27 (C.34:1B-228) is amended to read as follows:
- 42 19. a. The functions, powers, and duties of the New Jersey 43 Commerce Commission to appoint executive directors of the New 44 Jersey Economic Development Authority, established pursuant to 45 P.L.1974, c.80 (C.34:1B-1 et seq.), and the New Jersey Commission 46 on Science and Technology, established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.102 (C.52:9X-1 et seq.) are continued and are transferred to the 47
- 48 Governor. Each such executive director shall be employed by and

- report to the board of the respective agency and shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the board of the respective agency.
- b. The functions, powers, and duties of the New Jersey Commerce Commission to serve as a member of the board of agencies and to provide administrative assistance to agencies are transferred to the Division of Business Assistance, Marketing, and International Trade unless otherwise provided by this act.
- 9 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, regulation, 10 or order to the contrary, the functions, powers, and duties of the New Jersey Commerce Commission and the executive director of 11 12 the New Jersey Commerce Commission are transferred to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the Executive 13 14 Director of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, 15 respectively, with regard to the following statutorily established 16 boards, councils, commissions, authorities, and other organizations:
 - (1) State Employment and Training Commission, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1989, c.293 (C.34:15C-2);

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- (2) State Council for Adult Literacy Education Services, established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1999, c.107 (C.34:15C-18);
- (3) Council on Armed Forces and Veterans' Affairs, established pursuant to P.L.1983, c.61 (C.52:27H-45 et seq.) and transferred to and established in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1992, c.86 (C.38A:3-16);
- (4) The Foundation for Technology Advancement, authorized to be established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.373 (C.52:27C-96);
 - (5) The Main Street New Jersey Advisory Board, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.2001, c.238 (C.52:27D-456);
 - (6) The Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1997, c.278 (C.58:10B-23);
- 32 (7) The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization [Planning] 33 Authority, established pursuant to [section 4 of P.L.2006, c.16 34 (C.52:27I-4)] section 1 of P.L.2010, c.51 (C.52:27I-18);
- 35 (8) The South Jersey Transportation Authority, established 36 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1991, c.252 (C.27:25A-4);
- 37 (9) The Aquaculture Advisory Council, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1997, c.236 (C.4:27-5);
- 39 (10) The Clean Air Council, established pursuant to section 3 of 40 P.L.1967, c.106 (C.26:2C-3.2); and
- 41 (11) **[**The Community Financial Services Advisory Board, 42 established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1991, c.294 (C.17:16Q-3); 43 and
- 44 (12) The New Jersey Redevelopment Authority, established 45 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1996, c.62 (C.55:19-23).
- d. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, regulation, or order to the contrary, the functions, powers, and duties of the

- 1 New Jersey Commerce Commission and the executive director of
- 2 the New Jersey Commerce Commission, except as otherwise
- 3 provided in this act, are transferred to the Division and the Director
- 4 of the Division, respectively, with regard to any council,
- 5 commission, committee, task force, or other organization
- 6 established by executive order.
- 7 (cf: P.L.2008, c.27, s.19)

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- 9 12. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.315 (C.34:5A-3) is amended to read 10 as follows:
 - 3. As used in this act:
- 12 "Chemical Abstracts Service number" means the unique identification number assigned by the Chemical Abstracts Service 13 to chemicals. 14
- "Chemical name" means the scientific designation of a 16 chemical in accordance with the nomenclature system developed by 17 the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry or the 18 Chemical Abstracts Service rules of nomenclature.
 - c. "Common name" means any designation or identification such as a code name, code number, trade name, brand name or generic name used to identify a chemical other than by its chemical name.
- 22 d. "Container" means a receptacle used to hold a liquid, solid, or 23 gaseous substance, including, but not limited to, bottles, pipelines, 24 bags, barrels, boxes, cans, cylinders, drums, cartons, vessels, vats, 25 and stationary or mobile storage tanks. "Container" shall not 26 include process containers.
 - ["Council" means the Right to Know Advisory Council created pursuant to section 18 of this act] (Deleted by amendment, P.L., c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- 30 "County health department" means a county health agency 31 established pursuant to P.L.1975, c.329 (C.26:3A2-1 et seq.), or the 32 office of a county clerk in a county which has not established a department. 33
- 34 "Employee representative" means a certified collective 35 bargaining agent or an attorney whom an employee authorizes to 36 exercise his rights to request information pursuant to the provisions 37 of this act, or a parent or legal guardian of a minor employee.
- 38 h. "Employer" means any person or corporation in the State 39 engaged in business operations which has a Standard Industrial 40 Classification, as designated the Standard in Industrial 41 Classification Manual prepared by the federal Office of 42 Management and Budget, within the following Major Group Numbers, Group Numbers, or Industry Numbers, as the case may 43
- 44 be, except as otherwise provided herein: Major Group Number 07
- 45 (Agricultural Services), only Industry Number 0782--Lawn and
- 46 garden services; Major Group Numbers 20 through 39 inclusive
- 47 industries); Major (manufacturing Group Number
- 48 (Transportation by Air), only Industry Number 4511--Air

- 1 Transportation, certified carriers, and Group Number 458--Air
- 2 Transportation Services; Major Group Number 46 (Pipelines,
- 3 Except Natural Gas); Major Group Number 47 (Transportation
- 4 Services), only Group Numbers 471--Freight Forwarding, 474--
- 5 Rental of Railroad Cars, and 478--Miscellaneous Services
- 6 Incidental to Transportation; Major Group Number 48
- 7 (Communication), only Group Numbers 481--Telephone
- 8 Communication, and 482--Telegraph Communication; Major Group
- 9 Number 49 (Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services); Major Group
- 10 Number 50 (Wholesale Trade--Durable Goods), only Industry
- Numbers 5085--Industrial Supplies, 5087--Service Establishment
- 12 Equipment and Supplies, and 5093--Scrap and Waste Materials;
- Major Group Number 51 (Wholesale trade, nondurable goods), only
 Group Numbers 512--Drugs, Drug Proprietaries and Druggist's
- Sundries, 516--Chemicals and Allied Products, 517--Petroleum and
- 16 petroleum products, 518--Beer, Wine and Distilled Alcoholic
- 17 Beverages, and 519--Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods; Major
- 18 Group Number 55 (Automobile Dealers and Gasoline Service
- 19 Stations), only Group Numbers 551--Motor Vehicle Dealers (New
- and Used), 552--Motor Vehicle Dealers (Used only), and 554--
- 21 Gasoline Service Stations; Major Group Number 72 (Personal
- 22 Services), only Industry Numbers 7216--Dry Cleaning Plants,
- 23 Except Rug Cleaning, 7217--Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning, and
- 24 7218--Industrial Launderers; Major Group Number 73 (Business
- 25 Services), only Industry Number 7397 Commercial testing
- 26 laboratories; Major Group Number 75 (automotive repair, services,
- and garages), only Group Number 753--Automotive Repair Shops;
- 28 Major Group Number 76 (miscellaneous repair services), only
- 29 Industry Number 7692--Welding Repair; Major Group Number 80
- 30 (health services), only Group Number 806--Hospitals; and Major
- 31 Group Number 82 (educational services), only Group Numbers 821-
- 32 -Elementary and Secondary Schools and 822--Colleges and
- 33 Universities, and Industry Number 8249--Vocational Schools.
- Except for the purposes of section 26 of this act, "employer" means
- 35 the State and local governments, or any agency, authority,
- 36 department, bureau, or instrumentality thereof, or any non-profit,
- 37 non-public school, college or university.
- i. "Environmental hazardous substance" means any substance on the environmental hazardous substance list.
- j. "Environmental hazardous substance list" means the list of environmental hazardous substances developed by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 4 of this act.
- 43 k. "Environmental survey" means a written form prepared by the
- 44 Department of Environmental Protection and transmitted to an
- employer, on which the employer shall provide certain information
- 46 concerning each of the environmental hazardous substances at his
- 47 facility, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) The chemical name and Chemical Abstracts Service number of the environmental hazardous substance;

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- (2) A description of the use of the environmental hazardous substance at the facility;
- (3) The quantity of the environmental hazardous substance produced at the facility;
 - (4) The quantity of the environmental hazardous substance brought into the facility;
- (5) The quantity of the environmental hazardous substance consumed at the facility;
- (6) The quantity of the environmental hazardous substance shipped out of the facility as or in products;
- (7) The maximum inventory of the environmental hazardous substance stored at the facility, the method of storage, and the frequency and methods of transfer;
- (8) The total stack or point-source emissions of the environmental hazardous substance;
- (9) The total estimated fugitive or nonpoint-source emissions of the environmental hazardous substance;
- (10) The total discharge of the environmental hazardous substance into the surface or groundwater, the treatment methods, and the raw wastewater volume and loadings;
- (11) The total discharge of the environmental hazardous substance into publicly owned treatment works;
- (12) The quantity, and methods of disposal, of any wastes containing an environmental hazardous substance, the method of on-site storage of these wastes, the location or locations of the final disposal site for these wastes, and the identity of the hauler of the wastes;
- 30 (13) The total quantity of environmental hazardous substances 31 generated at the facility, including hazardous substances generated 32 as nonproduct output;
 - (14) The quantity of environmental hazardous substances recycled on-site and off-site; and
- 35 (15) Information pertaining to pollution prevention activities at 36 the facility.
- As used in this subsection, "pollution prevention" and "nonproduct output" shall have the same meaning as set forth in section 3 of P.L.1991, c.235 (C.13:1D-37).
 - 1. "Facility" means the building, equipment and contiguous area at a single location used for the conduct of business. Except for the purposes of subsection c. of section 13, section 14, and subsection b. of section 25 of this act, "facility" shall not include a research and development laboratory.
- m. "Hazardous substance" means any substance, or substance contained in a mixture, included on the workplace hazardous substance list developed by the Department of Health pursuant to section 5 of this act, introduced by an employer to be used, studied,

produced, or otherwise handled at a facility. "Hazardous substance" shall not include:

- (1) Any article containing a hazardous substance if the hazardous substance is present in a solid form which does not pose any acute or chronic health hazard to an employee exposed to it;
- (2) Any hazardous substance constituting less than 1% of a mixture unless the hazardous substance is present in an aggregate amount of 500 pounds or more at a facility;
- (3) Any hazardous substance which is a special health hazard substance constituting less than the threshold percentage established by the Department of Health for that special health hazard substance when present in a mixture; or
- (4) Any hazardous substance present in the same form and concentration as a product packaged for distribution and use by the general public to which an employee's exposure during handling is not significantly greater than a consumer's exposure during the principal use of the toxic substance.
- n. "Hazardous substance fact sheet" means a written document prepared by the Department of Health for each hazardous substance and transmitted by the department to employers pursuant to the provisions of this act, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
- (1) The chemical name, the Chemical Abstracts Service number, the trade name, and common names of the hazardous substance;
- (2) A reference to all relevant information on the hazardous substance from the most recent edition of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances;
- (3) The hazardous substance's solubility in water, vapor pressure at standard conditions of temperature and pressure, and flash point;
- (4) The hazard posed by the hazardous substance, including its toxicity, carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, teratogenicity, flammability, explosiveness, corrosivity and reactivity, including specific information on its reactivity with water;
- (5) A description, in nontechnical language, of the acute and chronic health effects of exposure to the hazardous substance, including the medical conditions that might be aggravated by exposure, and any permissible exposure limits established by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration;
- (6) The potential routes and symptoms of exposure to the hazardous substance;
- (7) The proper precautions, practices, necessary personal protective equipment, recommended engineering controls, and any other necessary and appropriate measures for the safe handling of the hazardous substance, including specific information on how to extinguish or control a fire that involves the hazardous substance; and

(8) The appropriate emergency and first aid procedures for spills, fires, potential explosions, and accidental or unplanned emissions involving the hazardous substance.

- o. "Label" means a sign, emblem, sticker, or marker affixed to or stenciled onto a container listing the information required pursuant to section 14 of this act.
- p. "Mixture" means a combination of two or more substances not involving a chemical reaction.
- q. "Process container" means a container, excluding a pipeline, the content of which is changed frequently; a container of 10 gallons or less in capacity, into which substances are transferred from labeled containers, and which is intended only for the immediate use of the employee who performs the transfer; a container on which a label would be obscured by heat, spillage or other factors; or a test tube, beaker, vial, or other container which is routinely used and reused.
- r. "Research and development laboratory" means a specially designated area used primarily for research, development, and testing activity, and not primarily involved in the production of goods for commercial sale, in which hazardous substances or environmental hazardous substances are used by or under the direct supervision of a technically qualified person.
- s. "Special health hazard substance" means any hazardous substance on the special health hazard substance list.
- t. "Special health hazard substance list" means the list of special health hazard substances developed by the Department of Health pursuant to section 5 of this act for which an employer may not make a trade secret claim.
- "Trade secret" means any formula, plan, pattern, process, production data, information, or compilation of information, which is not patented, which is known only to an employer and certain other individuals, and which is used in the fabrication and production of an article of trade or service, and which gives the employer possessing it a competitive advantage over businesses who do not possess it, or the secrecy of which is certified by an appropriate official of the federal government as necessary for national defense purposes. The chemical name and Chemical Abstracts Service number of a substance shall be considered a trade secret only if the employer can establish that the substance is unknown to competitors. In determining whether a trade secret is valid pursuant to section 15 of this act, the Department of Health, or the Department of Environmental Protection, as the case may be, shall consider material provided by the employer concerning (1) the extent to which the information for which the trade secret claim is made is known outside the employer's business; (2) the extent to which the information is known by employees and others involved in the employer's business; (3) the extent of measures taken by the employer to guard the secrecy of the information; (4) the value of

- 1 the information, to the employer or the employer's competitor; (5)
- 2 the amount of effort or money expended by the employer in
- 3 developing the information; and (6) the ease or difficulty with
- which the information could be disclosed by analytical techniques, 4
- 5 laboratory procedures, or other means.
 - "Trade secret registry number" means a code number temporarily or permanently assigned to the identity of a substance in a container by the Department of Health pursuant to section 15 of this act.
 - w. "Trade secret claim" means a written request, made by an employer pursuant to section 15 of this act, to withhold the public disclosure of information on the grounds that the disclosure would reveal a trade secret.
 - "Workplace hazardous substance list" means the list of hazardous substances developed by the Department of Health pursuant to section 5 of this act.
 - y. "Workplace survey" means a written document, prepared by the Department of Health and completed by an employer pursuant to this act, on which the employer shall report each hazardous substance present at his facility.
 - (cf: P.L.1991, c.235, s.17)

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- 13. Section 1 of P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-12) is amended to read as follows:
- 1. a. There is established in the Department of Labor and
- 26 Workforce Development a Youth Employment and After School Incentive Pilot Program which shall be administered by the
- Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, pursuant to 28
- 29 the provisions of P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-12 et seq.).
- 30 program shall provide for employment opportunities for
- 31 disadvantaged youth with private and nonprofit employers. The
- 32 purpose of the program shall be to enable disadvantaged youth to
- 33 acquire job knowledge and skills and an understanding of the
- 34 linkage between the skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary to
- 35 function as an adult in the workplace.
- As used P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-12 et 36 in
- 37 "disadvantaged youth" means public and nonpublic school students
- as well as youth who are not students who reside in municipalities 38
- 39 where both the rates of unemployment and violent crime
- 40 significantly exceed the Statewide rates of unemployment and
- 41 violent crime by percentages which shall be designated by the
- 42 commissioner. The term shall include youth in these municipalities
- 43 who are participating in a program of aftercare following their
- 44 release from juvenile detention or community facilities.
- 45 b. [There is established in, but not of, the Department of Labor
- 46 and Workforce Development the Disadvantaged Youth Employment
- 47 Opportunities Council. Notwithstanding the allocation of the
- 48 council to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development,

1 the council shall directly report to the Chairperson of the State 2 Employment and Training Commission established by section 5 of 3 P.L.1989, c.293 (C.34:15C-2). The council shall consist of 18 members: the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, 4 5 the Commissioner of Education, the Executive Director of the New 6 Jersey Commission on Higher Education, the Chief Executive 7 Officer and Secretary of the New Jersey Commerce, Economic 8 Growth and Tourism Commission, the Secretary of State and the 9 Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission, or their 10 designees, who shall serve ex officio and as nonvoting members; 11 and 12 public members appointed by the Governor, the President of 12 the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly. The Governor shall appoint two religious leaders and two representatives of 13 14 education organizations. The President of the Senate and the 15 Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint a leader of the business 16 community, a labor leader, a representative of a county vocational-17 technical school, and a person representing organizations that have 18 expertise serving the needs of disadvantaged youth. The public 19 members shall serve for terms of three years, may be reappointed 20 and may serve until a successor has been appointed. Of the public 21 members first appointed, six shall be appointed for terms of three years, and six shall be appointed for terms of two years. A vacancy 22 23 in the membership, occurring other than by expiration of a term, 24 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but 25 for the unexpired term only. The members shall serve without 26 compensation, but the council may, within the limits of funds 27 appropriated or otherwise made available to it, reimburse members 28 for actual expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their 29 official duties.

The council shall organize as soon as its members are appointed and shall select a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members and may select a secretary, who need not be a member of the council. The council shall meet monthly, and at such other times as may be necessary.

The council may employ, prescribe the duties and fix and pay the compensation of such persons it may deem necessary to carry out the duties of the council within the limits of available appropriations.

It shall be the duty of the council to:

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- (1) Develop a master plan to increase employment opportunities for disadvantaged youth;
- (2) Enlist the commitment of the State's business leadership to provide employment opportunities for disadvantaged youth;
- 44 (3) Enlist the support of the State's key unions which operate 45 apprenticeship and similar programs;
 - (4) Develop proposals for innovative efforts to assist economically disadvantaged youth to enroll in and successfully complete employment programs;

- 1 (5) Involve all sectors of the community, including high level 2 representatives of business, youth-serving agencies, foundations, 3 local school systems, the communications media, and the religious 4 community in an effort to promote and coordinate employment 5 opportunities for disadvantaged youth; and
 - (6) In conjunction with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Commerce, Economic Growth and Tourism Commission, seek to identify and maximize any available federal funding for the purpose of enhancing employment opportunities provided under P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-12 et seq.).

The council shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of such employees of any State, county or municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it may require and as may be available to it for these purposes. I (Deleted by amendment, P.L., c.) (pending before Legislature as this bill).

The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, in consultation with the State Employment and Training Commission [and the council], may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-12 et seq.). (cf: P.L.2007, c.189, s.1)

- 14. Section 2 of P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-13) is amended to read as follows:
- 2. a. In cooperation with the Disadvantaged Youth Employment Opportunities Council established in section 1 of P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-12), the The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, in consultation with the State Employment and Training Commission shall develop and administer the employment program established under this act. The commissioner shall, to the greatest extent feasible, attempt to achieve a balance of enrolled disadvantaged youth from the northern, central, and southern parts of the State.
 - b. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, in consultation with the State Employment and Training Commission, the Department of Education, and the Juvenile Justice Commission, and the council, shall develop procedures relating to the program referral process; establish the selection criteria for participants which shall include the identification of local disadvantaged youths assessed by local law enforcement and juvenile corrections authorities as being at risk of gang membership or involvement or reinvolvement in the criminal justice system and students who are not meeting minimal district standards of behavior and academic achievement; provide a listing of employers who have agreed to participate in the program; and establish the process which will be utilized for matching disadvantaged youth to employment opportunities that will enhance the self-esteem and assimilation of

life skills necessary for productive functioning in the school setting
and society.

3 (cf: P.L.2007, c.189, s.2)

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- 5 15. Section 3 of P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-14) is amended to fead as follows:
 - 3. a. The State's limitations on hours of employment for child labor shall govern the maximum hours of employment for youths employed through the program. For participation in the employment program, the youth shall receive from the employer compensation of not less than the minimum wage rate pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a4).
 - b. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, in conjunction with the State Employment and Training Commission [and the council], shall endeavor to work with the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Education, major Statewide education organizations, and nonprofit organizations providing specialized services to youth to publicize the opportunities available under the program and promote the voluntary participation therein of school districts and students.

(cf: P.L.2007, c.189, s.3)

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- 16. Section 4 of P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-15) is amended to read as follows:
- 4. a. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall implement a plan to collect data on the effectiveness of the program in meeting the needs and conditions of disadvantaged youths which place them at risk of academic or social failure or both. The plan shall include a system to track participants to determine if they successfully completed the school year and whether such students and other youth participants succeed in making productive contributions to their communities.
- b. Within two years following the effective date of P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-12 et seq.), the Commissioners of Labor and Workforce Development and Education, in concert with the State Employment and Training Commission [and the council established in section 1 of P.L.2001, c.446 (C.34:15F-12)], shall submit to the Governor and the Legislature an evaluation of the Youth Employment and After School Incentive Pilot Program and
- 40 recommendations to the Legislature that will enable them to better
- 41 coordinate and improve the effectiveness of their efforts.
- 42 (cf: P.L.2007, c.189, s.4)

- 17. Section 4 of P.L.1995, c.368 (C.39:3-27.75) is amended to read as follows:
- 46 4. a. There is created in the Department of Community Affairs 47 a special non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Historic 48 Preservation License Plate Fund." The fund shall be administered

1 by the New Jersey Historic Trust. There shall be deposited in the 2 fund the amount collected from all license plate fees collected 3 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1995, c.368 (C.39:3-27.74), less the 4 amounts necessary to reimburse the division for administrative 5 costs pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1995, c.368 (C.39:3-27.76). 6 Moneys deposited in the fund shall be dedicated to [(1)] the 7 awarding of grants to State agencies, local government units, and 8 qualifying tax-exempt nonprofit organizations to meet costs related 9 to the physical preservation of, development of interpretive and 10 educational programming for, or operation of New Jersey's historic 11 resources [pursuant to the criteria established by the New Jersey 12 Heritage Tourism Task Force in the heritage tourism master plan 13 prepared and submitted by the New Jersey Heritage Tourism Task 14 Force; and (2) the payment of expenses incurred by the New Jersey 15 Heritage Tourism Task Force up to \$135,000 in implementing the 16 provisions of P.L.2006, c.60]. Approval of any grants shall be 17 made by the New Jersey Historic Trust pursuant to its guidelines. 18

b. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-bearing accounts in public depositories as defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or reinvested in such securities as are approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on moneys deposited in the fund, and any moneys which may be appropriated or otherwise become available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and deposited in the fund for use as set forth in P.L.1995, c.368 (C.39:3-27.72 et seq.).

27 (cf: P.L.2006, c.60, s.7)

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18. R.S.43:21-11 is amended to read as follows:

43:21-11. (a) Duties and powers of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The department shall have power and authority to adopt, amend, or rescind such rules and regulations, require such reports, make such investigations, and take such other action as it deems necessary or suitable or to administer this chapter; provided that the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development may delegate such power and authority, subject to his ultimate supervision and control. Such rules and regulations shall be effective upon publication in the manner, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, which the department shall prescribe. The department shall determine its own organization and methods of procedure, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Whenever the department believes that a change in contribution or benefit rates will become necessary to protect the solvency of the fund, it shall promptly so inform the Governor and the Legislature, and make recommendations with respect thereto.

(b) Regulations and general and special rules. General and special rules may be adopted, amended, or rescinded by the department. General rules shall become effective 10 days after

- filing with the Secretary of State and publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in this State. Special rules shall become effective 10 days after notification to or mailing to the last known address of the individuals or concerns affected thereby.
- 5 Regulations may be adopted, amended, or rescinded by the
- department and shall become effective in the manner and at the time prescribed by the department.

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- (c) Publication. The department shall cause to be printed for distribution to the public the text of this chapter, the department's regulations and general rules, its annual reports to the Governor, and any other material the department deems relevant and suitable and shall furnish the same to any person upon application therefor.
- (d) Personnel. Subject to other provisions of this chapter, the department is authorized to appoint (subject to the provisions of Title [11] 11A, Civil Service), fix the compensation, and prescribe the duties and powers of such officers, accountants, attorneys, experts, and other persons as may be necessary in the performance of its duties under R.S. 43:21-1 et seq. All positions shall be filled by persons selected and appointed on a nonpartisan merit basis from lists of eligible persons prepared by the Civil Service Commission, in accordance with the provisions of Title [11] 11A, Civil Service, except that any attorney, now or hereafter in office or position of legal assistant for the department, shall be placed in the exempt class of the civil service and thereafter shall not be subject to removal except for cause and then only in accordance with the provisions of Title [11] 11A, Civil Service; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to apply to any attorney designated as special counsel in accordance with the provisions of sections 43:21-6, subsection (h), and 43:21-17. The division shall not employ or pay any person who is an officer or committee member of any political party organization. The commissioner may delegate to any such person so appointed such power and authority as he deems reasonable and proper for the effective administration of this chapter, and may in his discretion bond any person handling moneys or signing checks hereunder.
 - (e) **[**Employment Security Council. There shall be within the department an Employment Security Council, as established and constituted under the Department of Labor and Industry Act of 1948 (P.L.1948, c. 446; C. 34:1A-1 et seq.) **[** (Deleted by amendment, P.L., c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- (f) Employment stabilization. The department [, with the advice and aid of the Employment Security Council,] shall take all appropriate steps to reduce and prevent unemployment; to encourage and assist in the adoption of practical methods of vocational training, retraining and vocational guidance; to investigate, recommend, advise, and assist in the establishment and operation, by municipalities, counties, school districts, and the

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State, of reserves for public works to be used in times of business depression and unemployment; to promote the re-employment of unemployed workers throughout the State in every other way that may be feasible, and to these ends to carry on and publish the records of investigations and research studies.

(g) Records and reports. Each employing unit shall keep true and accurate employment records, containing such information as may be prescribed. Such records shall be open to inspection and be subject to being copied by the director of the division and the controller or their authorized representatives at any reasonable time. The department may require from any employing unit any sworn or unsworn reports, with respect to persons employed by it, which are deemed necessary for the effective administration of this chapter. Under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the department, reports relative to wages and separation from employment may be required from any employer or employing unit at the time such employer or employing unit suspends business operations in this State, or from any employer or employing unit which fails to cooperate in submitting promptly the wage and employment data which may be required under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of section 43:21-6 of this Title. If the nature of such suspension is temporary or in the nature of a transfer, then the employer or employing unit may be excused from furnishing such a termination report upon assurances that proper arrangements have been made to supply any information which may be required under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of section 43:21-6 of this Title. The department may require from any employer or employing unit reports relative to wages and separation in such manner and at such time as may be necessary for the effective administration of this chapter.

All records, reports and other information obtained from employers and employees under this chapter, except to the extent necessary for the proper administration of this chapter, shall be confidential and shall not be published or open to public inspection other than to public employees in the performance of their public duties, and shall not be subject to [subpena] subpoena or admissible in evidence in any civil action or proceeding other than one arising under this chapter, but any claimant at a hearing before an appeal tribunal, the division or the board of review shall be supplied with information from such records to the extent necessary for the proper presentation of his claim. Any officer or employee of the department who violates any provision of this section shall be liable to a fine of \$200.00, to be recovered in a civil action in the name of the division, said fine when recovered to be paid to the unemployment compensation auxiliary fund for the use of said fund.

(h) Oaths and witnesses. In the discharge of the duties imposed by this chapter, the controller, the appeal tribunal and any duly

1 authorized representative or member of the division, the director or 2 any deputy director thereof or member of the board of review shall 3 have power to administer oaths and affirmations, take depositions, 4 certify to official acts, and issue [subpenas] subpoenas to compel 5 the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, 6 correspondence, memoranda and other records deemed necessary as 7 evidence in connection with a disputed claim or the administration 8 of this chapter. Witnesses [subpenaed] subpoenaed pursuant to this 9 section shall in the discretion of the department be allowed fees at a 10 rate to be fixed by it. Such fees shall be deemed a part of the 11 expense of administering this chapter.

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- (i) [Subpenas] <u>Subpoenas</u>. In case of contumacy by or refusal to obey a [subpena] subpoena issued to any person, any court of this State within the jurisdiction of which the inquiry is carried on or within the jurisdiction of which said person guilty of contumacy or refusal to obey is found or resides or transacts business, upon application by the department or its duly authorized representative, or the board of review, shall have jurisdiction to issue to such person an order requiring such person to appear before the board of review or a member thereof, the department or its duly authorized representative, there to produce evidence if so ordered or there to give testimony touching the matter under investigation or in question; and any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by said court as a contempt thereof. Any person who shall without just cause fail or refuse to attend and testify or to answer any lawful inquiry or to produce books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, and other records, if it is in his power so to do, in obedience to a [subpena] subpoena of the division or of the board of review shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00 or by imprisonment for not longer than 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and each day such violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate offense.
- (j) Protection against self-incrimination. No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or from producing books, papers, correspondence, memoranda and other records before the department or the board of review or in obedience to the subpena subpoena of a member of the department or the board of review or a member thereof, or any duly authorized representative thereof in any cause or proceeding before the department, the board of review or a member thereof, on the ground that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture; but no individual shall be prosecuted or subject to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he is compelled, after having claimed his privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except that such individual so testifying shall not be

exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed inso testifying.

(k) State-Federal cooperation. In the administration of this chapter the department shall cooperate to the fullest extent, consistent with the provisions of this chapter, with the United States Department of Labor to secure to this State and its citizens all advantages available under the provisions of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. s. 301 et seq.), as amended, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (26 U.S.C. s. 3301 et seq.), as amended, and the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. s. 49 et seq.), as amended; shall make such reports, in such form and containing such information as the United States Secretary of Labor may from time to time require; and shall comply with such provisions as the United States Secretary of Labor may from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports; and shall comply with the regulations prescribed by the United States Secretary of Labor governing the expenditure of such sums as may be allotted and paid to this State under any of such federal acts.

Upon request therefor, the department shall furnish to any agency of the United States charged with the administration of public works or assistance through public employment, the name, address, ordinary occupation and employment status of each recipient of benefits and such recipient's rights to further benefits under this chapter.

The department may afford reasonable cooperation with every agency of the United States charged with the administration of any unemployment insurance law.

The department is authorized to make such investigations and exercise such of the other powers provided herein with respect to the administration of this chapter and to transmit such information and make available such services and facilities to the agency charged with the administration of any State or federal unemployment insurance or public employment service law as it deems necessary or appropriate to facilitate the administration of such law and to accept and utilize information, services and facilities made available to this State by such agency.

The department shall adopt regulations prescribed by the United States Secretary of Labor to address state unemployment tax avoidance and to insure that the transfer or acquisition of a business is not done for the specific purpose of avoiding higher contribution rates.

(l) The controller shall establish procedures to identify employers who engage in the transfer or acquisition of a business, trade or organization for the purposes of achieving an unemployment tax rate unrelated to employment experience.

46 (cf: P.L.2005, c.239, s.2)

- 1 19. Section 21 of P.L.1948, c.110 (C.43:21-45) is amended to 2 read as follows:
- 21. **[**(a)**]** It shall be the duty of the executive director of the 4 commission to administer this act under the supervision and control of the commission; to appoint and fix the compensation of 6 members of the staff subject to the approval of the commission and subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 43:21-11 of the Revised Statutes; and to make such expenditures as are necessary 9 in the discharge of his functions hereunder as provided for in the 10 budget to be approved annually by the commission.
- 11 (b) There is hereby established an Advisory Council on 12 Disability Benefits to consist of the following: Four representatives 13 of labor, two representatives of employers, two representatives of 14 the insurance industry, and two representatives of the medical profession, to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and 15 16 consent of the Senate; the executive director of the commission and 17 the commissioners of Banking and Insurance, and of Labor, for the 18 time being. Each appointive member shall serve for a term of five 19 years, and vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only. 20 Members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation 21 but may be reimbursed for their necessary expenses. The advisory 22 council shall:
 - (1) study the administration and operation of this act;
 - (2) aid the commission in formulating policies, rules and regulations and consult and advise with the executive director;
 - (3) report to the Governor and the Legislature on or before March first, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, and at such other times as it may deem appropriate its recommendations for legislation or administration necessary or desirable to improve and perfect the operation of this act;
 - (4) report to the Governor and the Legislature on such other matters relating to this act, and at such other times, as it may deem in the public interest.
- 34 (cf: P.L.1948, c.110, s.21)

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- 20. Section 3 of P.L.1975, c.208 (C.52:9S-3) is amended to read as follows:
- 38 3. a. The commission shall each year prepare a State Capital 39 Improvement Plan containing its proposals for State spending for capital projects, which shall be consistent with the goals and 40 41 provisions of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan 42 adopted by the State Planning Commission [and shall be prepared after consultation with the New Jersey Council of Economic 43 44 Advisors, created pursuant to P.L.1993, c.149 (C.52:9H-34 et 45 seq.) 1. Copies of the plan shall be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature no later than December 1 of each year. The plan 46 47 shall provide:

(1) A detailed list of all capital projects of the State which the commission recommends be undertaken or continued by any State agency in the next three fiscal years, together with information as to the effect of such capital projects on future operating expenses of the State, and with recommendations as to the priority of such capital projects and the means of funding them;

- (2) The forecasts of the commission as to the requirements for capital projects of State agencies for the four fiscal years next following such three fiscal years and for such additional periods, if any, as may be necessary or desirable for adequate presentation of particular capital projects, and a schedule for the planning and implementation or construction of such capital projects;
- (3) A schedule for the next fiscal year of recommended appropriations of bond funds from issues of bonds previously authorized;
- (4) A review of capital projects which have recently been implemented or completed or are in process of implementation or completion;
- (5) Recommendations as to the maintenance of physical properties and equipment of State agencies;
- (6) Recommendations which the commission deems appropriate as to the use of properties reported in subsection c. of this section;
- (7) A report on the State's overall debt. This report shall include information on the outstanding general obligation debt and debt service costs for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and the estimated amount for the subsequent five fiscal years. In addition, the report shall provide similar information on capital leases and installment obligations. In addition, the report shall provide similar information on the following long-term obligations: all items comprising long-term liabilities as recorded in a schedule of long-term debt changes (bonded and non-bonded) in the State's annual comprehensive financial report prepared pursuant to section 37 of article 3 of P.L.1944, c.112 (C.52:27B-46), the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for State administered retirement systems, and the unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities for post-retirement medical and other benefits;
- (8) An assessment of the State's ability to increase its overall debt and a recommendation on the amount of any such increase. In developing this assessment and recommendation, the commission shall consider those criteria used by municipal securities rating services in rating governmental obligations;
- (9) A summary or written notification regarding the repayment or issuance of motor vehicle surcharge revenue bonds required to be prepared or transmitted pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.301 (C.52:9S-3.1); and
- 46 (10) Such other information as the commission deems relevant to 47 the foregoing matters.

- b. Each State agency shall no later than August 15 of each year provide the commission with:
 - (1) A detailed list of capital projects which each State agency seeks to undertake or continue for its purposes in the next three fiscal years, together with information as to the effect of such capital projects on future operating expenses of the State, and with such relevant supporting data as the commission requests;
 - (2) Forecasts as to the requirements for capital projects of such agency for the four fiscal years next following such three fiscal years and for such additional periods, if any, as may be necessary or desirable for adequate presentation of particular capital projects, and a schedule for the planning and implementation or construction of such capital projects;
 - (3) A schedule for the next fiscal year of requested appropriations of bond funds from issues of bonds previously authorized;
 - (4) A report on capital projects which have recently been implemented or completed or are in process of implementation or completion;
 - (5) A report as to the maintenance of its physical properties and capital equipment;
 - (6) Such other information as the commission may request.
 - c. Each State agency shall, when requested, provide the commission with supplemental information in addition to that to be available to the commission under the computerized record keeping of the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Real Property Management, concerning any real property owned or leased by the agency including its current or future availability for other State uses.
 - d. A copy of the plan shall also be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Accounting each year upon its completion, and the portion of the plan relating to the first fiscal year thereof shall, to the extent it treats of capital appropriations in the annual budget, constitute the recommendations of the commission with respect to such capital appropriations in the budget for the next fiscal year.

36 (cf: P.L.2019, c.301, s.1)

- 21. Section 20 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-320) is amended to read as follows:
- 20. There is established in the Department of Community Affairs a separate trust fund, to be used for the exclusive purposes as provided in this section, and which shall be known as the "New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund." The fund shall be a non-lapsing, revolving trust fund, and all monies deposited or received for purposes of the fund shall be accounted for separately, by source and amount, and remain in the fund until appropriated for such The fund shall be the repository of all State funds appropriated for affordable housing purposes, including, but not

- limited to, the proceeds from the receipts of the additional fee collected pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7), proceeds from available receipts of the Statewide non-residential development fees collected pursuant to section 35 of P.L.2008, c.46 (C.40:55D-8.4), monies lapsing or reverting from municipal development trust funds, or other monies as may be dedicated, earmarked, or appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the fund. All references in any law, order, rule, regulation, contract, loan, document, or otherwise, to the "Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund" shall mean the "New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund." department shall be permitted to utilize annually up to 7.5 percent of the monies available in the fund for the payment of any necessary administrative costs related to the administration of the "Fair Housing Act," P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), or any costs related to administration of P.L.2008, c.46 (C.52:27D-329.1 et al.).
 - a. Except as permitted pursuant to subsection g. of this section, and by section 41 of P.L.2009, c.90 (C.52:27D-320.1), the commissioner shall award grants or loans from this fund for housing projects and programs in municipalities whose housing elements have received substantive certification from the council, in municipalities receiving State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.), in municipalities subject to a builder's remedy as defined in section 28 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-328), or in receiving municipalities in cases where the council has approved a regional contribution agreement and a project plan developed by the receiving municipality.

Of those monies deposited into the "New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund" that are derived from municipal development fee trust funds, or from available collections of Statewide non-residential development fees, a priority for funding shall be established for projects in municipalities that have petitioned the council for substantive certification.

Programs and projects in any municipality shall be funded only after receipt by the commissioner of a written statement in support of the program or project from the municipal governing body.

- b. The commissioner shall establish rules and regulations governing the qualifications of applicants, the application procedures, and the criteria for awarding grants and loans and the standards for establishing the amount, terms, and conditions of each grant or loan.
- c. For any period which the council may approve, the commissioner may assist affordable housing programs which are not located in municipalities whose housing elements have been granted substantive certification or which are not in furtherance of a regional contribution agreement; provided that the affordable

1 housing program will meet all or part of a municipal low and 2 moderate income housing obligation.

- d. Amounts deposited in the "New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund" shall be targeted to regions based on the region's percentage of the State's low and moderate income housing need as determined by the council. Amounts in the fund shall be applied for the following purposes in designated neighborhoods:
- (1) Rehabilitation of substandard housing units occupied or to be occupied by low and moderate income households;
- (2) Creation of accessory apartments to be occupied by low and moderate income households;
- (3) Conversion of non-residential space to residential purposes; provided a substantial percentage of the resulting housing units are to be occupied by low and moderate income households;
- (4) Acquisition of real property, demolition and removal of buildings, or construction of new housing that will be occupied by low and moderate income households, or any combination thereof;
- (5) Grants of assistance to eligible municipalities for costs of necessary studies, surveys, plans, and permits; engineering, architectural, and other technical services; costs of land acquisition and any buildings thereon; and costs of site preparation, demolition, and infrastructure development for projects undertaken pursuant to an approved regional contribution agreement;
- (6) Assistance to a local housing authority, nonprofit or limited dividend housing corporation, or association or a qualified entity acting as a receiver under P.L.2003, c.295 (C.2A:42-114 et al.) for rehabilitation or restoration of housing units which it administers which: (a) are unusable or in a serious state of disrepair; (b) can be restored in an economically feasible and sound manner; and (c) can be retained in a safe, decent, and sanitary manner, upon completion of rehabilitation or restoration; and
- (7) Other housing programs for low and moderate income housing, including, without limitation, (a) infrastructure projects directly facilitating the construction of low and moderate income housing not to exceed a reasonable percentage of the construction costs of the low and moderate income housing to be provided and (b) alteration of dwelling units occupied or to be occupied by households of low or moderate income and the common areas of the premises in which they are located in order to make them accessible to persons with disabilities.
- e. Any grant or loan agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall incorporate contractual guarantees and procedures by which the division will ensure that any unit of housing provided for low and moderate income households shall continue to be occupied by low and moderate income households for at least 20 years following the award of the loan or grant, except that the division may approve a guarantee for a period of less than 20 years where necessary to ensure project feasibility.

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- Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, in making grants or loans under this section, the department shall not require that tenants be certified as low or moderate income or that contractual guarantees or deed restrictions be in place to ensure continued low and moderate income occupancy as a condition of providing housing assistance from any program administered by the department, when that assistance is provided for a project of moderate rehabilitation if the project: (1) contains 30 or fewer rental units; and (2) is located in a census tract in which the median household income is 60 percent or less of the median income for the housing region in which the census tract is located, as determined for a three person household by the council in accordance with the latest federal decennial census. A list of eligible census tracts shall be maintained by the department and shall be adjusted upon publication of median income figures by census tract after each federal decennial census.
- g. In addition to other grants or loans awarded pursuant to this section, and without regard to any limitations on such grants or loans for any other purposes herein imposed, the commissioner shall annually allocate such amounts as may be necessary in the commissioner's discretion, and in accordance with section 3 of P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.3), to fund rental assistance grants under the program created pursuant to P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.1 et al.). Such rental assistance grants shall be deemed necessary and authorized pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), in order to meet the housing needs of certain low income households who may not be eligible to occupy other housing produced pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.).
- The department and the State Treasurer shall submit the "New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund" for an audit annually by the State Auditor or State Comptroller, at the discretion of the Treasurer. In addition, the department shall prepare an annual report for each fiscal year, and submit it by November 30th of each year to the Governor and the Legislature, [and the Joint Committee on Housing Affordability, or its successor, and post the information to its web site, of all activity of the fund, including details of the grants and loans by number of units, number and income ranges of recipients of grants or loans, location of the housing renovated or constructed using monies from the fund, the number of units upon which affordability controls were placed, and the length of those controls. The report also shall include details pertaining to those monies allocated from the fund for use by the State rental assistance program pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.3) and subsection g. of this section.
- i. The commissioner may award or grant the amount of any appropriation deposited in the "New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund" pursuant to section 41 of P.L.2009, c.90 (C.52:27D-

1	320.1) to municipalities pursuant to the provisions of section 39 of
2	P.L.2009, c.90 (C.40:55D-8.8).
3	(cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.200)
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5	22. This act shall take effect immediately.
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10	This bill eliminates the following commissions, committees,
11	councils, boards, and task forces:
12	Gloucester County Tunnel Commission, created by R.S.32:13A-
13	4 (C.32:13A-4)
14	Employment Security Council, created by section 17 of
15	P.L.1948, c.446 (C.34:1A-17)
16	State Beach Erosion Commission, created by P.L.1949, c.14
17	(C.52:9J-1 et seq.)
18	Metropolitan Rapid Transit Commission, created by P.L.1952,
19	c.194 (C.32:22-1 et seq.)
20	State Apprenticeship Council, created by P.L.1953, c.198
21	(C.34:1A-36 et seq.)
22	Tri-State Regional Planning Commission, created by P.L.1965,
23	c.12 (C.32:22B-1 et seq.)
24	Continuing Care Advisory Council, created by section 28 of
25	P.L.1986, c.103 (C.52:27D-357)
26	New Jersey Boarding Home Advisory Council, created by
27	P.L.1986, c.205 (C.30:1A-4 et seq.)
28	Community Financial Services Advisory Board, created by
29	section 3 of P.L.1991, c.294 (C.17:16Q-3)
30	New Jersey Council of Economic Advisors, created by P.L.1993,
31	c.149 (C.52:9H-34 et seq.)
32	Parole Advisory Board, created by P.L.1997, c.215 (C.30:4-
33	123.47a et seq.)
34	Automobile Insurance Territorial Rating Plan Advisory
35	Commission, created by section 28 of P.L.1998, c.21 (C.17:29A-50)
36	Public Officers Salary Review Commission, created by
37	P.L.1999, c.380 (C.52:14-15.115)
38	Internet Registry Advisory Council, created by section 7 of
39	P.L.2001, c.167 (C.2C:7-18)
40	Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical
41	School Clinical Clerkships, created by Section 1 of P.L.2003, c.133
42	(C.18A:64H-9)
43	New Jersey Minimum Wage Advisory Commission, created by
44	section 2 of P.L.2005, c.70 (C.34:11-56a4.7)
45	Wholesale Drug Distribution Advisory Council, created by
46	section 23 of P.L.2005, c.206 (C.24:6B-32)
47	Forest Health Advisory Council, created by P.L.2007, c.44
48	(C.13:1L-26 et seq.)

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- 1 Joint Committee on Housing Affordability, created by P.L.2007,
- 2 c.55 (52:9RR-1 et seq.)
- New Jersey Health Information Technology Commission, created
- 4 by section 5 of P.L.2007, c.330 (C.26:1A-136)
- 5 Prisoner Reentry Commission, created by section 10 of
- 6 P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:4-6.2)
- 7 Police and Fire Public Interest Arbitration Impact Task Force,
- 8 created by section 3 of P.L.2010, c.105 (C.34:13A-16.8)
- 9 Study Commission on Violence, created by P.L.2013, c.109
- 10 (C.52:17B-239 et seq.)
- These entities are either inactive or failed to submit their
- 12 required reports in a timely manner. The bill also removes any
- mention of these entities in other statutes.
- In addition, the following entities are repealed by amending
- 15 current statutes:
- 16 Advisory Council on Disability Benefits;
- 17 Disadvantaged Youth Employment Opportunities Council;
- 18 Meadowlands Transportation Planning Board;
- 19 New Jersey Heritage Tourism Task Force; and
- 20 Right to Know Advisory Council.