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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Extended School Day and School Year Study Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT establishing an Extended School Day and School Year
2 Study Commission.

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

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7 1. There is established an Extended School Day and School
8 Year Study Commission. The commission shall consist of 13
9 members as follows: two members of the Senate appointed by the
10 Senate President, no more than one of whom shall be of the same
11 political party; two members of the General Assembly appointed by
12 the Speaker of the General Assembly, no more than one of whom
13 shall be of the same political party; the Commissioner of Education,
14 ex officio, or a designee; and eight members to be appointed by the
15 Governor including one each from the New Jersey Education
16 Association, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New
17 Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, the New Jersey
18 Association of School Business Officials, the New Jersey
19 Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Parent
20 Teacher Association, and two public members.

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22 2. Appointments to the commission shall be made within 30
23 days of the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership
24 of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
25 appointments were made. Members of the commission shall serve
26 without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for
27 expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties within
28 the limits of funds made available to the commission for its
29 purposes.

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31 3. The commission shall organize within 30 days after the
32 appointment of its members and shall select a chairperson and a
33 vice-chairperson from among its members and a secretary who need
34 not be a member of the commission. The commission may meet
35 and hold hearings at the place or places it designates during the
36 sessions or recesses of the Legislature.

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38 4. Staff and related support services shall be provided to the
39 commission by the Department of Education. The commission
40 shall also be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the
41 services of the employees of any State, county or municipal
42 department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may require
43 and as may be available to it for its purposes.

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45 5. It shall be the duty of the commission to study the effects of
46 a longer school day and school year on advancing student
47 achievement, enhancing the overall school learning environment,
48 and increasing student enrichment opportunities and educational

1 offerings. In conducting its study the commission shall examine
2 any extended school day and school year schedules utilized in other
3 states.

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5 6. The commission shall issue a final report of its findings and
6 recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the
7 Governor, and the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,
8 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than six months after its
9 organizational meeting.

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11 7. This act shall take effect immediately and the commission
12 shall expire 30 days after the submission of the final report.

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STATEMENT

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17 This bill establishes the Extended School Day and School Year
18 Study Commission.

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23 Assembly, no more than one of whom shall be of the same political
24 party; the Commissioner of Education, ex officio, or a designee;
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26 each from the New Jersey Education Association, the New Jersey
27 School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals and
28 Supervisors Association, the New Jersey Association of School
29 Business Officials, the New Jersey Association of School
30 Administrators, and the New Jersey Parent Teacher Association,
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38 The commission is required to issue a final report of its findings
39 and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to
40 the Governor and the Legislature no later than six months after its
41 organizational meeting. The commission expires 30 days after the
42 report is submitted.