

**SENATE, No. 3376**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes Legislative Enactment Oversight Committee to ensure implementation of enacted laws and joint resolutions.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing the Legislative Enactment Oversight  
2 Committee and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. The Legislature finds and declares that bills and joint  
8 resolutions that have been passed by the Legislature and signed by  
9 the Governor may not be implemented in a timely manner or in  
10 accordance with the specific provisions of that law or joint  
11 resolution. The adoption of administrative rules and regulations,  
12 the appointment of essential personnel, or the establishment of a  
13 process or program in accordance with the law or joint resolution  
14 may be delayed, affecting the government's ability to function  
15 effectively and provide necessary services.

16 A committee is needed to monitor the implementation of laws  
17 and joint resolutions to ensure that they are implemented by the  
18 appropriate public entity effectively and efficiently, in a timely  
19 manner, and in accordance with their specific provisions.

20 b. The Legislative Enactment Oversight Committee is hereby  
21 established in the Department of State.

22 The purpose of the committee shall be to monitor the  
23 implementation of laws and joint resolutions to ensure that they are  
24 implemented by the appropriate public entity effectively and  
25 efficiently, in a timely manner, and in accordance with their specific  
26 provisions. The committee shall monitor all laws and joint  
27 resolutions enacted after the effective date of this act,  
28 P.L. , c. (C. )(pending before the legislature as this bill),  
29 and all laws and joint resolutions enacted within five years before  
30 that effective date.

31 The committee shall track the implementation of a law and joint  
32 resolution; assess the efficiency, accuracy, and timeliness of the  
33 implementation; evaluate the factors that contribute to a delay in  
34 implementation; evaluate whether the public entity responsible for  
35 implementation has the necessary resources to effectively and  
36 efficiently implement the law or joint resolution; and collect data on  
37 the impact of the law and joint resolution.

38 The committee may contract with independent consultants to  
39 assist in the conduct of the monitoring, tracking, assessing,  
40 evaluating, and collecting required of the committee.

41 The committee shall assign staff to respond promptly to members  
42 of the Legislature who inquire about the implementation status of a  
43 law or joint resolution.

44 All State department and agencies shall assist the committee in  
45 the performance of its duties upon request of the committee.

46 c. The committee shall consist of 15 members who are New  
47 Jersey residents.

1 The members shall be appointed as follows.

2 (1) Three members shall be appointed by the Governor upon the  
3 recommendation of the President of the Senate, one of whom shall  
4 have experience in matters concerning elections, one of whom shall  
5 have experience in matters concerning housing and community  
6 affairs, and one of whom shall have experience with matters  
7 concerning labor and workforce development;

8 (2) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor upon the  
9 recommendation of the Minority Leader of the Senate, one of whom  
10 shall have experience in matters concerning education, and one of  
11 whom shall have experience in matters concerning agriculture;

12 (3) Three members shall be appointed by the Governor upon the  
13 recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, one of  
14 whom shall have experience in matters concerning human services,  
15 one of whom shall have experience in matters concerning  
16 accounting, and one of whom shall have experience in matters  
17 concerning the environment;

18 (4) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor upon the  
19 recommendation of the Minority Leader of the General Assembly,  
20 one of whom shall have experience in matters concerning children  
21 and family services, and one of whom shall have experience with  
22 matters concerning transportation.

23 (5) Five members shall be appointed by the Governor, one of  
24 whom shall have experience in matters concerning pensions and  
25 health benefits, one of whom shall have experience in matters  
26 concerning law and public safety, one of whom shall have  
27 experience in matters concerning gaming and casinos, one of whom  
28 shall have experience in matters concerning military and veterans  
29 affairs, and one of whom shall have experience concerning matters  
30 of diversity and minority affairs.

31 d. The members shall serve for a term of five years. Of the  
32 members appointed upon the recommendation of a member of the  
33 Legislature, the initial appointment shall be for a term of four years.  
34 Of the members appointed directly by the Governor, the initial  
35 appointment shall be for a term of three years.

36 The members shall serve until their successors have been  
37 appointed and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same  
38 manner as the original appointment for the unexpired term only.

39 Any member of the committee may be removed from office by  
40 the Governor, for cause, upon notice and opportunity to be heard.

41 The Governor shall appoint the chair of the committee. The  
42 members of the committee shall elect, by a majority of the total  
43 membership of the committee, one of the members to serve as vice-  
44 chair during that member's term. A new vice-chair shall be elected  
45 upon the expiration of the current vice-chair's term, even if that  
46 member remains on the committee until that member's successor is  
47 duly appointed and qualified.

1 e. The committee may conduct business without a majority of  
2 the total authorized membership of the committee present, but shall  
3 not take any official action, such as adopt a recommendation or a  
4 report without the approval of a majority of the total membership of  
5 the committee.

6 The committee shall adopt annually a schedule of regular  
7 meetings, and special meetings may be held at the call of the chair.

8 The committee, in its discretion, may divide its membership into  
9 subcommittees in the course of carrying out its duties.

10 The committee may adopt policies, procedures, and rules for an  
11 organizational structure, and policies and procedures for the  
12 committee's internal operations, as may be necessary to carry out  
13 its duties and responsibilities.

14 f. The committee may employ such personnel as it deems  
15 necessary. The Department of State shall assign such personnel to  
16 serve the committee as the committee may request.

17 The committee shall also be entitled to call to its assistance and  
18 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or  
19 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it  
20 may require and as may be available for its purposes.

21 The Secretary of State shall include in the annual budget request  
22 of the Department of State a request for sufficient funds to  
23 effectuate the purposes of this act.

24 g. The members shall devote full time to their respective duties  
25 of office. Each member shall receive an annual salary fixed and  
26 established by the Governor, which shall not exceed \$120,000 for  
27 the chair, and which shall not exceed \$90,000 for the remaining  
28 members.

29 All appointed members of the committee shall be members of the  
30 State's unclassified service.

31 The members shall not be eligible for participation or enrollment  
32 in any State-administered retirement system or the State Health  
33 Benefits Program.

34 The committee may incur additional expenses within the limits  
35 of funds available to it in order to carry out its duties and  
36 responsibilities.

37 h. The committee shall submit periodic reports, no less than  
38 twice a year, concerning its findings and actions related to its duties  
39 to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
40 (C.52:14-19.1), the Legislature.

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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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47 This bill establishes a Legislative Enactment Oversight  
48 Committee within the Department of State to review the

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4 effectively and efficiently, in a timely manner, and in accordance  
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6 The committee will consist of 15 persons who will be New  
7 Jersey residents, and will serve for a term of five years. Each  
8 member will receive an annual salary fixed and established by the  
9 Governor. The salary for the chair will not exceed \$120,000, and  
10 the salary for the remaining members will not exceed \$90,000.

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