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SYNOPSIS

Requires State Treasurer to conduct State government office space utilization study and identify savings.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the utilization of office space by State
2 government departments and agencies.

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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 State Treasurer, in consultation with the head of each
8 State department and agency in the Executive Branch, shall conduct
9 an office space utilization study. The purpose of the study shall be
10 to assess the current status of space leasing and utilization for State
11 government purposes and identify efficiencies and savings that may
12 be realized under the current hybrid and remote work environment.

13 b. The report required by this section shall include, but may not
14 be limited to, an analysis of:

15 (1) the current square footage of office space under ownership
16 or lease by each State department and agency;

17 (2) the percent of office space currently being utilized and
18 occupied for State government purposes;

19 (3) the impacts of remote work and hybrid work on the State
20 government office space needs;

21 (4) potential saving that may be realized by a more efficient use
22 of office space, taking into account the remote work and hybrid
23 work environment; and

24 (5) any other factor the State Treasurer deems relevant.

25 c. The State Treasurer shall produce the report required by this
26 section within 90 days of the effective date of this act, P.L. , c.
27 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and shall transmit a
28 copy of the report to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant
29 to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), upon its completion.
30 The report shall include recommendations for how the State may
31 achieve savings and efficiencies in office space utilization.

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
34 completion of the State Treasurer's report.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires the State Treasurer to conduct a State
40 government office space utilization study and identify savings.

41 Under the bill, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the head
42 of each State department and agency in the Executive Branch, is
43 directed to conduct an office space utilization study to assess the
44 current status of space leasing and utilization for State government
45 purposes and identify efficiencies and savings that may be realized
46 under the current hybrid and remote work environment. The report
47 would include, but may not be limited to, an analysis of: (1) the
48 current square footage of office space under ownership or lease by

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1 each State department and agency; (2) the percent of office space
2 currently being utilized and occupied for State government
3 purposes; (3) the impacts of remote work and hybrid work on the
4 State government office space needs; (4) potential saving that may
5 be realized by a more efficient use of office space, taking remote
6 and hybrid work into account; and (5) any other factor the State
7 Treasurer deems relevant.

8 The bill directs the State Treasurer to produce the report within
9 90 days of the effective date of the bill and to transmit a copy to the
10 Governor and the Legislature. The report would include
11 recommendations for how the State may achieve savings and
12 efficiencies in office space utilization.

13 This bill would take effect immediately and expires upon
14 completion of the State Treasurer's report.