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SYNOPSIS

Codifies Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship Program at Eagleton Institute of Politics; makes appropriation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on June 26, 2024, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT codifying the Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship
 2 Program, supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, and
 3 making an appropriation.

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

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 8 1. a. There is established the Eagleton Science and Politics
 9 Fellowship Program at the Eagleton Institute of Politics ¹~~of~~ at¹
 10 Rutgers ¹, the State¹ University. Scientists, engineers, and health care
 11 professionals with a PhD or equivalent doctoral professional degree in
 12 natural sciences, engineering, or healthcare shall be selected to
 13 participate in the program as fellows.

14 b. The State shall appropriate funds in each fiscal year to the
 15 Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, the State University to finance
 16 the stipends and benefits provided to ¹~~six~~ a minimum of four¹
 17 fellows pursuant to subsection c. of this section, and for the cost of
 18 administering the Eagleton¹ Science and Politics Fellowship
 19 Program.

20 c. ¹~~Six~~ A minimum of four¹ fellows shall be selected each year
 21 and shall be assigned to work with the New Jersey Legislature and the
 22 Executive Branch. The fellows shall be referred to as the John
 23 Weingart Science Fellows.

24 ¹~~Three~~ At least two of the¹ fellows shall be assigned to work
 25 with the Legislature, ¹~~with each fellow~~ and at least two of the
 26 fellows shall be assigned to work in the Executive Branch. Each
 27 fellow assigned to work with the Legislature shall be¹ placed in either
 28 the Office of Legislative Services, the Senate Majority Office, the
 29 Senate Minority Office, the General Assembly Majority Office, or the
 30 General Assembly Minority Office. ¹~~Three~~ Of the¹ fellows ¹~~shall~~
 31 ~~be~~¹ assigned to work in the Executive Branch¹. Placement¹,
 32 placement¹ shall be determined by the Director of the Eagleton¹
 33 Science and Politics Fellowship Program, appointed pursuant to
 34 subsection d. of this section, in consultation with interested State
 35 offices.

36 Each fellow shall receive a stipend during the period of the¹
 37 fellowship, as well as health, dental, and vision benefits for the term of
 38 their fellowship. Each fellow shall participate for a period of one year
 39 on a full time basis.

40 d. The Director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics ¹~~of~~ at¹
 41 Rutgers, the State University shall appoint the ¹~~director~~ Director¹ of
 42 the Eagleton¹ Science and Politics Fellowship Program, who shall
 43 administer the program and recruit and select the fellows.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted June 26, 2024.

1 2. ¹a.¹ Notwithstanding any other funds allocated, there is
2 appropriated from the State General Fund to the Eagleton Institute of
3 Politics ¹【of】 ¹at Rutgers, the State University for the ¹Eagleton¹
4 Science and Politics Fellowship Program the sum of ¹【\$338,000】
5 \$360,000¹ for the stipends and the administrative costs of the program,
6 implementing the provisions of ¹【this act,】¹ P.L. , c. (C.)
7 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

8 ¹b. Commencing in State fiscal year 2025, there shall be annually
9 appropriated from the General Fund to the Eagleton Institute of
10 Politics at Rutgers, the State University for the Eagleton Science and
11 Politics Fellowship Program, a minimum of \$520,000 to support the
12 program.¹

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14 3. This act shall take effect immediately.