

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 99**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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District 25 (Morris and Passaic)

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SYNOPSIS

Creates joint committee of Legislature to study report entitled “Independent Review of New Jersey’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 4/8/2024)

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** creating a joint committee of the
2 Legislature to study the report entitled “Independent Review of
3 New Jersey’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the*
6 *General Assembly concurring):*
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8 1. There is created a joint body of the Legislature to be known
9 as the “Joint Committee on New Jersey’s Response to the COVID-
10 19 Pandemic.” The joint committee shall consist of 12 members of
11 the Legislature. Three members shall be appointed by the Speaker
12 of the General Assembly, three members shall be appointed by the
13 Minority Leader of the General Assembly, three members shall be
14 appointed by the Senate President, and three members shall be
15 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate. There shall be two
16 co-chairs of the special committee, appointed from different
17 political parties, one of whom shall be appointed by the Senate
18 President from among the appointed members and one of whom
19 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly from
20 among the appointed members. Vacancies in the membership of the
21 joint committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original
22 appointments are made.
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24 2. The joint committee shall adopt rules for the operation and
25 the conduct of its business, including the selection of a secretary
26 who need not be a member of the joint committee.
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28 3. The joint committee is authorized, empowered, and directed
29 to study the report produced by Montgomery McCracken Walker &
30 Rhoads LLP, titled “Independent Review of New Jersey’s Response
31 to the COVID-19 Pandemic.” The joint committee, in its endeavor
32 to study this report, shall meet and hold hearings, as it shall
33 designate during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature.
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35 4. The joint committee shall be entitled to call to its assistance
36 and avail itself of the services of the employees of the State of New
37 Jersey, any political subdivision of the State, and any agency
38 thereof, as may be required and as may be available for that
39 purpose, and to employ any other services as may be deemed
40 necessary, in order to perform the duties provided herein, and
41 within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available
42 for that purpose.
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44 5. The joint committee shall report its findings to the
45 Legislature on a routine basis, and may make other reports as it
46 deems necessary or desirable.
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48 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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In creating this joint committee, it is the sponsor’s intent to address the concerns and issues raised in the report titled, “Independent Review of New Jersey’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic,” which concludes that New Jersey is unprepared for the next public health crisis.