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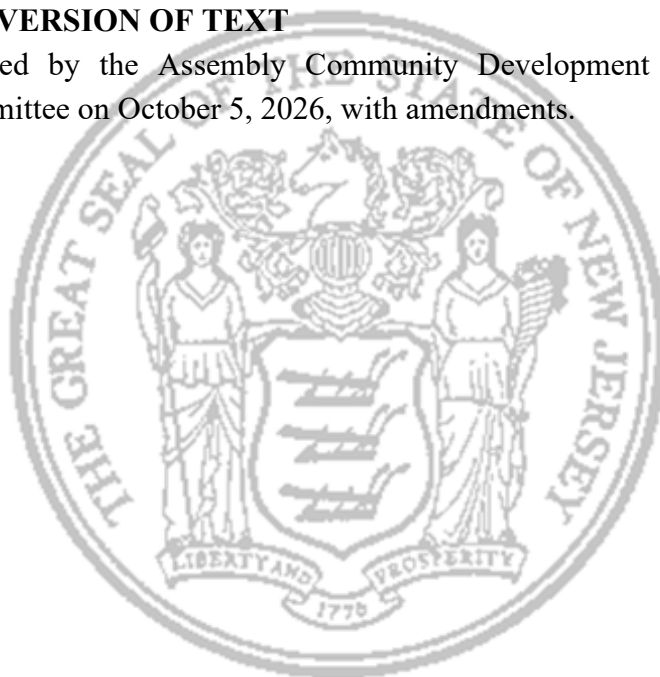
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SYNOPSIS

Requires Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy to undertake study to determine efficiency and scaling in delivery of local government services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Community Development and Women's Affairs Committee on October 5, 2026, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/5/2026)

1 AN ACT requiring the study of efficiency and scaling in the delivery
2 of local government services, supplementing P.L.2007, c.63
3 (C.40A:65-1 et seq.), and 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. The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 a. New Jersey residents face the highest property tax burden in
10 the United States and reducing this burden has been and continues
11 to be a priority for the Legislature.

12 b. The ongoing effort to share and regionalize local
13 government services has provided some relief over the years, but
14 the Legislature is committed to doing more to encourage
15 streamlining the delivery of local government services in order to
16 reduce the property tax burden on State residents.

17 c. In an effort to further encourage streamlining, a
18 determination of efficiency and scaling is required in order to
19 inform the Legislature as to the most effective methods to achieve
20 savings for taxpayers, while still ensuring a high level of quality in
21 the delivery of services.

22 d. To make this critical determination, a study should be
23 undertaken to identify the most efficient scale of service delivery so
24 that the Legislature can move forward with data-driven policy
25 changes.
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27 2. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
28 Legislature as this bill):

29 "Alternative service delivery method" means contracting with a
30 private for-profit or nonprofit entity, or utilizing volunteers, to
31 deliver a service traditionally provided by a local unit.

32 "Joint contract" means a contract between two or more local
33 units to form a joint meeting pursuant to section 14 of P.L.2007,
34 c.63 (C.40A:65-14).

35 "Local unit" means a "contracting unit" pursuant to section 2 of
36 P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-2), a "district" pursuant to
37 N.J.S.18A:18A-2, a "county college" pursuant to N.J.S.18A:64A-1,
38 a joint meeting, or any authority or special district that is subject to
39 the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law," P.L.1983,
40 c.313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.).

41 "Shared service agreement" means a contract authorized under
42 section 4 of P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-4).

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:

¹Assembly ACW committee amendments adopted October 5, 2026.

1 3. a. The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public
2 Policy of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey ¹, in consultation
3 with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of
4 Community Affairs,¹ shall conduct a comprehensive study to research
5 scaling for the most efficient delivery of services by local units within
6 the context of shared service agreements, joint contracts, and
7 alternative service delivery methods. Specifically, the study shall
8 examine, but not be limited to increasing efficiency in the following
9 areas of service delivery:

- 10 (1) municipal courts;
11 (2) construction code enforcement;
12 (3) fire code enforcement;
13 (4) municipal and county health services;
14 (5) property tax assessments;
15 (6) public works; and
16 (7) provision of emergency services, including police, fire, and
17 emergency medical response, and dispatch for emergency response.

18 b. The study may utilize a variety of research methods with a
19 mission to collect and compile the data on which comprehensive
20 decisions can be made to encourage the most efficient and effective
21 streamlining of delivery of services by local units.

22 c. The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
23 shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the
24 Governor and the Legislature within one year of the commencement of
25 the study.

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27 4. There is appropriated from the ¹**【Property Tax Relief】**
28 **General**¹ Fund to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey ¹,
29 **【\$30,000】** \$90,000¹ to conduct the study and issue the report provided
30 for in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
31 Legislature as this bill).

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33 5. This act shall take effect immediately.