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SYNOPSIS

Requires live streaming, recording, and archiving of certain legislative committee meetings and committee hearings; appropriates funds.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT requiring the live streaming, recording, and archiving of
2 certain legislative committee meetings and committee hearings,
3 amending and supplementing P.L.1995, c.319, and making an
4 appropriation.

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

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9 1. Section 1 of P.L.1995, c.319 (C.52:11-78) is amended to read
10 as follows:

11 1. a. The Office of Legislative Services shall make available to
12 the public and maintain in electronic form the following
13 information:

14 (1) the most current available compilation of the official text of
15 the statutes of New Jersey;

16 (2) the text of all bills introduced during the current two-year
17 session of the Legislature, including amended versions, as well as
18 sponsor statements, committee statements, and fiscal notes;

19 (3) all bills currently pending in the Legislature, listed by
20 subject and sponsor;

21 (4) bill-tracking data on all bills pending in the Legislature,
22 including the history of actions, current status, a complete voting
23 record, including individual votes by members of the Legislature
24 recorded during committee meetings, updated on a daily basis and
25 made available and maintained for the two-year legislative term in
26 progress and the immediately preceding term, and, where
27 appropriate, by citation of the section of law to be amended by a
28 bill;

29 (5) a current calendar of legislative events, including the
30 schedule of legislative committee meetings, and a list of bills
31 scheduled for legislative action;

32 (6) a current directory of the members of the Legislature,
33 including complete committee membership information;

34 (7) the text of all chapter laws beginning with laws passed by
35 the Legislature after 12:00 noon, January 9, 1996; **[and]**

36 (8) the live stream video and retrievable archived recordings of
37 each legislative committee meeting and committee hearing as
38 provided pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
39 before the Legislature as this bill); and

40 (9) such other information as the Legislative Services
41 Commission shall direct.

42 b. The information specified in subsection a. of this section
43 shall be made available to the public through the largest
44 nonproprietary cooperative public computer network.

45 c. The Office of Legislative Services shall not impose a fee or
46 usage charge as a condition of accessing the information specified

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.

1 in subsection a. of this section through the network described in
2 subsection b. of this section.

3 d. The Office of Legislative Services may offer a fee-based
4 electronic legislative information service which may include, in
5 addition to the information specified in subsection a. of this section,
6 the following information and capabilities:

7 (1) the ability for users to automatically maintain updated
8 private databases and receive notification of scheduled action on
9 specific bills or subject matter;

10 (2) the ability for users to retrieve information by various means
11 of searching full text; and

12 (3) archives of bill texts and related information from prior
13 sessions of the Legislature.

14 e. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as
15 prohibiting a private individual or entity from using the information
16 specified in subsection a. of this section to provide, either
17 commercially or on a voluntary basis, services similar to those
18 provided by the Office of Legislative Services pursuant to
19 subsection d. of this section.

20 f. The Office of Legislative Services shall consult with the
21 appropriate office within the executive branch of the State
22 government responsible for computer security and guidelines in
23 order to provide the information specified in subsection a. of this
24 section on the largest nonproprietary cooperative public computer
25 network, and both offices shall take all appropriate security
26 measures, subject to the approval of the Legislative Services
27 Commission or the designee thereof, to protect the computer
28 systems that provide access to and store the information specified in
29 subsection a. of this section.

30 g. No fee shall be charged to the Office of Legislative Services
31 by the appropriate office within the executive branch of the State
32 government responsible for computer security and guidelines for
33 services rendered related to this act.

34 (cf: P.L.2007, c.160, s.1)

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36 2. (New section) Beginning on the second Tuesday in January
37 following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
38 before the Legislature as this bill), each legislative committee
39 meeting and committee hearing that is held in the State House
40 Annex shall be live streamed and recorded. Live stream recordings
41 shall be archived on the Legislature's Internet website. For the
42 purposes of this section, "live stream" means the live audio and
43 video transmission of content over the Internet to a public audience.
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45 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of
46 Legislative Services an amount sufficient to effectuate the purposes
47 and objectives of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
48 this bill).

1 4. This act shall take effect 12 months following the date of
2 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill requires the live streaming, recording, and archiving of
8 each committee meeting and committee hearing of the Legislature
9 that is held in the State House Annex. Under the bill, these live
10 stream recordings will be archived and made available to the public
11 on the Legislature's website.