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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes “New Jersey Out-of-School Time Advisory Commission” to review before-school, after-school, and summer programs.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT establishing the “New Jersey Out-of-School Time  
2 Advisory Commission.”

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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. There is established a New Jersey Out-of-School Time  
8 Advisory Commission. The commission shall consist of 20  
9 members, including the Commissioners of Education, Human  
10 Services, and Children and Families, ex officio, or their designees,  
11 the Secretary of Higher Education, ex officio, or a designee, one  
12 member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one  
13 member of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the  
14 General Assembly, and 14 public members appointed by the  
15 Governor, including one representative from each of the following:  
16 the New Jersey Council for Young Children; the Association for  
17 Children of New Jersey; the New Jersey School Age Care  
18 Coalition; the New Jersey Association of School Administrators;  
19 the New Jersey Parent-Teacher Association; the Statewide Parent  
20 Advocacy Network; the New Jersey Education Association; the  
21 New Jersey State Federation of Teachers; the New Jersey School  
22 Boards Association; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors  
23 Association; the New Jersey Charter Schools Association; the  
24 Advisory Committee for Nonpublic Schools of the Department of  
25 Education; the New Jersey Child Care Association; and one  
26 academic researcher in the field of youth development.

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28 2. All appointments shall be made within 30 days after the  
29 effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership of the  
30 commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
31 appointments were made. Members of the commission shall serve  
32 without compensation but shall be entitled to their actual and  
33 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties  
34 within the limits of funds made available to the commission for its  
35 purposes.

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37 3. The commission shall organize within 30 days after the  
38 appointment of its members and shall select a chairperson and a  
39 vice-chairperson from among its Legislative members and a  
40 secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

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42 4. The chairperson shall retain and may remove at his pleasure  
43 a consultant and other such personnel as he may deem necessary for  
44 the performance of the commission’s duties, and shall fix their  
45 compensation within the amounts made available. The duties of the  
46 consultant shall include, but need not be limited to, organizing  
47 public hearings, conducting site visits, facilitating the interaction

1 between the commission and work groups, and preparing the  
2 interim and final reports.

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4 5. It shall be the duty of the commission to:

5 a. assess the state of out-of-school time programs in New  
6 Jersey by reviewing the policies of all State agencies that fund  
7 before-school, after-school, or summer programs, as well as review  
8 existing research and best practices;

9 b. adopt appropriate Statewide standards for out-of-school time  
10 program design, implementation, and assessment;

11 c. examine the existing amount of funding available for out-of-  
12 school time programs and the source of the funding; and

13 d. examine the development and operation of out-of-school  
14 time programs in urban, suburban, and rural school districts, and  
15 make recommendations to increase the accountability and quality of  
16 the before-school, after-school, and summer programs.

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18 6. Staff and related support services shall be provided to the  
19 commission by the Department of Education. The commission shall  
20 be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of  
21 the employees of any State, county or municipal department, board,  
22 bureau, commission or agency as it may require and as may be  
23 available for its purposes.

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25 7. The commission shall issue an interim report of its findings  
26 and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to  
27 the Governor, the Senate Education Committee, and the Assembly  
28 Education Committee, no later than one year after its organizational  
29 meeting, and a final report no later than two years after its  
30 organizational meeting.

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32 8. This act shall take effect immediately and the commission  
33 shall expire 30 days after the submission of the final report.

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36 STATEMENT

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