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SYNOPSIS

Directs New Jersey Economic Development Authority and Commission on Higher Education to promote the establishment of higher education and business partnerships.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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1 AN ACT concerning higher education and business partnerships and
2 supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes and P.L.1974, c.80 (C.34:1B-1 et seq.).
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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. The Commission on Higher Education, in consultation
9 with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the
10 New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology, shall create
11 and maintain a database of the research and development efforts and
12 resources of institutions of higher education located in the State.
13 The purpose of the database shall be to provide business entities
14 with ready access to information on the resources and expertise
15 available at institutions of higher education. The database shall
16 catalog the assets of each participating institution of higher
17 education including, but not limited to, its: research and
18 development activities; scientific capabilities; physical facilities and
19 equipment; intellectual assets; technological infrastructure and
20 capabilities; and the expertise and specialized qualifications of its
21 faculty and staff. The database shall not include any assets that are
22 determined by the institution to be confidential, privileged, or
23 otherwise protected. The database shall be made available on the
24 website of the commission.

25 b. Each public institution of higher education shall submit a list
26 of its non-privileged and non-protected assets to the commission for
27 inclusion in the database established pursuant to subsection a. of
28 this section and shall annually provide updated information to the
29 commission.

30 c. An independent institution of higher education in the State
31 may elect to submit a list of its non-privileged and non-protected
32 assets to the commission for inclusion in the database established
33 pursuant to subsection a. of this section.
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35 2. Each institution of higher education shall assess the abilities
36 of its staff to write and prepare grant proposals and shall develop
37 staff training in this area, in order to improve the institution's
38 potential for the award of federal funding.
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40 3. a. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall
41 serve as a liaison between the higher education and business
42 communities concerning issues and topics involving and relating to
43 each community's assets, efforts, needs, and challenges. In this
44 capacity, the authority shall facilitate the exchange of information
45 and exploration of collaborations among higher education and
46 business entities that will spur innovation in the State.

47 b. The authority shall post on its website a link to the database
48 of the research and development efforts and resources of

1 institutions of higher education located in the State established by
2 the Commission on Higher Education pursuant to section 1 of
3 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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5 4. The authority shall undertake activities that will maximize
6 the amount of federal funding awarded to institutions of higher
7 education including, but not limited to:

8 a. an annual review of the availability of and application
9 process for federal funding for institutions of higher education;

10 b. evaluation of the procedures utilized by institutions of higher
11 education to qualify for the available federal funding and the
12 development of recommendations on how the institutions can
13 improve their potential for the award of federal funding; and

14 c. the ongoing identification and promotion of collaborations
15 among institutions of higher education, and among institutions of
16 higher education and business entities, that would improve the
17 potential for the award and receipt of federal funding.

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19 5. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of
20 enactment.

21 22 23 STATEMENT

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25 This bill implements some of the recommendations of the 2010
26 report of the New Jersey Policy Research Organization entitled
27 “Building Bridges Between Academic Institutions, Business and
28 Government to Bring Innovation to the Marketplace.” Under the
29 bill, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority will serve as
30 a liaison between the higher education and business communities
31 concerning issues and topics involving and relating to each
32 community’s assets, efforts, needs, and challenges. In this capacity,
33 the commission will facilitate the exchange of information and
34 exploration of collaborations among higher education and business
35 entities that will spur innovation in the State. The bill also directs
36 the authority to undertake certain activities that will maximize the
37 amount of federal funding awarded to institutions of higher
38 education.

39 Under the bill, the Commission on Higher Education, in
40 consultation with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority
41 and the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology, must
42 create and maintain a database of the research and development
43 efforts and resources of institutions of higher education located in
44 the State. The purpose of the database is to provide business
45 entities with ready access to information on the resources and
46 expertise available at institutions of higher education. The bill
47 requires each public institution of higher education to submit a list
48 of its non-privileged and non-protected assets to the commission for

1 inclusion in the database and to annually provide updated
2 information to the commission. An independent institution of higher
3 education in the State may elect to submit a list of its non-
4 privileged and non-protected assets to the commission for inclusion
5 in the database.

6 The bill requires each institution of higher education to assess
7 the abilities of its staff to write and prepare grant proposals and to
8 develop staff training in this area, in order to improve the
9 institution's potential for the award of federal funding.