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P.L.2017, CHAPTER 31, *approved March 13, 2017*

Senate, No. 2375

1 **AN ACT** concerning the New Jersey Hall of Fame, supplementing
2 P.L.1985, c.325, amending P.L.1985, c.325 and P.L.2005, c.232,
3 and repealing section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232.

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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. (New section) The New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory
9 Commission, established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232
10 (C.5:10-6.6), and the New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation,
11 established pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of P.L.1985, c.325
12 (C.5:10-6.1), shall be dissolved as of the first day of the third month
13 after enactment of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
14 this bill). All property, funds, and assets of the New Jersey Hall of
15 Fame Advisory Commission and the New Jersey Hall of Fame
16 corporation shall be vested in and transferred to the Foundation for
17 the New Jersey Hall of Fame, which, in addition to the powers and
18 authority vested in it pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2005, c.232
19 (C.5:10-6.8), shall carry out the duties of the commission set forth
20 in section 5 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.7) as amended.

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22 2. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1) is amended to read
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25 by P.L.1971, c.137 (C.5:10-1 et seq.) is authorized to establish a
26 New Jersey Hall of Fame as a project either within the
27 Meadowlands complex, or within the State of New Jersey, but
28 outside of the Meadowlands complex, at a site that **【**the
29 commissioners of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory
30 Commission and**】** the board of trustees of the Foundation for the
31 New Jersey Hall of Fame **【**, acting jointly, determine**】** determines
32 to be appropriate to meet the requirements of the New Jersey Hall of
33 Fame project and to best serve the interests of the public. With
34 respect to this project, the authority may exercise all the rights and
35 powers relating to the Meadowlands complex granted to the
36 authority under P.L.1971, c.137 (C.5:10-1 et seq.) as though the
37 rights and powers were granted under P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1)
38 and P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.), and made applicable to a
39 New Jersey Hall of Fame.

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 b. **【**The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority shall
2 establish a New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation, hereinafter
3 referred to as the "hall of fame corporation," to operate and manage
4 the New Jersey Hall of Fame project authorized by subsection a. of
5 this section. The corporation shall be established as a separate,
6 nonprofit corporation to be incorporated as a New Jersey nonprofit
7 corporation pursuant to P.L.1983, c.127 (N.J.S.15A:1-1 et seq.), and
8 organized and operated in such manner as to be eligible under
9 applicable federal law for tax-exempt status, and shall be authorized
10 to sue and to be sued as a legal entity separate from the authority
11 and from the State of New Jersey. The voting membership of the
12 board of directors of the hall of fame corporation shall consist of
13 the members of the board of trustees of the Foundation for the New
14 Jersey Hall of Fame established pursuant to subsection a. of section
15 6 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.8), but may, subject to any bylaws of
16 the corporation adopted by the voting membership of the board of
17 directors thereof, include as nonvoting ex officio members the
18 members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission
19 established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6).**】**
20 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
21 Legislature as this bill)

22 c. **【**The terms of the 11 members appointed by the Governor to
23 the board of directors of the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame
24 pursuant to P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1), shall continue after the
25 effective date of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.) and such board
26 members serving on the effective date of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-
27 6.4 et al.) shall serve as members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame
28 Advisory Commission established pursuant to section 4 of
29 P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6) until the expiration of their terms.**】**
30 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
31 Legislature as this bill)
32 (cf: P.L.2008, c.109, s.1)

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34 3. Section 5 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.7) is amended to read
35 as follows:

36 5. a. It shall be the duty of the **【**commission**】** foundation to
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38 Jersey Hall of Fame and to provide information to the authority
39 with respect to the operation, management and location of the New
40 Jersey Hall of Fame as a project at a site either within the
41 Meadowlands complex, or within the State of New Jersey, but
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43 foundation determines to be appropriate to meet the requirements of
44 the New Jersey Hall of Fame project and to best serve the interests
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46 development of new structures or the adapting of existing structures
47 within which the New Jersey Hall of Fame may be located, criteria
48 for selection of nominees to the Hall of Fame, the annual

1 ceremonies for the induction of nominees into the Hall of Fame and
2 other areas the **【commission】** foundation may deem relevant to the
3 creation at a site either within the Meadowlands complex, or within
4 the State of New Jersey, but outside of the Meadowlands complex,
5 of a New Jersey Hall of Fame including, but not limited to, such
6 programs and events **【that the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall**
7 **of Fame, established pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2005, c.232**
8 **(C.5:10-6.8), may wish to consider】** in connection with the
9 foundation's fund-raising activities to support the operation,
10 maintenance, support and promotion of the New Jersey Hall of
11 Fame and to support charitable organizations that directly benefit
12 children in need in New Jersey and throughout the world.

13 b. The **【commission】** foundation shall also develop policies to
14 improve the image of New Jersey, promote the heritage of the
15 residents of this State and instill pride in the State by increasing the
16 public's awareness of the contributions made to society by past and
17 present residents of New Jersey, make recommendations for local
18 and State actions to follow up the **【commission's】** foundation's
19 goals and consider such other matters relating to the
20 accomplishment of its goals as the **【commission】** foundation may
21 deem appropriate.

22 c. **【The commission shall be authorized, within the limits of**
23 **the funds made available to it for its purposes, to employ an**
24 **executive director and professional, technical and administrative**
25 **personnel and to contract for such professional and administrative**
26 **services, and incur traveling and other miscellaneous expenses as it**
27 **may deem necessary, in order to perform its duties. No member of**
28 **the commission shall engage in any business transaction or**
29 **professional activity for profit with the State of New Jersey.**
30 **Employees of the commission shall not be construed to be**
31 **employees of the State of New Jersey.】** (Deleted by amendment,
32 P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

33 d. **【The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance**
34 **and avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county**
35 **or municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it**
36 **may require and as may be available to it for this purpose.】**
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38 Legislature as this bill)

39 e. The foundation is authorized to receive and administer gifts,
40 contributions, and funds from public and private sources to be
41 expended solely for the purposes provided in this section.
42 (cf: P.L.2008, c.109, s.2)

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44 4. Section 6 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.8) is amended to read
45 as follows:

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2 as the "foundation." The foundation shall be incorporated as a New
3 Jersey nonprofit corporation pursuant to P.L.1983, c.127 (C.15A:1-
4 1 et seq.), and organized and operated in such manner as to be
5 eligible under applicable federal law for tax-exempt status and for
6 the receipt of tax-deductible contributions, and shall be authorized
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8 and from the State of New Jersey.

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18 Jersey Hall of Fame project; (2) the support of charitable
19 organizations that directly benefit children in need in New Jersey
20 and throughout the world; (3) the administrative and other expenses
21 of the 【commission and】 hall of fame 【corporation, as
22 appropriate】; and (4) other purposes of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4
23 et al.).

24 (cf: P.L.2005, c.232, s.6)

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26 5. Section 9 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.11) is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 9. The foundation shall **【**, in conjunction with the commission
29 and the hall of fame corporation, as applicable,**】** annually report its
30 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature ,
31 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), and the
32 public. The report shall address the responsibilities of the
33 foundation **【**, commission and hall of fame corporation, as set forth
34 in P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.), along with**】** and all other
35 issues which the foundation **【**, commission and hall of fame
36 corporation, as applicable, find**】** finds to be necessarily related.

37 (cf: P.L.2005, c.232, s.9)

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39 6. Section 11 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.13) is amended to
40 read as follows:

41 11. All expenses incurred by the **【**commission, the**】** foundation
42 **【**and the hall of fame corporation, as appropriate,**】** shall be payable
43 from funds raised by the foundation, and from such other funds as
44 may be made available to the **【**commission, the**】** foundation **【**or
45 hall of fame corporation, as the case may be**】**, and no liability or
46 obligation, in tort or contract, shall be incurred by the State for the
47 operation of the **【**commission,**】** foundation **【**or hall of fame

1 corporation]. The [commission,] foundation [and hall of fame
2 corporation] shall, if necessary, obtain private counsel, and shall
3 not be represented by the Attorney General or indemnified by the
4 State of New Jersey.

5 (cf: P.L.2005, c.232, s.11)

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7 7. Section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6) is repealed.

8 8. The 15 appointed members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame
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10 P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6), serving on the effective date of P.L. ,
11 c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall continue to
12 serve for one year following the effective date of P.L. , c.
13 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) as members of the
14 board of trustees of the foundation, established pursuant to section 7
15 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.9).

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17 9. This act shall take effect on the first day of the first month
18 next following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill would dissolve the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory
23 Commission and the New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation on the
24 first day of the third month after enactment of this bill and transfer
25 their property, funds, assets, and duties to the Foundation for the
26 New Jersey Hall of Fame.

27 The corporation is a nonprofit entity created by the New Jersey
28 Sports and Exposition Authority to operate and manage a New
29 Jersey Hall of Fame. The hall of fame honors past and present
30 individuals from the State, who have made substantial contributions
31 to society through their accomplishments in the visual and
32 performing arts, music, literature, science, education, sports,
33 entertainment, business, religion, government, military, and
34 philanthropy. The commission advises NJSEA with respect to the
35 operation and management of the hall of fame, the development of
36 new structures or the use of existing structures within which a hall
37 of fame may be located, the criteria for selection of nominees to the
38 hall of fame, the annual induction ceremonies for inductees to the
39 hall of fame, and other programs and activities connected to the
40 fund-raising activities of the foundation. The foundation sponsors
41 fund-raising activities, solicits contributions, and determines the
42 allocation of funds and contributions for the support of the hall of
43 fame.

44 The dynamic of having multiple organizations with overlapping
45 responsibilities has led to instances of confusion and conflict in the
46 administration of the hall of fame. This bill would streamline the
47 management of the hall of fame by consolidating the property,
48 funds, assets, and duties of the three organizations into one single

1 organization. This bill would provide the foundation with the
2 flexibility and focus needed to effectively promote, fund, and
3 operate the hall of fame.

4 Under the bill, the current members of the commission will
5 continue to serve for one year following the effective date of the
6 bill as members of the board of trustees of the foundation. After
7 one year, membership on the board of trustees of the foundation
8 will be governed by the foundation's bylaws.

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13 Dissolves New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission and
14 New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation and transfers their functions
15 to Foundation for New Jersey Hall of Fame.

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SYNOPSIS

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As introduced.



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ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2375

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2375.

This bill dissolves the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission and the New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation on the first day of the third month after enactment of this bill and transfer their property, funds, assets, and duties to the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

The corporation is a nonprofit entity created by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority to operate and manage a New Jersey Hall of Fame. The hall of fame honors past and present individuals from the State, who have made substantial contributions to society through their accomplishments in the visual and performing arts, music, literature, science, education, sports, entertainment, business, religion, government, military, and philanthropy. The commission advises NJSEA with respect to the operation and management of the hall of fame, the development of new structures or the use of existing structures within which a hall of fame may be located, the criteria for selection of nominees to the hall of fame, the annual induction ceremonies for inductees to the hall of fame, and other programs and activities connected to the fund-raising activities of the foundation. The foundation sponsors fund-raising activities, solicits contributions, and determines the allocation of funds and contributions for the support of the hall of fame.

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Senate Bill No. 2375 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3961 of the 2016-2017 session.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2375

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2375.

This bill dissolves the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission and the New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation on the first day of the first month after enactment, and transfers their property, funds, assets, and duties to the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

Under current law, the corporation is a nonprofit entity created by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) to operate and manage a New Jersey Hall of Fame. The hall of fame honors past and present individuals from the State who have made substantial contributions to society through their accomplishments in the visual and performing arts, music, literature, science, education, sports, entertainment, business, religion, government, military, and philanthropy. The commission advises the NJSEA with respect to the operation and management of the hall of fame, the development of new structures or the use of existing structures within which the hall of fame may be located, the criteria for selection of nominees to the hall of fame, the annual induction ceremonies for inductees to the hall of fame, and other programs and activities connected to the fund-raising activities of the foundation. The foundation sponsors fund-raising activities, solicits contributions, and determines the allocation of funds and contributions for the support of the hall of fame.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3961

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 2016

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman TIM EUSTACE

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman JAMES J. KENNEDY

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

SYNOPSIS

Dissolves New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission and New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation and transfers their functions to Foundation for New Jersey Hall of Fame.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/24/2017)

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1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Hall of Fame, supplementing
2 P.L.1985, c.325, amending P.L.1985, c.325 and P.L.2005, c.232,
3 and repealing section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232.

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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. (New section) The New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory
9 Commission, established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232
10 (C.5:10-6.6), and the New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation,
11 established pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of P.L.1985, c.325
12 (C.5:10-6.1), shall be dissolved as of the first day of the third month
13 after enactment of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
14 this bill). All property, funds, and assets of the New Jersey Hall of
15 Fame Advisory Commission and the New Jersey Hall of Fame
16 corporation shall be vested in and transferred to the Foundation for
17 the New Jersey Hall of Fame, which, in addition to the powers and
18 authority vested in it pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2005, c.232
19 (C.5:10-6.8), shall carry out the duties of the commission set forth
20 in section 5 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.7) as amended.

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22 2. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1) is amended to read
23 as follows:

24 1. a. The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority created
25 by P.L.1971, c.137 (C.5:10-1 et seq.) is authorized to establish a
26 New Jersey Hall of Fame as a project either within the
27 Meadowlands complex, or within the State of New Jersey, but
28 outside of the Meadowlands complex, at a site that **【**the
29 commissioners of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory
30 Commission and**】** the board of trustees of the Foundation for the
31 New Jersey Hall of Fame **【**, acting jointly, determine**】** determines
32 to be appropriate to meet the requirements of the New Jersey Hall of
33 Fame project and to best serve the interests of the public. With
34 respect to this project, the authority may exercise all the rights and
35 powers relating to the Meadowlands complex granted to the
36 authority under P.L.1971, c.137 (C.5:10-1 et seq.) as though the
37 rights and powers were granted under P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1)
38 and P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.), and made applicable to a
39 New Jersey Hall of Fame.

40 b. **【**The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority shall
41 establish a New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation, hereinafter
42 referred to as the "hall of fame corporation," to operate and manage
43 the New Jersey Hall of Fame project authorized by subsection a. of
44 this section. The corporation shall be established as a separate,
45 nonprofit corporation to be incorporated as a New Jersey nonprofit

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 corporation pursuant to P.L.1983, c.127 (N.J.S.15A:1-1 et seq.), and
2 organized and operated in such manner as to be eligible under
3 applicable federal law for tax-exempt status, and shall be authorized
4 to sue and to be sued as a legal entity separate from the authority
5 and from the State of New Jersey. The voting membership of the
6 board of directors of the hall of fame corporation shall consist of
7 the members of the board of trustees of the Foundation for the New
8 Jersey Hall of Fame established pursuant to subsection a. of section
9 6 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.8), but may, subject to any bylaws of
10 the corporation adopted by the voting membership of the board of
11 directors thereof, include as nonvoting ex officio members the
12 members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission
13 established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6).**】**
14 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____) (pending before the
15 Legislature as this bill)

16 c. **【**The terms of the 11 members appointed by the Governor to
17 the board of directors of the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame
18 pursuant to P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1), shall continue after the
19 effective date of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.) and such board
20 members serving on the effective date of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-
21 6.4 et al.) shall serve as members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame
22 Advisory Commission established pursuant to section 4 of
23 P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6) until the expiration of their terms.**】**
24 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____) (pending before the
25 Legislature as this bill)
26 (cf: P.L.2008, c.109, s.1)

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28 3. Section 5 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.7) is amended to read
29 as follows:

30 5. a. It shall be the duty of the **【commission】** foundation to
31 develop plans for **【establishing】** maintaining and operating a New
32 Jersey Hall of Fame and to provide information to the authority
33 with respect to the operation, management and location of the New
34 Jersey Hall of Fame as a project at a site either within the
35 Meadowlands complex, or within the State of New Jersey, but
36 outside of the Meadowlands complex, that the **【commission】**
37 foundation determines to be appropriate to meet the requirements of
38 the New Jersey Hall of Fame project and to best serve the interests
39 of the public, giving due consideration to architectural designs,
40 development of new structures or the adapting of existing structures
41 within which the New Jersey Hall of Fame may be located, criteria
42 for selection of nominees to the Hall of Fame, the annual
43 ceremonies for the induction of nominees into the Hall of Fame and
44 other areas the **【commission】** foundation may deem relevant to the
45 creation at a site either within the Meadowlands complex, or within
46 the State of New Jersey, but outside of the Meadowlands complex,
47 of a New Jersey Hall of Fame including, but not limited to, such
48 programs and events **【**that the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall

1 of Fame, established pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2005, c.232
2 (C.5:10-6.8), may wish to consider] in connection with the
3 foundation's fund-raising activities to support the operation,
4 maintenance, support and promotion of the New Jersey Hall of
5 Fame and to support charitable organizations that directly benefit
6 children in need in New Jersey and throughout the world.

7 b. The [commission] foundation shall also develop policies to
8 improve the image of New Jersey, promote the heritage of the
9 residents of this State and instill pride in the State by increasing the
10 public's awareness of the contributions made to society by past and
11 present residents of New Jersey, make recommendations for local
12 and State actions to follow up the [commission's] foundation's
13 goals and consider such other matters relating to the
14 accomplishment of its goals as the [commission] foundation may
15 deem appropriate.

16 c. [The commission shall be authorized, within the limits of
17 the funds made available to it for its purposes, to employ an
18 executive director and professional, technical and administrative
19 personnel and to contract for such professional and administrative
20 services, and incur traveling and other miscellaneous expenses as it
21 may deem necessary, in order to perform its duties. No member of
22 the commission shall engage in any business transaction or
23 professional activity for profit with the State of New Jersey.
24 Employees of the commission shall not be construed to be
25 employees of the State of New Jersey.] (Deleted by amendment,
26 P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

27 d. [The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance
28 and avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county
29 or municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it
30 may require and as may be available to it for this purpose.]
31 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
32 Legislature as this bill)

33 e. The foundation is authorized to receive and administer gifts,
34 contributions, and funds from public and private sources to be
35 expended solely for the purposes provided in this section.
36 (cf: P.L.2008, c.109, s.2)

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38 4. Section 6 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.8) is amended to read
39 as follows:

40 6. a. The authority is [also] authorized to establish a
41 nonprofit, educational and charitable organization to be known as
42 the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame, hereinafter
43 referred to as the "foundation." The foundation shall be
44 incorporated as a New Jersey nonprofit corporation pursuant to
45 P.L.1983, c.127 (C.15A:1-1 et seq.), and organized and operated in
46 such manner as to be eligible under applicable federal law for tax-
47 exempt status and for the receipt of tax-deductible contributions,

1 and shall be authorized to sue and to be sued as a legal entity
2 separate from the authority and from the State of New Jersey.

3 b. **【The】** In addition to the duties specified under section 5 of
4 P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.7), the foundation shall be responsible
5 for the planning, promoting and coordinating of fund-raising drives
6 and the soliciting of contributions for the purposes set forth in
7 P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.) and for determining how such
8 funds and contributions shall be allocated for: (1) the support of the
9 New Jersey Hall of Fame project including, but not limited to, the
10 annual induction ceremonies for nominees to the New Jersey Hall
11 of Fame and other events sponsored in connection with the New
12 Jersey Hall of Fame project; (2) the support of charitable
13 organizations that directly benefit children in need in New Jersey
14 and throughout the world; (3) the administrative and other expenses
15 of the **【commission and】** hall of fame **【corporation, as**
16 **appropriate】**; and (4) other purposes of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4
17 et al.).

18 (cf: P.L.2005, c.232, s.6)

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20 5. Section 9 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.11) is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 9. The foundation shall **【,** in conjunction with the commission
23 and the hall of fame corporation, as applicable,**】** annually report its
24 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature ,
25 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), and the
26 public. The report shall address the responsibilities of the
27 foundation **【,** commission and hall of fame corporation, as set forth
28 in P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.), along with**】** and all other
29 issues which the foundation **【,** commission and hall of fame
30 corporation, as applicable, find**】** finds to be necessarily related.

31 (cf: P.L.2005, c.232, s.9)

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33 6. Section 11 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.13) is amended to
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35 11. All expenses incurred by the **【commission, the】** foundation
36 **【and the hall of fame corporation, as appropriate,】** shall be payable
37 from funds raised by the foundation, and from such other funds as
38 may be made available to the **【commission, the】** foundation **【or**
39 **hall of fame corporation, as the case may be】**, and no liability or
40 obligation, in tort or contract, shall be incurred by the State for the
41 operation of the **【commission,】** foundation **【or hall of fame**
42 **corporation】**. The **【commission,】** foundation **【and hall of fame**
43 **corporation】** shall, if necessary, obtain private counsel, and shall
44 not be represented by the Attorney General or indemnified by the
45 State of New Jersey.

46 (cf: P.L.2005, c.232, s.11)

1 7. Section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6) is repealed.

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3 8. The 15 appointed members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame
4 Advisory Commission, established pursuant to section 4 of
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6 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall
7 continue to serve for one year following the effective date of
8 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) as members
9 of the board of trustees of the foundation, established pursuant to
10 section 7 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.9).

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12 9. This act shall take effect on the first day of the first month
13 next following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2016

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Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

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BILL SIGNINGS:

S-260/ACS for A-452 (Connors, Van Drew/Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Jimenez, Vainieri Huttie, Benson, Wimberly, Gove, Rumpf) - Requires reservation of portion of tenant vouchers under State rental assistance program for veterans

S-793/A-4474 (Sarfo, Cunningham/Jasey) - Prohibits president or other employee of public institution of higher education from taking final action on purchase of property unless prior notice is provided to institution's governing board and general counsel and board approves action

S-2375/A-3961 (Sarfo, Kyrillos/Eustace, Kennedy) - Dissolves New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission and New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation and transfers their functions to Foundation for New Jersey Hall of Fame

A-34/S-2897 (Prieto, Singleton, Benson, Wimberly, Burzichelli, Jasey, Sumter/Sarfo, T. Kean) - Appropriates \$34,293,697 from "Building Our Future Bond Act" and provides for reallocating amount remaining from project grants not awarded, for public and private institutions of higher education

A-1628/S-2777 (Rodriguez-Gregg, Howarth, Holley, Wimberly/Cruz-Perez, Van Drew) - Codifies DEP's New Jersey Recycling Awards Program to annually recognize outstanding recycling achievements

A-4295/S-2852 (Muio, Vainieri Huttie, Quijano/Sweeney, Beach) - Concerns emergency assistance which is repaid by the recipient

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