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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 52:27H-22.4 to 52:27H-22.6 (Sister State Relations, Office for-- establishes)

LAWS OF: 1987 CHAPTER: 334

Bill No: S3123

Sponsor(s): Brown and others

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Senate: State Government, Federal and Interstate Relations and Veterans' Affairs; Revenue, Finance and Appropriations.

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SENATE, No. 3123

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 11, 1987

By Senators BROWN, LIPMAN and ORECHIO

Referred to Committee on State Government and Federal and
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT concerning international trade, establishing an Office for
Sister State Relations in the Division of International Trade
in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development,
supplementing P. L. 1981, c. 122 (C. 52:27H-1 et seq.) and making
an appropriation.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

2 a. The Sister Cities program both in concept and practice has
3 been a valuable program for encouraging cultural, educational and
4 trade relationships between cities in the United States and cities
5 in other countries;

6 b. This same concept has been applied to a sister state-province
7 relationship between New Jersey and Zhejiang Province in the
8 Peoples Republic of China since May 11, 1981, and has resulted in
9 a number of successful cultural, educational and economic ex-
10 changes; **and**

11 c. As a means of furthering cultural, educational and trade re-
12 lationships between this State and similar jurisdictions in other
13 countries, it is important to build upon existing knowledge con-
14 cerning sister city and sister state relationships and to aggressively
15 seek to establish other sister state relationships.

1 2. a. There is established in the Division of International Trade
1A **in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development**,
2 an Office for Sister State Relations. This office shall have as its

**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 printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Senate committee amendments adopted May 21, 1987.**

****—Senate committee amendments adopted June 15, 1987.**

3 primary function, the development and implementation of a “Sister
4 States Initiatives Program” to focus the attention and efforts of
5 this State on particular jurisdictions in other countries with which
6 to establish a sister state relationship.

7 b. The Director of the Division of International Trade ***[shall]***
8 **may** appoint and employ any persons ***[as may be necessary]***,
9 including accountants, attorneys, persons who are fluent in foreign
10 languages, financial advisors, and any other individuals with exper-
11 tise in foreign trade or marketing ***[as]*** **whom** the office may
12 require within the limits of available appropriations.

13 c. This office shall work closely with ***[the Governor’s Commis-
14 sion on International Trade,]** the New Jersey Department of State
15 and the U. S. Department of Commerce in determining jurisdictions
16 in other countries with which to establish a sister state relationship.

17 d. This office shall work closely with the New Jersey Department
18 of Education to develop programs to stimulate the interest of stu-
19 dents in the schools of the State in the culture, history, art and
20 languages of other jurisdictions with whom a sister state relation-
21 ship is formed.

22 e. This office shall work closely with the New Jersey Department
23 of Higher Education to develop programs or encourage existing
24 programs, as the case may be, for undergraduate, graduate and
25 professional students focusing on international relations generally,
26 and international trade ***[more]*** specifically.

27 f. This office shall work closely with the Dean of Cook College
28 and the Director of the New Jersey ****[agricultural experiment
29 station]**** ***Agricultural Experiment Station*** to develop ways
30 in which Cook College and the agricultural experiment station can
31 actively participate in New Jersey’s sister state relationships.

32 g. This office shall actively encourage businesses in New Jersey
33 to develop their export capabilities specifically in relation to those
34 jurisdictions which are granted a sister state designation and it
35 shall do so by carrying out those duties already given to the Divi-
36 sion of International Trade pursuant to section 23 of P. L. 1981,
37 c. 122 (C. 52:27H-22) and section 2 of P. L. 1985, c. 160 (C.
38 52:27H-22.2).

1 3. The office shall ***annually*** report on its activities and pro-
2 gress by submitting a written report to ***[the Governor’s Commis-
3 sion on International Trade and the appropriate committees of the
4 New Jersey Legislature within 180 days following the effective
5 date of this act and again within one year following the effective
6 date. Thereafter, on an annual basis, the office shall report on its
7 activities and accomplishments in the past year and its goals for the**

8 coming year to] * the Director of the Division of International
9 Trade and the Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Develop-
10 ment and through them to the Governor's Commission on Inter-
11 national Development**, *to the presiding officer of each house of*
12 *the State Legislature*** and **to** the appropriate committees of
13 the Legislature.

1 4. There is appropriated **[\$300,000.00]** **\$150,000.00** from
2 the General Fund to *the Department of Commerce and Economic*
3 *Development to** accomplish the purpose of this act.

1 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Establishes an Office for Sister State Relations, appropriates
\$150,000.

STATEMENT

This bill establishes an Office for Sister State Relations in the Division of International Trade, Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The basic purpose of this office is to focus the attention and effort of the State in its cultural, educational and trade relationships with other similar jurisdictions in the world. The responsibilities of the office are both long and short term. It is charged with establishing an educational base from which to build, over the long term, an emphasis on positive international exchanges of all kinds. At the same time, it is to provide the basis for offering immediate assistance to New Jersey businesses which have export potential and which desire assistance toward the realization of this potential. \$300,000.00 is appropriated to carry out the purposes of this act.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Establishes an Office for Sister State Relations, appropriates \$300,000.00.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3123

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 30, 1987

The Assembly Appropriations Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 3123 2nd OCR.

Senate Bill No. 3123 2nd OCR establishes an Office of Sister State Relations in the Division of International Trade in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and appropriates \$150,000.00 for its activities.

The function of the Office of Sister State Relations is to develop and implement a "Sister State Initiatives Program" and to work with specified State and federal agencies and officials to foster trade, cultural and educational relationships between New Jersey and similar jurisdictions in other countries. The office is directed to annually report on its activities to the Division of International Trade, the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, the Governor's Commission on International Development, the presiding officer of each House of the Legislature and appropriate legislative committees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill appropriates \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to establish an Office of Sister State Relations in the department's Division of International Trade.

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ASSEMBLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Statement to

Senate, No. 3123

Dated: November 30, 1987

This bill establishes an Office for Sister State Relations in the Division of International Trade in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The purpose of this office is to focus the attention and effort of the State in its cultural, educational and trade relationships with other similar jurisdictions throughout the world. The office is charged with establishing an educational base from which to build, over the long term, an emphasis on positive international exchanges of all kinds. More immediately, it is to provide the basis for offering immediate assistance to New Jersey businesses which have export potential and which desire assistance toward the realization of this potential. \$150,000.00 is appropriated to carry out the purposes of this act.

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SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3123

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with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 1987

The Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee reported Senate Bill No. 3123 OCR favorably, with committee amendments.

Senate Bill No. 3123 OCR, as amended, establishes an Office of Sister State Relations in the Division of International Trade in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and appropriates \$150,000.00 for its activities.

The function of the Office of Sister State Relations is to develop and implement a "Sister State Initiatives Program" and to work with specified State and federal agencies and officials to foster trade, cultural and educational relationships between New Jersey and similar jurisdictions in other countries. The office is directed to annually report on its activities to the Division of International Trade, the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, the Governor's Commission on International Development, the presiding officer of each House of the Legislature and appropriate legislative committees.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments provide that the Office of Sister State Relations report on its activities shall be made annually, and that the recipients of the report shall include the presiding officer of each House of the Legislature. In addition, the amendments reduce the appropriation in the bill to \$150,000.00, from \$300,000.00. Technical corrections are also made in the reference to certain State agencies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill appropriates \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to establish an Office of Sister State Relations in the department's Division of International Trade.

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL AND
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3123

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 1987

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3123.

This bill establishes an Office for Sister State Relations in the Division of International Trade in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The primary function of the office shall be to develop and implement a "Sister States Initiatives Program" to foster trade, cultural and educational relationships between this State and similar jurisdictions in other countries.

The office is directed to work closely with the New Jersey Departments of State, Education and Higher Education, the Dean of Cook College, the Director of the New Jersey agricultural experiment station and the United States Department of Commerce. The bill provides that the Director of the Division of International Trade may appoint and employ personnel which the office may require within the limits of available appropriations.

The bill appropriates \$300,000.00 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

The committee amended the bill to specify that the Office for Sister State Relations shall be located in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, to appropriate the funds to that department, to remove references to the Governor's Commission on International Trade and to modify reporting procedures.