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SENATE. No. 1429

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 1984

By Senators LIPMAN, STOCKMAN, CODEY, DiFRANCESCO
and CARDINALE

(Without Reference)

AN ACT establishing and concerning a General Services Administration within the Department of the Treasury and repealing P. L. 1970, c. 94.

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

1 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "General
2 Services Administration Act of 1984."

1 2. The Legislature finds and declares that the consolidation of the
2 Divisions of Purchase and Property and Building and Construction
3 and the procurement and operational functions of the Division of
4 Data Processing and Telecommunications in a General Services
5 Administration under the control of an administrator who may
6 exercise certain powers of the Treasurer will:

7 a. Group agencies and functions of related kind within the
8 Department of the Treasury and subject them to appropriate
9 supervisory control by a single officer responsible to the Treasurer;

10 b. Promote effective coordination of the department's operations
11 for other State agencies; and

12 c. Increase efficiency in the performance of these services and in
13 the general management of the department.

1 3. As used in this act:

2 a. "Administration" means the General Services Administration
3 in the Department of the Treasury, as established by this act.

4 b. "Administrator" means the General Services Administrator.

5 c. "Department" means the Department of the Treasury.

6 d. "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey.

1 4. There is established in the Department of the Treasury
2 General Services Administration which shall supervise and coordi-
3 nate those functions, powers and duties of the department as
4 provided in this act.

1 5. The administration shall be under the immediate supervision
2 of the General Services Administrator who shall be a person quali-
3 fied by training and experience to direct the work assigned to the
4 administration. The administrator shall be appointed by the Gover-
5 nor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve
6 during the term of office of the Governor and until the adminis-
7 trator's successor is appointed and has qualified. The State Trea-
8 surer shall fix the compensation of the administrator within the
9 limits of available appropriations.

1 6. The administrator shall organize the work of the administra-
2 tion in organizational units as he deems necessary for effective and
3 efficient operation. The Treasurer, after consultation with the ad-
4 ministrator, shall assign to the administration those employees of
5 the department as may be necessary to assist the administrator in
6 the performance of his duties.

1 7. The Division of Purchase and Property as constituted by sec-
2 tion 16 of the "Department of the Treasury Act of 1948," P. L.
3 1948, c. 92 (C. 52:18A-16) and the Division of Building and Con-
4 struction, as established by section 1 of P. L. 1970, c. 95 (C.
5 52:18A-151) are consolidated under the administration. These
6 divisions are continued with all the functions, powers and duties
7 conferred upon them by law, subject to the supervision and control
8 of the administrator.

1 8. The Division of Data Processing and Telecommunications as
2 established by section 1 of P. L. 1970, c. 94 (C. 52:18A-137) is
3 abolished.

1 9. The administration shall have those functions, powers and
2 duties set forth in sections 10 through 13 of this act relating to the
3 procurement of data processing and telecommunications equipment
4 and services and the operation of telecommunications systems. The
5 remaining functions, powers and duties set forth in sections 10
6 through 13 of this act shall be exercised by the Treasurer.

1 10. With respect to data processing and telecommunications, the
2 administration or the department, as the case may be, shall:

3 a. Assure the effectiveness of information processing throughout
4 the State government;

5 b. Advise in policy and planning decisions to insure that the
6 State government is responsive to new programs involving data
7 handling responsibilities;

8 c. Assure that the information processing capabilities of the
9 State are kept current and abreast of changing technology;

10 d. Be the organization through which the agencies of the State
11 government are kept informed as to current Statewide information
12 processing capabilities and informed as to available machine sen-
13 sible information;

14 e. Be responsible for the continued development of efficient uses
15 of information processing; and

16 f. Assure that telecommunication services are provided through-
17 out the State government in the most economical, uniform and
18 effective manner.

1 11. In order to accomplish the foregoing, the administration or
2 the department, as the case may be, shall:

3 a. Be responsible for evaluating all requests affecting the infor-
4 mation processing facilities of the State including:

5 (1) The acquisition, continuation or alteration of equipment;

6 (2) The use of consulting firms in information processing studies
7 or projects; and

8 (3) The purchase of information processing services;

9 b. Direct the assignment and reassignment of information pro-
10 cessing tasks among the various State government information
11 processing facilities;

12 c. Be the organization to represent the State in all intergovern-
13 mental matters relating to information processing; and

14 d. Promulgate those rules and regulations which are necessary to
15 effectuate the purposes of this act.

1 12. With respect to data processing, the administration or the
2 department, as the case may be, shall:

3 a. Foster and direct the establishment and consolidation of infor-
4 mation processing centers throughout the State in order to achieve
5 economies in the use of information processing facilities;

6 b. Develop, promulgate and maintain a Statewide master plan
7 for the economic and effective use of information processing
8 facilities;

9 c. Direct and conduct periodic effectiveness audits of the various
10 facilities comprising the State's information processing capability;

11 d. Determine whether State agencies are prepared to make
12 effective use of consultants prior to those consultants being solie-
13 ited or engaged to alter, improve or establish methods or proce-
14 dures involving information processing;

15 e. Monitor the progress of consultants in order to assure that
16 their recommendations and performance are consistent with State-
17 wide objectives of efficiency and economy;

18 f. Review requests for the use of commercial service organiza-
19 tions and direct the accomplishment of the required tasks by State
20 facilities wherever deemed advisable;

21 g. Be responsible, with the using agency, for selection and acqui-
22 sition decisions taking into account the necessity for encouraging
23 competition through solicitation of proposals from qualified ven-
24 dors; and

25 h. Determine the advisability of the acquisition and use of specific
26 software packages.

1 13. As used in this act, "telecommunications" means any trans-
2 mission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writings, images
3 and sounds or intelligences of any nature by wire, radio, optical or
4 other electromagnetic system.

5 With respect to telecommunications, the administration or the
6 department, as the case may be, shall:

7 a. Direct the consolidation and coordination of the State's tele-
8 communications facilities in order to insure the efficient and eco-
9 nomical use of telecommunications services by State agencies;

10 b. Develop technical plans for and recommend communication
11 facilities and equipment which will satisfy agency operational com-
12 munications requirements;

13 c. Conduct continuing reviews and evaluations of communication
14 facilities and equipment used by State agencies in order to insure
15 that agency needs are being fulfilled at the most economical cost to
16 the State; and

17 d. Develop and implement policies, standards, practices and pro-
18 cedures to insure orderly development of State communication
19 facilities in an economic and efficient manner.

1 14. In addition to supervising and coordinating the functions,
2 powers and duties of the administration provided in sections 5 and
3 6 of this act, the administrator shall:

4 a. Directly supervise the operations of the Financial Manage-
4A ment and Data Center; and

5 b. Exercise any function, power or duty of the Treasurer relating
6 to the procurement of goods or services, the award of State con-
7 tracts or the acquisition or disposition of real or personal property
8 as the Treasurer shall, in writing, certify. The certificate shall state
9 the scope of the powers which the administrator may exercise, and
10 shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and shall remain in effect
11 until rescinded by the Treasurer by a certificate similarly filed.

1 15. With respect to the functions, powers and duties transferred
2 to the General Services Administration by this act, whenever in any
3 law, rule, regulation, judicial or administrative proceeding or

4 otherwise, reference is made to the Division of Data Processing and
5 Telecommunications or the director thereof, the same shall mean
6 and refer to the General Services Administration or the adminis-
7 trator thereof, as the case may be.

1 16. The transfers directed by this act shall be made in accordance
2 with the "State Agency Transfer Act," P. L. 1971, c. 375 (C.
3 52:14D-1 et seq.).

1 17. The provisions of this act with respect to the functions,
2 powers and duties of the General Services Administration to man-
3 age, administer or control procurements or services shall apply to
4 the executive branch of State government, but shall be coordinating
5 and advisory as they apply to the legislative and judicial branches
6 of State government.

1 18. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of
2 this act are superseded. P. L. 1970, c. 94 (C. 52:18A-137 et seq.) is
3 repealed.

1 19. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment.

STATEMENT

This act would establish a General Services Administration within the Department of the Treasury by law. The administration would supervise and coordinate the functions of the Divisions of Purchase and Property and Building and Construction, which are continued, and would assume certain duties of the Division of Data Processing and Telecommunications, which is abolished. In addition, the General Services Administrator would directly supervise the operations of the Financial Management and Data Center and would assume certain duties of the State Treasurer relating to procurement of goods and services and State contracts and property as delegated by the Treasurer.



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Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed legislation to establish a General Services Administration (GSA) within the Department of the Treasury as part of that Department's overall reorganization.

The legislation, S-1429, was sponsored in the Senate by Senator Wynona Lipman, D-Essex. It was merged with an Assembly bill, A-1583, sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph Charles, D-Hudson.

Under the legislation, the GSA will include the Division of Purchase and Property, the Division of Building and Construction, and the procurement and operational functions of the Division of Data Processing and Telecommunications.

The Governor also signed S-833, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas Cowan, D-Hudson, which requires three-wheeled Cushman motorcycles to be registered and inspected as motorcycles.

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