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NJSA: 4:10-25.2 (Requires Department of Agriculture to post on its website certain information regarding State's farm to school program)

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SENATE: Economic Growth

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SENATE: June 23, 2014

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A156

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S1902

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: No

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Yes

"Guadano signs laws offering food for thought," The Times, 8-26-14

"New Jersey trying to boost Farm-to-School program," The Press of Atlantic City, 8-26-14

"Farm-to-school bills signed into law," The Philadelphia Inquirer, 8-26-14

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P.L.2014, CHAPTER 37, *approved August 25, 2014*

Assembly, No. 156

1 AN ACT concerning the Internet publication of certain information
2 related to the “New Jersey Farm to School Program,” and
3 amending P.L.2011, c.10.

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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. Section 2 of P.L.2011, c.10 (C.4:10-25.2) is amended to read
9 as follows:

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11 **program** a “New Jersey Farm to School Program” and, pursuant to
12 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
13 seq.), adopt rules and regulations for its implementation, including,
14 but not necessarily limited to, **providing** rules and regulations
15 that:

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17 meal programs to expand or improve their kitchen facilities to allow
18 for **producing** the daily production of meals that incorporate more
19 fresh, locally grown or produced farm produce, fruit or other
20 products **on a daily basis**;

21 (2) establish a bidding matrix that provides for school purchases
22 of New Jersey-grown food and allows schools to adopt price
23 preferences for local agricultural and farm products; and

24 (3) in conjunction and cooperation with the Department of
25 Education, provide for the incorporation and coordination of school
26 curricula with information about:

27 (a) New Jersey agriculture;

28 (b) the importance and significance of farms and farmers to
29 New Jersey's economy, culture, history, and quality of life; and

30 (c) the health value of eating fresh farm foods and locally grown
31 produce and fruits.

32 b. The Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the
33 Department of Education, shall develop a training program with
34 **the** emphasis on the theme of "Farm to School" and shall offer
35 this program to schools, teachers, and other event providers.

36 c. (1) The Department of Agriculture shall establish a "New
37 Jersey Farm to School" website that shall be designed to :

38 (a) provide opportunities for the establishment of purchasing
39 networks between and among farmers, distributors, and schools **to**
40 create purchasing networks, to **or school districts**;

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) [develop and refine] facilitate the development and**
2 **refinement of promotional events [for] in association with "Jersey**
3 **Fresh Farm to School [Week,"] Week"; and [to disseminate]**

4 **(c) provide for the dissemination of information about , and the**
5 **website-based promotion of, these and other related events.**

6 **The department shall include on the "New Jersey Farm to**
7 **School" website a copy of any public contract or other written**
8 **agreement for the purchase of fresh foods and the provision thereof**
9 **to school children, which has been entered into and successfully**
10 **implemented by any school or school district in the State.**

11 **(2) The department shall post, in a prominent location on the**
12 **homepage of its Internet website, a hyperlink that provides visitors**
13 **with direct access to the "New Jersey Farm to School" website**
14 **established pursuant to this subsection.**

15 (cf: P.L.2011, c.10, s.2)

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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22 Requires Department of Agriculture to post on its website certain
23 information regarding State's farm to school program.

ASSEMBLY, No. 156

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2014 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman PARKER SPACE

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Assemblywoman ALISON LITTELL MCHOSE

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Assemblyman BOB ANDRZEJCZAK

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Assemblywoman CELESTE M. RILEY

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Dancer

SYNOPSIS

Requires Department of Agriculture to post on its website certain information regarding State's farm to school program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/11/2014)

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1 (c) provide for the dissemination of information about , and the
2 website-based promotion of, these and other related events.

3 The department shall include on the “New Jersey Farm to
4 School” website a copy of any public contract or other written
5 agreement for the purchase of fresh foods and the provision thereof
6 to school children, which has been entered into and successfully
7 implemented by any school or school district in the State.

8 (2) The department shall post, in a prominent location on the
9 homepage of its Internet website, a hyperlink that provides visitors
10 with direct access to the “New Jersey Farm to School” website
11 established pursuant to this subsection.

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STATEMENT

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19 This bill would require the Department of Agriculture to post on
20 its departmental website, as well as on the “New Jersey Farm to
21 School” website, certain information and hyperlinks related to the
22 “New Jersey Farm to School” program.

23 State law currently requires the Department of Agriculture to
24 establish and maintain a “New Jersey Farm to School” website,
25 which is designed to provide opportunities for the establishment of
26 purchasing networks; facilitate the development and refinement of
27 promotional events in association with “Jersey Fresh Farm to
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30 This bill would additionally specify that the department must:
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38 in the State.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 156

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 10, 2014

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 156.

This bill would require the Department of Agriculture to post on its departmental website, as well as on the “New Jersey Farm to School” website, certain information and hyperlinks related to the “New Jersey Farm to School” program.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2014-2015 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 156

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 5, 2014

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 156.

As reported, this bill requires the Department of Agriculture (department) to make changes to its departmental website, as well as to the “New Jersey Farm to School” website, to provide certain information related to the “New Jersey Farm to School” program. Specifically, the department is required to: 1) post, in a prominent location on its website, a hyperlink that provides visitors with direct access to the separate and distinct “New Jersey Farm to School” website; and 2) post, on the “New Jersey Farm to School” website, a copy of any written agreement entered into and successfully implemented by any school or school district in the State for the purchase and provision of fresh foods to school children.

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As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 156 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1902, which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE, No. 1902

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 27, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator PETER J. BARNES, III

District 18 (Middlesex)

Senator STEVEN V. OROHO

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Ruiz

SYNOPSIS

Requires Department of Agriculture to post on its website certain information regarding State's farm to school program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1902

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DATED: MAY 5, 2014

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"Farm to School" Program Sources New Jersey Produce to Area Schools

Trenton, NJ – Taking action to increase student access to healthy, locally-grown foods, Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today signed five bills at Terhune Orchards in Mercer County that support and streamline New Jersey's "Farm to School" program.

"Children who live in the Garden State should have ready access to the more than 100 varieties of produce grown by our state's 9,000-plus farms," said Acting Governor Kim Guadagno. "By signing these bipartisan bills, we are nurturing a program that puts more of these healthy, locally-grown foods directly into the hands of our kids while supporting New Jersey's third-largest industry: agriculture."

The package of unanimously passed bills supporting the "Farm to School" program raise awareness of the program, create potential revenue streams for continued development and create a clearinghouse web portal to allow farmers to better connect with schools and food banks. The bills that were signed today include:

A-156 (Space, McHose, Andrzejczak, Riley/Barnes, Oroho) – Requires the Department of Agriculture to post on its website certain information regarding the state's Farm to School program

A-2641 (Space, Andrzejczak, Dancer, Wilson/Barnes) – Provides for voluntary contributions on gross income tax returns to support Farm to School and School Gardens programs

A-2642 (Andrzejczak, Riley, Space, Dancer/Barnes, Oroho) – Allows contributions to the New Jersey Farm to School program

A-2643 (Space, Riley, Dancer, Wilson, Andrzejczak/Barnes, Oroho) – Establishes "Best in New Jersey 'Farm to School' Awards Program" to annually recognize the best Farm to School programs implemented by a school or school district

A-2644 (Dancer, Andrzejczak, Space, Wilson/Beach, Beck) – Directs the Department of Agriculture to establish a clearinghouse website for farmers to offer produce and dairy products for use by school breakfast programs, school lunch programs and food banks

"I'm proud to sign these bills, which fuel a program that fuels our kids," added Acting Governor Guadagno.

More than 250 New Jersey schools participate in a "Farm to School" program, connecting school nutrition with local farms, improving the quality of school meals and strengthening relationships in the community. The program also helps children understand where their food comes from through the integration of food-related education into the

curriculum and hands-on learning activities such as school gardening, farm visits and culinary classes.

"The Farm Bureau has been a steadfast supporter of the Farm to School and recent School Gardens programs," said Ryck Suydam, President of the New Jersey Farm Bureau. "We think they substantially improve the understanding of food nutrition among the student population and also provide the potential for an expansion of our great Jersey Fresh produce onto the menus of school lunches and other meals provided by school districts. It's a win-win for nutrition and local farmers. We applaud Acting Governor Guadagno for signing these bills."

Following the bill signing, the Acting Governor toured Terhune Orchards, which provides produce to more than a dozen schools in the area, adding great local and fresh food choices to the cafeteria offerings. Since 1975, the Mount Family has owned and operated the Orchards. Terhune grows more than 35 crops on 200 acres, including about 30 varieties of apples, 28 varieties of peaches and 7 varieties of pears, and offers a "Pick-Your-Own" program for apples, berries, flowers and pumpkins. The farm is open to the public year-round and hosts seasonal festivals throughout the year.

"We are so happy to welcome Acting Governor Guadagno to Terhune Orchards today," said Pam Mount, owner of Terhune Orchards. "For the last forty years we have hosted educational tours and camps for school-aged children. Every year, more than 10,000 kids learn how to grow fruits and vegetables and how New Jersey farms work to provide them the healthy foods they eat."

In 2011, Governor Christie signed legislation to establish the last week of September as "Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week" in New Jersey to highlight and promote the value of New Jersey agriculture and fresh foods, as well as the value and importance of fresh farm foods for children, their health and success in school.

Agriculture is New Jersey's third largest industry. In 2012, the state's 9,071 farms on 715,057 acres generated sales totaling \$1.14 billion. The horticulture industry is one of New Jersey's top agriculture commodities. The industry includes nursery, greenhouse, sod and Christmas trees and generated \$444.8 million in sales in 2012.

Acting Governor Guadagno was joined by, among others, Senator Steven V. Oroho (R-Morris, Sussex and Warren), Senator Shirley K. Turner (D-Hunterdon and Mercer), Assemblywoman Celeste Riley (D-Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem), Assemblywoman Donna Simon (R-Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset), New Jersey Department of Agriculture Secretary Douglas Fisher and New Jersey Department of Education Acting Commissioner David Hespe.

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