

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Bill No. A2051

Sponsor(s) Hamilton and others

Date Introduced June 14, 1976

Committee: Assembly Labor, Industry and Professions

Senate State Gov't, Federal and Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

Amended during passage Yes No

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Date of approval October 12, 1977

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~xix~~

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~xix~~

Senate Yes ~~xix~~

Fiscal Note Yes ~~xix~~

Veto message ~~Yes~~ No

Message on signing ~~Yes~~ No

Following were printed:

Reports ~~Yes~~ No

Hearings ~~Yes~~ No

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2051

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 14, 1976

By Assemblymen HAMILTON, BARBOUR, VILLANE, NEWMAN,  
KOZLOSKI, SNEDEKER, KENNEDY, SAXTON, Assembly-  
woman MUHLER, BARRY, DORSEY, DOYLE and KARCHER

Referred to Committee on Labor, Industry and Professions

AN ACT establishing a Permanent Council on Armed Forces Liaison  
in the Department of Labor and Industry, providing for appoint-  
ment of its members and prescribing the powers, functions and  
duties of the council.

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

1 1. a. Existing military and naval installations in the State make a  
2 major contribution to the total defense posture of the nation;

3 b. The continued operation of such installations is highly desir-  
4 able because of the available employment opportunities which they  
5 provide as well as for other economic benefits accruing to the  
6 areas in which such facilities are located;

7 c. There has been an alarming tendency in recent years to close  
8 many military and naval installations located in the State, and to  
9 transfer major units from this State to other states;

10 d. Past efforts to insure that facilities in this State be retained  
11 have been characterized primarily by local efforts without the  
12 effectiveness that a coordinated local-State effort can achieve;

13 e. There is a need for greater liaison with the Federal Govern-  
14 ment concerning the various military and naval installations  
15 located within the State of New Jersey.

1 2. A council to be known as the "Permanent Council on Armed  
2 Forces Liaison" is established in the Department of Labor and  
3 Industry. The council shall consist of eight members, two to be  
4 appointed by the President of the Senate, both of whom shall be  
5 members of the Senate, two to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
6 General Assembly, both of whom shall be members of the General

7 Assembly, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and three  
8 public members to be appointed by the Governor. Each member  
9 except the public members, shall serve for a term of 2 years from  
10 the date of his appointment and until his successor is appointed  
11 and qualified. Each public member shall serve for a term of 3 years  
12 from the date of his appointment and until his successor is  
13 appointed and qualified; except that of the first appointments  
14 hereunder: one shall be for a term of 1 year, one for 2 years, and  
15 one for 3 years. Vacancies resulting from causes other than by  
16 expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term only and  
17 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments  
18 were made.

1 3. All members of the council shall serve without compensation,  
2 but they shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all necessary expenses  
3 incurred in the performance of their duties.

1 4. The council shall select from among its members a chairman  
2 and also shall select a secretary who need not be a member of the  
3 council.

1 5. The council is authorized, empowered and directed to function  
2 as a structural liaison and public relations body on behalf of the  
3 State of New Jersey in all matters relating to Federal military and  
4 naval installations located within this State or proposed to be  
5 located herein. The council shall communicate and cooperate with  
6 the President of the United States and with all other Federal  
7 officials and employees and private persons for the effectuation of  
8 the purposes of this act.

1 6. The council shall report its findings and recommendations to  
2 the Governor and the Legislature annually on the second Tuesday  
3 in January and at such other times as it deems necessary or  
4 desirable.

1 7. The council may hold hearings in any part of the State and  
2 by its subpoena may compel the attendance of witnesses and the  
3 production of books, papers and records. It shall be entitled to the  
4 assistance and services of any State, county, municipal and school  
5 district employees as may be required, and the council may employ  
6 such competent counsel, expert advisors and such other assistants  
7 as may be required for the proper accomplishment of the purposes  
8 of this act; provided, that the compensation to be paid to such  
9 counsel, advisors and assistants shall be within the limits of the  
10 appropriation made therefor.

1 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

**STATEMENT**

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ASSEMBLY LABOR, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 2051

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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DATED: JULY 22, 1976

The statement appended to and printed with the bill adequately explains its provisions. The incentive for releasing this measure comes from reports of the United States Army's plan to transfer basic training from Fort Dix to Fort Benning, Georgia, and indications that Fort Monmouth may not be kept at its current activity level, resulting in a harsh economic impact on the localities in which these bases are located.

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

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2051**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: APRIL 21, 1977

The purpose of this bill is to create a "Permanent Council on Armed Forces Liaison" in the Department of Labor and Industry.

The survival of New Jersey's military facilities has been a matter of concern for the employees of these establishments, for public officials—Federal, State and local—and for all the citizens of the State. Plans put forward by the Federal defense establishment from time to time have threatened to close down or greatly reduce the facilities at Fort Dix, Fort Monmouth, Picatinny Arsenal and the facility at Bayonne. These establishments still remain vulnerable to reduction, shut-down or transfer to other states.

The New Jersey Congressional delegation has been very active in the effort to preserve the military bases. On the State level the members of the Legislature, local public officials, and employees' and citizens groups have worked hard to maintain New Jersey's military facilities. What has been missing has been an instrumentality which would coordinate the efforts of State and local groups and serve as a liaison agency with the Federal Government.

The eight-member council created by this bill is directed to serve as a liaison, coordinating and public relations agency. The council is located in the Department of Labor and Industry and is made up of two members each from the Senate and General Assembly, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and three public members appointed by the Governor.

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FISCAL NOTE TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2051**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: OCTOBER 14, 1976

Assembly Bill No. 2051 establishes a permanent body, to be known as the Armed Forces Liaison Council which would be empowered to function as a structural liaison between the State of New Jersey and the Federal Government on all matters relating to Federal military and naval installations located in or proposed for the State.

The Department of Labor and Industry estimates that enactment of this legislation would require a State expenditure of \$84,882.00 in fiscal 1976-77, \$90,393.00 in fiscal 1977-78 and \$95,475.00 in fiscal 1978-79.

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The fiscal note is based on actual cost information.

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In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

OCTOBER 12, 1977

ANNE BURNS

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed into law A-2051 sponsored by Assemblyman William Hamilton which establishes an Armed Forces Liaison Council in the Department of Labor and Industry.

The Council will consist of two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, two Assemblymen appointed by the Speaker and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and three public members appointed by the Governor.

The Council will be responsible for planning, liaison, and public relations efforts to train and expand military installations in New Jersey.

The bill was signed in a ceremony in the Governor's Office.

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