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and Business  
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52:9ZZ-6

P.L.2017, CHAPTER 17, *approved February 10, 2017*  
Assembly, No. 1668 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Commission on Higher  
2 Education and Business Partnerships and supplementing Title 52  
3 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and  
9 Business Partnerships is created and established in the Executive  
10 Branch of the State Government. For the purposes of complying  
11 with the provisions of Article V, Section IV, paragraph 1 of the  
12 New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the  
13 Department of State, but notwithstanding this allocation, the  
14 commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by  
15 the department or by any board or officer thereof.

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17 2. The commission shall consist of <sup>1</sup>**[17]** <sup>2</sup>**[18<sup>1</sup>]** 19<sup>2</sup> members as  
18 follows:

19 a. the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce  
20 Development, or a designee, who shall serve ex officio;

21 b. the Secretary of Higher Education, or a designee, who shall  
22 serve ex officio;

23 c. the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic  
24 Development Authority, or a designee, who shall serve ex officio;

25 d. <sup>1</sup>**[ten]** <sup>2</sup>**[eleven<sup>1</sup>]** twelve<sup>2</sup> members appointed by the  
26 Governor who shall include: the president of a public research  
27 university, a representative of a public <sup>1</sup>**[or]** college or university  
28 located in the State and a representative of an<sup>1</sup> independent college or  
29 university located in the State that <sup>1</sup>**[is]** are<sup>1</sup> actively engaged in

**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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted May 12, 2016.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted May 26, 2016.

1 business partnerships, a representative of the New Jersey Chamber of  
2 Commerce, a representative of the New Jersey Business and Industry  
3 Association, <sup>2</sup>a representative of the Commerce and Industry  
4 Association of New Jersey,<sup>2</sup> a representative of the New Jersey  
5 <sup>1</sup>**Technical** Technology<sup>1</sup> Council, a representative of BioNJ, a  
6 representative of the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey, a  
7 representative of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and  
8 Universities, a representative of the New Jersey Council of County  
9 Colleges, and a representative of the New Jersey Association of  
10 Independent Colleges and Universities;

11 e. four members of the public with backgrounds in higher  
12 education, public-private partnerships, private sector innovation, or a  
13 combination of those experiences. The President of the Senate,  
14 Speaker of the General Assembly, Minority Leader of the Senate, and  
15 the Minority Leader of the General Assembly shall each appoint one  
16 of these members.

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18 3. a. The terms of the appointed members of the commission  
19 shall be for five years, except that of the appointments first made to the  
20 commission, <sup>1</sup>**four** <sup>2</sup>**five**<sup>1</sup> six<sup>2</sup> shall serve for terms of three years,  
21 five shall serve for terms of four years, and five shall serve for terms  
22 of five years. Each appointed member shall serve for the term of the  
23 appointment and until his successor is appointed. A member  
24 appointed to fill a vacancy occurring in the membership of the  
25 commission for any reason other than the expiration of the term shall  
26 have a term of appointment for the unexpired term only. Any vacancy  
27 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The  
28 commission members shall serve without compensation but shall be  
29 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
30 duties.

31 b. The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the  
32 commission from among his appointed members.

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34 4. The commission shall:

35 a. Explore how to best foster innovation in the State through  
36 public-private partnerships in higher education;

37 b. Stimulate academic-industrial collaboration through such  
38 mechanisms as business incubation facilities and clinical research and  
39 clinical trials;

40 c. Identify and support research opportunities at New Jersey  
41 academic institutions and other institutions that can advance economic  
42 development and employment;

43 d. Facilitate collaborations between businesses and institutions of  
44 higher education, with a greater emphasis on research and  
45 development in the pharmaceutical, biosciences, biotechnology,  
46 <sup>1</sup>medical technology,<sup>1</sup> information technology, and  
47 telecommunications industries;

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2 institutions of higher education and pharmaceutical, biosciences, and  
3 biotechnology companies that can accelerate the commercialization of  
4 new therapies, drugs, and technologies;
- 5 f. Identify strategies to significantly increase the number of  
6 clinical trials conducted by public and independent institutions of  
7 higher education in the State;
- 8 g. Identify the workforce and economic development needs of the  
9 State and strategies for meeting those needs;
- 10 h. Study the current roles of the four-year public and independent  
11 institutions of higher education, the county colleges, and the county  
12 vocational school districts in meeting and advancing the workforce  
13 and economic development needs of the State, and make  
14 recommendations on improving the role of each of these sectors in  
15 advancing these needs; and
- 16 i. Provide the Governor, and the Legislature pursuant to section 2  
17 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), with a report by January 30 of each  
18 year describing the status of the commission's activities and the efforts  
19 of the ombudsman pursuant to section 6 of this act.  
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23 Procedures Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), concerning  
24 the operation of the commission, the functions and responsibilities  
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26 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act;
- 27 b. Maintain offices at such places within the State as it may  
28 designate;
- 29 c. Employ, subject to the availability of funds, an executive  
30 director and other personnel as may be necessary, whose  
31 employment shall be in the unclassified service of the Civil Service,  
32 except that employees performing stenographic or clerical duties  
33 shall be in the career service and appointed pursuant to Title 11A of  
34 the New Jersey Statutes;
- 35 d. Conduct meetings and public hearings in connection with the  
36 purposes of this act;
- 37 e. Enter into contracts with individuals, organizations, and  
38 institutions necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties  
39 and the execution of its powers under this act; and
- 40 f. Take any and all necessary or convenient actions to carry out  
41 its purposes and exercise the powers granted in this act.  
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- 43 6. In addition to any other duties and responsibilities that the  
44 commission may assign to the executive director, the executive  
45 director shall serve as the Higher Education-Business Partnership  
46 Ombudsman. A business that seeks to form a partnership with an  
47 institution of higher education may collaborate and work with the

1 ombudsman in the establishment of that partnership. The  
2 ombudsman shall:

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4 contacts at the institutions of higher education that may be  
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7 research efforts, either planned or in progress, at institutions of  
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22 concerns and issues raised; and

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25 business and industry.

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27 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 Establishes New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and  
33 Business Partnerships.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1668

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

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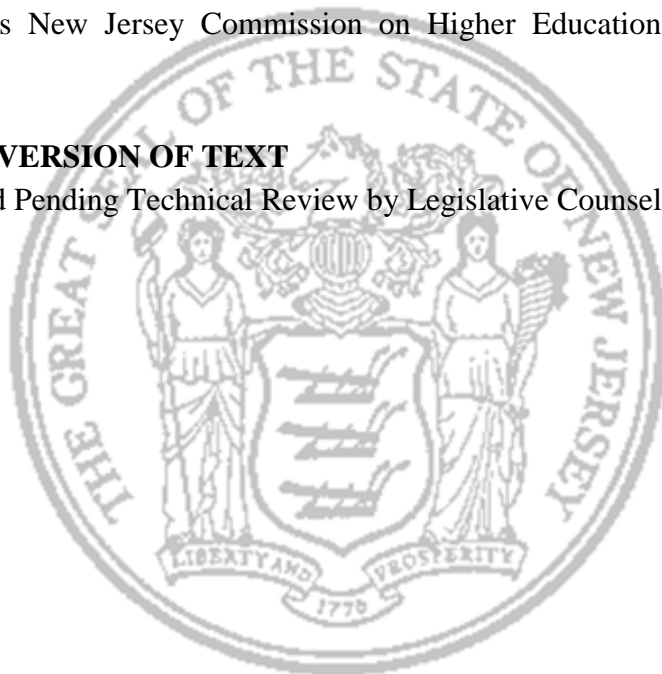
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**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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22 c. the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic  
23 Development Authority, or a designee, who shall serve ex officio;

24 d. ten members appointed by the Governor who shall include:  
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26 public or independent college or university located in the State that  
27 is actively engaged in business partnerships, a representative of the  
28 New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the New  
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#### STATEMENT

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# ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 1668**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 12, 2016

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1668 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill establishes the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and Business Partnerships in, but not of, the Department of State. The commission will be comprised of: the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, the Secretary of Higher Education, the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Authority, 11 members appointed by the Governor, and four members of the public appointed by the leaders of the Senate and General Assembly. The 11 members appointed by the Governor include: the president of a public research university, a representative of a public college or university and a representative of an independent college or university that are located in the State and are actively engaged in business partnerships, a representative of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, a representative of the New Jersey Technology Council, a representative of BioNJ, a representative of the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey, a representative of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, a representative of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, and a representative of the New Jersey Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. The four members of the public will have backgrounds in higher education, public-private partnerships, private sector innovation, or a combination of those experiences. The President of the Senate, Speaker of the General Assembly, Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the General Assembly will each appoint one of these members.

Under the bill, the commission will focus on higher education and business partnerships. The commission will:

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- Study the current roles of the four-year public and independent institutions of higher education, the county colleges, and the county vocational school districts in meeting and advancing the workforce and economic development needs of the State, and make recommendations on improving the role of each of these sectors in advancing these needs.

The bill also directs the executive director of the commission to serve as the Higher Education-Business Partnership Ombudsman. A business that seeks to form a partnership with an institution of higher education may collaborate and work with the ombudsman in the establishment of that partnership. The bill specifies the ombudsman's responsibilities in fostering partnerships and collaborations, particularly in the area of clinical trials.

The committee amended the bill to: (1) increase the membership of the commission from 17 to 18 by providing that both a representative of a public college or university and a representative of an independent college or university, who are actively engaged in business partnerships, will serve on the commission. The bill in its original form provided that only one representative from either sector would be appointed; and (2) include medical technology as one of the industries in which the commission will facilitate collaborations between business and institutions of higher education.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

# SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1668**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1668 (2R).

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 354 with committee amendments, which was also reported by the committee on this same date.



# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1668**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1668 (2R).

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Under the bill, the commission will focus on higher education and business partnerships. The commission will:

- Explore how to best foster innovation in the State through public-private partnerships in higher education;
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- Facilitate collaborations between businesses and institutions of higher education, with a greater emphasis on research and development in the pharmaceutical, biosciences, biotechnology, medical technology, information technology, and telecommunications industries;
- Identify and support opportunities for partnerships between institutions of higher education and pharmaceutical, biosciences, and biotechnology companies that can accelerate the commercialization of new therapies, drugs, and technologies;
- Identify strategies to significantly increase the number of clinical trials conducted by public and independent institutions of higher education in the State;
- Identify the workforce and economic development needs of the State and strategies for meeting those needs; and
- Study the current roles of the four-year public and independent institutions of higher education, the county colleges, and the county vocational school districts in meeting and advancing the workforce and economic development needs of the State, and make recommendations on improving the role of each of these sectors in advancing these needs.

The bill also directs the executive director of the commission to serve as the Higher Education-Business Partnership Ombudsman. A business that seeks to form a partnership with an institution of higher education may collaborate and work with the ombudsman in the establishment of that partnership. The bill specifies the ombudsman's responsibilities in fostering partnerships and collaborations, particularly in the area of clinical trials.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 354 (1R), as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services notes in the Legislative Fiscal Estimate that this bill will result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures. The costs of implementing the bill will be dependent upon the salary and benefit costs associated with hiring an executive director and other staff the commission deems necessary, costs associated with maintaining office space, costs that may be associated with contracts that the commission is authorized to enter into with individuals, organizations, and institutions, and any other costs that the commission may incur in the performance of its duties.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1668**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblyman SCHAER)

ADOPTED: MAY 26, 2016

This floor amendment increases the membership of the commission from 18 to 19 by providing that a representative of the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey will serve on the commission.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

## ASSEMBLY, No. 1668

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 30, 2016

#### SUMMARY

**Synopsis:** Establishes New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and Business Partnerships.

**Type of Impact:** Indeterminate Expenditure Increase in General Fund.

**Agencies Affected:** State.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Indeterminate Increase – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services notes that Assembly Bill No. 1668 (2R) of 2016 will result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures. The costs of implementing the bill will be dependent upon the salary and benefit costs associated with hiring an executive director and other staff the commission deems necessary, costs associated with maintaining office space, costs that may be associated with contracts that the commission is authorized to enter into with individuals, organizations, and institutions, and any other costs that the commission may incur in the performance of its duties.

#### BILL DESCRIPTION

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The commission will focus on higher education and business partnerships. Some of the duties of the commission will include, among others:

- Exploring how to best foster innovation in the State through public-private partnerships in higher education;
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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The Office of Legislative Services notes that Assembly Bill No. 1668 (2R) of 2016 would lead to an indeterminate increase in State expenditures. The costs of implementing the bill will be dependent upon the salary and benefit costs associated with hiring an executive director and other staff the commission deems necessary, costs associated with maintaining office space, costs that may be associated with contracts that the commission is authorized to enter into with individuals, organizations, and institutions, and any other costs that the commission may incur in the performance of its duties or incurred by the executive director in his role as Higher Education-Business Partnership Ombudsman.

*Section:*        *Education*

*Analyst:*       *Juan C. Rodriguez*  
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*Approved:*     *Frank W. Haines III*  
                      *Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# SENATE, No. 354

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.**

**District 21 (Morris, Somerset and Union)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Bateman**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and Business Partnerships.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/7/2016)**

1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Commission on Higher  
2 Education and Business Partnerships and supplementing Title 52  
3 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and  
9 Business Partnerships is created and established in the Executive  
10 Branch of the State Government. For the purposes of complying  
11 with the provisions of Article V, Section IV, paragraph 1 of the  
12 New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the  
13 Department of State, but notwithstanding this allocation, the  
14 commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by  
15 the department or by any board or officer thereof.

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17 2. The commission shall consist of 17 members as follows:

18 a. the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and  
19 Workforce Development, or a designee, who shall serve ex officio;

20 b. the Secretary of Higher Education, or a designee, who shall  
21 serve ex officio;

22 c. the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic  
23 Development Authority, or a designee, who shall serve ex officio;

24 d. ten members appointed by the Governor who shall include:  
25 the president of a public research university, a representative of a  
26 public or independent college or university located in the State that  
27 is actively engaged in business partnerships, a representative of the  
28 New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the New  
29 Jersey Business and Industry Association, a representative of the  
30 New Jersey Technical Council, a representative of BioNJ, a  
31 representative of the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey, a  
32 representative of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and  
33 Universities, a representative of the New Jersey Council of County  
34 Colleges, and a representative of the New Jersey Association of  
35 Independent Colleges and Universities;

36 e. four members of the public with backgrounds in higher  
37 education, public-private partnerships, private sector innovation, or  
38 a combination of those experiences. The President of the Senate,  
39 Speaker of the General Assembly, Minority Leader of the Senate,  
40 and the Minority Leader of the General Assembly shall each  
41 appoint one of these members.

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43 3. a. The terms of the appointed members of the commission  
44 shall be for five years, except that of the appointments first made to  
45 the commission, four shall serve for terms of three years, five shall  
46 serve for terms of four years, and five shall serve for terms of five  
47 years. Each appointed member shall serve for the term of the  
48 appointment and until his successor is appointed. A member

1 appointed to fill a vacancy occurring in the membership of the  
2 commission for any reason other than the expiration of the term  
3 shall have a term of appointment for the unexpired term only. Any  
4 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
5 appointment. The commission members shall serve without  
6 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
7 incurred in the performance of their duties.

8 b. The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the  
9 commission from among his appointed members.

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11 4. The commission shall:

12 a. Explore how to best foster innovation in the State through  
13 public-private partnerships in higher education;

14 b. Stimulate academic-industrial collaboration through such  
15 mechanisms as business incubation facilities and clinical research  
16 and clinical trials;

17 c. Identify and support research opportunities at New Jersey  
18 academic institutions and other institutions that can advance  
19 economic development and employment;

20 d. Facilitate collaborations between businesses and institutions  
21 of higher education, with a greater emphasis on research and  
22 development in the pharmaceutical, biosciences, biotechnology,  
23 information technology, and telecommunications industries;

24 e. Identify and support opportunities for partnerships between  
25 institutions of higher education and pharmaceutical, biosciences,  
26 and biotechnology companies that can accelerate the  
27 commercialization of new therapies, drugs, and technologies;

28 f. Identify strategies to significantly increase the number of  
29 clinical trials conducted by public and independent institutions of  
30 higher education in the State;

31 g. Identify the workforce and economic development needs of  
32 the State and strategies for meeting those needs;

33 h. Study the current roles of the four-year public and  
34 independent institutions of higher education, the county colleges,  
35 and the county vocational school districts in meeting and advancing  
36 the workforce and economic development needs of the State, and  
37 make recommendations on improving the role of each of these  
38 sectors in advancing these needs; and

39 i. Provide the Governor, and the Legislature pursuant to  
40 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), with a report by  
41 January 30 of each year describing the status of the commission's  
42 activities and the efforts of the ombudsman pursuant to section 6 of  
43 this act.

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45 5. The commission is authorized to:

46 a. Adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative  
47 Procedures Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), concerning  
48 the operation of the commission, the functions and responsibilities



- 1 of its officers and employees, and other matters as may be  
2 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act;
- 3 b. Maintain offices at such places within the State as it may  
4 designate;
- 5 c. Employ, subject to the availability of funds, an executive  
6 director and other personnel as may be necessary, whose  
7 employment shall be in the unclassified service of the Civil Service,  
8 except that employees performing stenographic or clerical duties  
9 shall be in the career service and appointed pursuant to Title 11A of  
10 the New Jersey Statutes;
- 11 d. Conduct meetings and public hearings in connection with the  
12 purposes of this act;
- 13 e. Enter into contracts with individuals, organizations, and  
14 institutions necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties  
15 and the execution of its powers under this act; and
- 16 f. Take any and all necessary or convenient actions to carry out  
17 its purposes and exercise the powers granted in this act.  
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- 19 6. In addition to any other duties and responsibilities that the  
20 commission may assign to the executive director, the executive  
21 director shall serve as the Higher Education-Business Partnership  
22 Ombudsman. A business that seeks to form a partnership with an  
23 institution of higher education may collaborate and work with the  
24 ombudsman in the establishment of that partnership. The  
25 ombudsman shall:
- 26 a. Assist business and industry in making the appropriate  
27 contacts at the institutions of higher education that may be  
28 necessary to foster a partnership;
- 29 b. Make available to business and industry information on  
30 research efforts, either planned or in progress, at institutions of  
31 higher education that may be applicable to the work of that business  
32 or industry and may foster its interest in establishing a collaboration  
33 or partnership with the institution;
- 34 c. Collaborate with institutions of higher education in the  
35 establishment of strategies that an institution might implement to  
36 inform business and industry of the expertise and achievements of  
37 the institution's faculty and research staff applicable to the business  
38 or industry's area of interest;
- 39 d. Conduct annual outreach efforts to pharmaceutical  
40 companies to assess the interest of those companies in establishing  
41 clinical trials at institutions of higher education in the State;
- 42 e. Determine the specific reasons for any lack of interest in  
43 conducting clinical trials at institutions of higher education and then  
44 work with the institutions to implement actions that address the  
45 concerns and issues raised; and
- 46 f. Annually assess the success of institutions of higher  
47 education in meeting the research and development needs of  
48 business and industry.

1       7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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11 Development Authority, 10 members appointed by the Governor,  
12 and four members of the public appointed by the leaders of the  
13 Senate and General Assembly. The 10 members appointed by the  
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21 HealthCare Institute of New Jersey, a representative of the New  
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37       research and clinical trials;
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39       academic institutions and other institutions that can advance  
40       economic development and employment;
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42       of higher education, with a greater emphasis on research and  
43       development in the pharmaceutical, biosciences,  
44       biotechnology, information technology, and  
45       telecommunications industries;
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47       institutions of higher education and pharmaceutical,  
48       biosciences, and biotechnology companies that can

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43          education in meeting the research and development needs of  
44          business and industry.

# SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 354**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 354 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill establishes the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and Business Partnerships in, but not of, the Department of State. The commission will be comprised of: the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, the Secretary of Higher Education, the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Authority, 12 members appointed by the Governor, and four members of the public appointed by the leaders of the Senate and General Assembly. The 12 members appointed by the Governor include: the president of a public research university, a representative of a public college or university and a representative of an independent college or university that are located in the State and are actively engaged in business partnerships, a representative of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, a representative of the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey, a representative of the New Jersey Technology Council, a representative of BioNJ, a representative of the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey, a representative of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, a representative of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, and a representative of the New Jersey Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. The four members of the public will have backgrounds in higher education, public-private partnerships, private sector innovation, or a combination of those experiences. The President of the Senate, Speaker of the General Assembly, Minority Leader of the Senate, and Minority Leader of the General Assembly will each appoint one of these members.

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The committee amended the bill to: (1) increase the membership of the commission from 17 to 19 by adding a representative of the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey, and providing that both a representative of a public college or university and a representative of an independent college or university, who are actively engaged in business partnerships would be appointed. The bill in its original form provided that only one representative from either sector would be appointed; and (2) include medical technology as one of the industries in which the commission will facilitate collaborations between business and institutions of higher education.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1668 (2R), which was also reported by the committee on this same date.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 354**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 354 (1R).

This bill establishes the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and Business Partnerships in, but not of, the Department of State. The commission will be comprised of: the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, the Secretary of Higher Education, the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Authority, 12 members appointed by the Governor, and four members of the public appointed by the leaders of the Senate and General Assembly. The 12 members appointed by the Governor include: the president of a public research university, a representative of a public college or university and a representative of an independent college or university that are located in the State and are actively engaged in business partnerships, a representative of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, a representative of the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey, a representative of the New Jersey Technology Council, a representative of BioNJ, a representative of the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey, a representative of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, a representative of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, and a representative of the New Jersey Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. The four members of the public will have backgrounds in higher education, public-private partnerships, private sector innovation, or a combination of those experiences. The President of the Senate, Speaker of the General Assembly, Minority Leader of the Senate, and Minority Leader of the General Assembly will each appoint one of these members.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services notes in the Legislative Fiscal Estimate for the identical bill that the bill will result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures. The costs of implementing the bill will be dependent upon the salary and benefit costs associated with hiring an executive director and other staff the commission deems necessary, costs associated with maintaining office space, costs that may be associated with contracts that the commission is authorized to enter into with individuals, organizations, and institutions, and any other costs that the commission may incur in the performance of its duties.



# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## SENATE, No. 354

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 2, 2016

#### SUMMARY

**Synopsis:** Establishes New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and Business Partnerships.

**Type of Impact:** Indeterminate Expenditure Increase in General Fund.

**Agencies Affected:** State.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Indeterminate Increase – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that Senate Bill No. 354 (1R) of 2016 will result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures. The costs of implementing the bill will be dependent upon the salary and benefit costs associated with hiring an executive director and other staff the commission deems necessary, costs associated with maintaining office space, costs that may be associated with contracts that the commission is authorized to enter into with individuals, organizations, and institutions, and any other costs that the commission may incur in the performance of its duties.

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS notes that Senate Bill No. 354 (1R) would lead to an indeterminate increase in State expenditures. The costs of implementing the bill will be dependent upon the salary and benefit costs associated with hiring an executive director and other staff the commission deems necessary, costs associated with maintaining office space, costs that may be associated with contracts that the commission is authorized to enter into with individuals, organizations, and institutions, and any other costs that the commission may incur in the performance of its duties or incurred by the executive director in his role as Higher Education-Business Partnership Ombudsman.

*Section: Education*

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*Approved: Frank W. Haines III  
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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## Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie announced that he has taken action on the following legislation:

#### BILL SIGNINGS:

**A-333/S-2300 (Singleton, Quijano, Caputo, Taliaferro, Green, Caride, Houghtaling/Stack, Beck) – w/STATEMENT** - Ensures project deadline fairness, enhances transparency, and establishes foreclosure protection and mortgage relief program for certain Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners

**A-544/S-385 (Pinkin, Lagana, Mazzeo, Mukherji, Houghtaling/Stack, Barnes)** - Requires annual notice of assessment on property to contain bolded notice of filing deadline for appeal

**A-1668/S-354 (Schaer, Jasey, Johnson, Zwicker, Giblin, Downey, Wimberly/T. Kean)** - Establishes New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and Business Partnerships

**A-1945/S-1243 (Coughlin, Sumter, Wimberly/Vitale, Cunningham)** - Requires AG and county prosecutor to provide notification on website concerning persons indicted or prosecuted for crimes under certain circumstances

**A-2199/S-744 (Singleton, Holley, Rodriguez-Gregg, Downey/Beach, Turner)** - Establishes veterans' preference for affordable housing in certain housing projects

**A-2228/S-2489 (DeAngelo, Lagana, Pinkin, McKnight, Benson/Cruz-Perez, Van Drew)** - Includes all disabled veterans in NJT discount program for senior citizens and persons with disabilities

**A-2514/S-2178 (DeAngelo, Pinkin, Tucker, Space, Phoebus/Beach, Oroho)** - Permits local units of government to enter into shared services agreements with federal military installations located in the State

**A-2517/S-2008 (DeAngelo, Andrzejczak, Tucker, Conaway, Land/Beach, Allen)** - Provides preference to certain employers applying for workforce development grants

**A-2619/S-2409 (Gusciora, Wimberly, Holley, Muoio, Chiaravalloti, Sumter/Vitale, Cruz-Perez)** - Requires that certain inmates with detainers be provided access to drug treatment programs

**A-3267/S-2519 (Singleton, Webber, Holley, Mukherji, Lampitt, Wimberly, Houghtaling/Vitale)** - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns to support autism programs

**A-3333/S-1509 (Singleton, Mukherji, Oliver, Muoio, Houghtaling/Turner, Cruz-Perez)** - Establishes microenterprise training program and assistance for microentrepreneurs; gives priority status to projects involving microenterprises under Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program

#### BILLS VETOED:

**A-756/S-2046 (Moriarty, Coughlin, Mukherji, Benson/Cruz-Perez) – CONDITIONAL** - Regulates use of motor vehicle payment assurance devices

**A-4189/S-2670 (Gusciora, Muoio, Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Chiaravalloti, Wimberly/Van Drew, Turner) – CONDITIONAL** - Extends duration of first five designated UEZs for two additional years; specifies permissible use of

UEZ funds; requires DCA Commissioner to assess and issue report on UEZ program

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