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P.L. 2017, CHAPTER 359, *approved January 16, 2018*
Assembly, No. 2513 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing a Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman
2 in the Department of ²**[State]** Military and Veterans' Affairs²
3 and supplementing ²**[P.L.1948, c.445 (C.52:16A-1 et seq.)]** Title
4 38A of the New Jersey Statutes².

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Military and
10 Defense Economic Ombudsman Act.

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12 2. There is hereby created in the Department of ²**[State]** Military
13 and Veterans' Affairs² a Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman.
14 The ombudsman shall be appointed by the Governor. The person
15 appointed shall have expertise in the areas of defense, business, and
16 governmental affairs, and shall have been a resident of this State for at
17 least 36 consecutive months immediately preceding appointment.
18 Once appointed, the ombudsman shall ¹continue to maintain residency
19 in New Jersey and shall¹ serve at the pleasure of the Governor and
20 shall report to the ²**[Secretary of State]** Adjutant General². The office
21 of the Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman may request and
22 shall avail itself and utilize the services of any officer or employee of
23 the Department of ²**[State]** Military and Veterans' Affairs² and of any
24 other State department or agency, who shall render such assistance as
25 the head of the principal department or agency may require without
26 additional compensation.

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28 3. The purpose of the Military and Defense Economic
29 Ombudsman shall be to coordinate and implement a strategy to
30 fortify and ensure the economic vitality of the United States
31 military installations in this State and to improve the economic
32 environment for the defense industry in this State, in the face of
33 evolving defense needs, by fostering productive interactions
34 between federal, State, and local governments and overseeing
35 efforts to position the State's military installations as hubs of
36 development, innovation, and economic growth. It shall be the duty
37 of the ombudsman to:

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:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted March 3, 2016.

²Senate floor amendments adopted December 18, 2017.

- 1 a. identify the strengths and vulnerabilities of, and threats to,
2 the current and future viability of the State's military installations in
3 the context of changing defense plans and economic development
4 needs;
 - 5 b. evaluate, report on, and recommend strategies and best
6 practices to improve economic outcomes for the State's military
7 installations and defense industry;
 - 8 c. promote and facilitate a coordinated approach to economic
9 development related to the State's military installations and the
10 industries that support them;
 - 11 d. promote opportunities for defense industry investments,
12 work to create defense industry clusters at each military installation,
13 and recommend significant development projects that would
14 support the State's defense industry;
 - 15 e. develop productive relationships with the various
16 governmental, industry, and community stakeholders involved in
17 promoting the success of the State's military installations;
 - 18 f. disseminate information on the attributes and benefits of the
19 State's military installations which make them attractive to current
20 and future defense planning, business investment, and economic
21 growth; and
 - 22 g. undertake any other duty consistent with the ombudsman's
23 purpose and deemed appropriate by the ²**[Secretary of State]**
24 Adjutant General².
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- 26 4. The Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman shall
27 undertake specific efforts to eliminate barriers to investment and
28 growth by businesses and the defense industry in this State. In this
29 endeavor, the ombudsman shall:
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31 industries for projects related to, supporting, and impacting the
32 State's military installations, regardless of the size of the business
33 or investment, during the permit approval and application process,
34 to facilitate and advocate on behalf of the applicant with each
35 appropriate State government department or agency, in a manner
36 similar to the process established under P.L.2011, c.34 (C.52:14B-
37 26 et seq.);
 - 38 b. in collaboration with any governmental or non-profit entity,
39 undertake a targeted marketing campaign highlighting the economic
40 growth sectors in the State's defense industry, including, but not
41 limited to, aerospace, information technology, cyber security,
42 biotechnology, bioscience, and engineering;
 - 43 c. make available information to federal contractors, improve
44 access to that information, and foster relationships among the State,
45 local, and federal stakeholders;
 - 46 d. establish a New Jersey Procurement Partnership Program to
47 facilitate mentorship relations between smaller and larger
48 companies; conduct procurement seminars; identify federal

1 resources and make them readily accessible; and take advantage of
2 available opportunities to create industry clusters around the State's
3 military installations;

4 e. promote the State's military installations by organizing
5 Military Installation Resources for Growth events at each
6 installation, thereby providing an opportunity for business,
7 governmental, and community stakeholders and partners to meet
8 and learn about current and emerging economic development and
9 other opportunities at each installation; and

10 f. in collaboration with the Office of the Secretary of Higher
11 Education, foster synergies between institutions of higher education
12 and the defense industry in this State, which may include, but shall
13 not be limited to, developing a centralized database of higher
14 education faculty contacts, their research areas, patented
15 technologies, research centers and their facilities and equipment,
16 and published academic articles, provided the database shall not
17 include any information of a sensitive or classified nature or other
18 information that may compromise the security of any person or
19 institution of higher education.

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21 5. As part of its education and outreach efforts, and its
22 purposes of promoting the State's military installations and
23 developing productive relationships with the various governmental,
24 industry, and community stakeholders, the Military and Defense
25 Economic Ombudsman shall:

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27 for the New Jersey Congressional Delegation to inform the
28 delegation of issues pertaining to each installation and provide them
29 with information relevant to their work of ensuring the current and
30 future viability of the State's military installations;

31 b. provide accurate, current, and factual information about the
32 State's military installations and their attributes to federal partners,
33 including information to dispel misconceptions in the areas of air
34 space, encroachment, and installation infrastructure, and to
35 highlight the benefits and the current and future potential of each
36 installation in the context of defense planning and economic
37 growth; and

38 c. establish and convene Commander Council meetings on a
39 regular basis to meet directly with the commanding officers of each
40 military installation and hear from them and other high-ranking
41 officials concerning the specific operations and needs at each
42 installation.

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44 6. a. The Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman shall
45 submit an annual report to the ²**[Secretary of State]** Adjutant
46 General² detailing the activities undertaken during the previous
47 year.

1 b. The ²**【Secretary of State】** Adjutant General², pursuant to the
2 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
3 seq.), may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to
4 implement the provisions of this act.

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6 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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11 Establishes Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in
12 DMVA.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2513

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 4, 2016

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman WAYNE P. DEANGELO
District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in Department of State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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42 STATEMENT
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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2513

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 3, 2016

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly, No. 2513.

This bill establishes a Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in the Department of State. The creation of this position was recommended in the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force Report issued July 2015. The task force was created by an Executive Order of Governor Chris Christie and was chaired by the Lieutenant Governor.

As amended, the bill provides that the ombudsman is to be appointed by the Governor. A person possessing expertise in the areas of defense, business, and governmental affairs, and who has resided in the State for the past 36 months, would be qualified for appointment. Once appointed, the ombudsman would be required to continue to maintain residency in New Jersey, serve at the pleasure of the Governor and would report to the Secretary of State.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to require the Ombudsman, once appointed, to continue to maintain residency in New Jersey.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2513

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 20, 2016

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2513 (1R).

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the bill will result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures. The costs associated with the creation of the new position of Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman, and professional and administrative support staff to assist that position, include, but are not limited to, salary, benefits, office space, and furnishings. The OLS lacks any meaningful data which indicates the demand for the services the ombudsman is authorized to provide, and thus has no basis for estimating the appropriate size of the ombudsman's office.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2513

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2513 (1R).

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As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1999, as also reported by the committee.

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STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 2513

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator BEACH)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 18, 2017

This floor amendment moves oversight of the Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman from the Department of State to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and from the Secretary of State to the Adjutant General.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2513

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes Military and Defense Ombudsman in Department of State.

Type of Impact: Increase in State Expenditures.

Agencies Affected: Department of State.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate increase – See comments below		

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BILL DESCRIPTION

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The Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman would submit an annual report to the Secretary of State detailing the activities undertaken during the previous year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2513

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 11, 2018

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in DMVA.

Type of Impact: Increase in State Expenditures.

Agencies Affected: Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate increase – See comments below		

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- The bill establishes the position of Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs. The ombudsman will be appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes a Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs. The creation of this position was recommended in the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force Report issued July 2015. The task force was created by an Executive Order of Governor Chris Christie and was chaired by the Lieutenant Governor.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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SENATE, No. 1999

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 18, 2016

Sponsored by:

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District 6 (Burlington and Camden)
Senator DIANE B. ALLEN
District 7 (Burlington)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Cruz-Perez

SYNOPSIS

Establishes Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in Department of State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/15/2016)

1 AN ACT establishing a Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman
2 in the Department of State and supplementing P.L.1948,
3 c.445 (C.52:16A-1 et seq.).
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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. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Military and
9 Defense Economic Ombudsman Act.
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11 2. There is hereby created in the Department of State a Military
12 and Defense Economic Ombudsman. The ombudsman shall be
13 appointed by the Governor. The person appointed shall have expertise
14 in the areas of defense, business, and governmental affairs, and shall
15 have been a resident of this State for at least 36 consecutive months
16 immediately preceding appointment. Once appointed, the ombudsman
17 shall continue to maintain residency in New Jersey and shall serve at
18 the pleasure of the Governor and shall report to the Secretary of State.
19 The office of the Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman may
20 request and shall avail itself and utilize the services of any officer or
21 employee of the Department of State and of any other State
22 department or agency, who shall render such assistance as the head of
23 the principal department or agency may require without additional
24 compensation.
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26 3. The purpose of the Military and Defense Economic
27 Ombudsman shall be to coordinate and implement a strategy to
28 fortify and ensure the economic vitality of the United States
29 military installations in this State and to improve the economic
30 environment for the defense industry in this State, in the face of
31 evolving defense needs, by fostering productive interactions
32 between federal, State, and local governments and overseeing
33 efforts to position the State's military installations as hubs of
34 development, innovation, and economic growth. It shall be the duty
35 of the ombudsman to:

36 a. identify the strengths and vulnerabilities of, and threats to,
37 the current and future viability of the State's military installations in
38 the context of changing defense plans and economic development
39 needs;

40 b. evaluate, report on, and recommend strategies and best
41 practices to improve economic outcomes for the State's military
42 installations and defense industry;

43 c. promote and facilitate a coordinated approach to economic
44 development related to the State's military installations and the
45 industries that support them;

46 d. promote opportunities for defense industry investments,
47 work to create defense industry clusters at each military installation,

- 1 and recommend significant development projects that would
2 support the State's defense industry;
- 3 e. develop productive relationships with the various
4 governmental, industry, and community stakeholders involved in
5 promoting the success of the State's military installations;
- 6 f. disseminate information on the attributes and benefits of the
7 State's military installations which make them attractive to current
8 and future defense planning, business investment, and economic
9 growth; and
- 10 g. undertake any other duty consistent with the ombudsman's
11 purpose and deemed appropriate by the Secretary of State.

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13 4. The Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman shall
14 undertake specific efforts to eliminate barriers to investment and
15 growth by businesses and the defense industry in this State. In this
16 endeavor, the ombudsman shall:

17 a. act as the contact person for private businesses and
18 industries for projects related to, supporting, and impacting the
19 State's military installations, regardless of the size of the business
20 or investment, during the permit approval and application process,
21 to facilitate and advocate on behalf of the applicant with each
22 appropriate State government department or agency, in a manner
23 similar to the process established under P.L.2011, c.34 (C.52:14B-
24 26 et seq.);

25 b. in collaboration with any governmental or non-profit entity,
26 undertake a targeted marketing campaign highlighting the economic
27 growth sectors in the State's defense industry, including, but not
28 limited to, aerospace, information technology, cyber security,
29 biotechnology, bioscience, and engineering;

30 c. make available information to federal contractors, improve
31 access to that information, and foster relationships among the State,
32 local, and federal stakeholders;

33 d. establish a New Jersey Procurement Partnership Program to
34 facilitate mentorship relations between smaller and larger
35 companies; conduct procurement seminars; identify federal
36 resources and make them readily accessible; and take advantage of
37 available opportunities to create industry clusters around the State's
38 military installations;

39 e. promote the State's military installations by organizing
40 Military Installation Resources for Growth events at each
41 installation, thereby providing an opportunity for business,
42 governmental, and community stakeholders and partners to meet
43 and learn about current and emerging economic development and
44 other opportunities at each installation; and

45 f. in collaboration with the Office of the Secretary of Higher
46 Education, foster synergies between institutions of higher education
47 and the defense industry in this State, which may include, but shall
48 not be limited to, developing a centralized database of higher

1 education faculty contacts, their research areas, patented
2 technologies, research centers and their facilities and equipment,
3 and published academic articles, provided the database shall not
4 include any information of a sensitive or classified nature or other
5 information that may compromise the security of any person or
6 institution of higher education.

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8 5. As part of its education and outreach efforts, and its
9 purposes of promoting the State's military installations and
10 developing productive relationships with the various governmental,
11 industry, and community stakeholders, the Military and Defense
12 Economic Ombudsman shall:

13 a. organize an annual tour of the State's military installations
14 for the New Jersey Congressional Delegation to inform the
15 delegation of issues pertaining to each installation and provide them
16 with information relevant to their work of ensuring the current and
17 future viability of the State's military installations;

18 b. provide accurate, current, and factual information about the
19 State's military installations and their attributes to federal partners,
20 including information to dispel misconceptions in the areas of air
21 space, encroachment, and installation infrastructure, and to
22 highlight the benefits and the current and future potential of each
23 installation in the context of defense planning and economic
24 growth; and

25 c. establish and convene Commander Council meetings on a
26 regular basis to meet directly with the commanding officers of each
27 military installation and hear from them and other high-ranking
28 officials concerning the specific operations and needs at each
29 installation.

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31 6. a. The Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman shall
32 submit an annual report to the Secretary of State detailing the
33 activities undertaken during the previous year.

34 b. The Secretary of State, pursuant to the "Administrative
35 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), may adopt
36 such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the
37 provisions of this act.

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39 7. This act shall take effect immediately.
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42 STATEMENT

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45 Ombudsman in the Department of State. The creation of this
46 position was recommended in the New Jersey Military Installation
47 Growth and Development Task Force Report issued July 2015. The

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2 Christie and was chaired by the Lieutenant Governor.

3 The bill provides that the ombudsman is to be appointed by the
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6 for the past 36 months, would be qualified for appointment. Once
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4 concerning the specific operations and needs at each installation.

5 The bill requires that the Military and Defense Economic
6 Ombudsman submit an annual report to the Secretary of State
7 detailing the activities undertaken during the previous year.

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1999

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 5, 2016

The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1999.

This bill establishes a Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in the Department of State. The creation of this position was recommended in the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force Report issued July 2015. The task force was created by an Executive Order of Governor Chris Christie and was chaired by the Lieutenant Governor.

The bill provides that the ombudsman is to be appointed by the Governor. A person possessing expertise in the areas of defense, business, and governmental affairs, and who has resided in the State for the past 36 months, would be qualified for appointment. Once appointed, the ombudsman would be required to continue to maintain residency in New Jersey, serve at the pleasure of the Governor and would report to the Secretary of State.

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The bill requires that the Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman submit an annual report to the Secretary of State detailing the activities undertaken during the previous year.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2513 (1R) of the 2016-2017 session.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1999

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1999.

This bill establishes a Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in the Department of State. The creation of this position was recommended in the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force Report issued July 2015. The task force was created by an Executive Order of Governor Chris Christie and was chaired by the Lieutenant Governor.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1999

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator BEACH)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 18, 2017

This floor amendment moves oversight of the Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman from the Department of State to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and from the Secretary of State to the Adjutant General.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 1999
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes Military and Defense Ombudsman in Department of State.

Type of Impact: Increase in State Expenditures.

Agencies Affected: Department of State.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate increase – See comments below		

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BILL DESCRIPTION

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1999 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 11, 2018

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in DMVA.

Type of Impact: Increase in State Expenditures.

Agencies Affected: Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes a Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs. The creation of this position was recommended in the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force Report issued July 2015. The task force was created by an Executive Order of Governor Chris Christie and was chaired by the Lieutenant Governor.

The ombudsman would be appointed by the Governor. A person possessing expertise in the areas of defense, business, and governmental affairs, and who has resided in the State for the past 36 months, would be qualified for appointment. Once appointed, the ombudsman would serve at the pleasure of the Governor and would report to the Adjutant General. The person must remain a resident of the State during the period of service.

Under the bill, the Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman would coordinate and implement a strategy to fortify and ensure the economic vitality the United States military installations in this State and to improve the economic environment for the defense industry in this State, in the face of evolving defense needs, by fostering productive interactions between federal, State, and local governments and overseeing efforts to position the State's military installations as hubs of development, innovation, and economic growth. The ombudsman's duties would include, but would not be limited to, identifying vulnerabilities of and threats to the viability of the State's military installations; recommending strategies and best practices to improve economic outcomes for the State's military installations and defense industry; coordinating the State's efforts by promoting opportunities for defense industry investments and working to create defense industry clusters at each military installation; developing productive relationships with the various governmental, industry, and community stakeholders; and disseminating information on the attributes and benefits of the State's military installations which make them attractive to current and future defense planning, industry investment, and economic growth.

The bill further directs the ombudsman to undertake various efforts to eliminate barriers to investment and growth by businesses and the defense industry. Specifically, the ombudsman would facilitate the permit and application approval process for businesses with projects related to or supporting military installations; conduct marketing efforts; provide information to federal contactors; create a program to establish mentorship relations between large and small businesses; organize events at military installations to bring together stakeholders focusing on economic development and growth; and, in collaboration with the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, foster synergies between institutions of higher education and the defense industry in this State, which may include the development of a centralized database of higher education contacts and assets. In addition, as part of its education and outreach efforts, the bill directs the ombudsman to organize an annual tour of the State's military installations for the New Jersey Congressional Delegation; provide accurate, current, and factual information about the State's military installations and their attributes to federal partners; and establish and regularly convene meetings with the commanding officers of each military installation to hear directly from them and other high-ranking officials concerning the specific operations and needs at each installation.

The Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman would submit an annual report to the Adjutant General detailing the activities undertaken during the previous year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that the bill will result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures. The costs associated with the creation of the new position of Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman, and professional and administrative support staff to assist that position, include, but are not limited, to salary, benefits, office space, and furnishings. The OLS has not identified information that would serve as a basis for estimating the demand for the services the ombudsman is authorized to provide, and thus lacks means to estimate the appropriate size of the ombudsman's office.

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