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NJSA: 52:9X-11 (Ratifies the SMART Research and Development Compact)

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SPONSOR(S): Chivukula and others

DATE INTRODUCED: March 1, 2005

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Commerce and Economic Development
SENATE: Economic Growth

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** January 9, 2006
SENATE: January 5, 2006

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 12, 2006

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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A3898

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 5 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 377, *approved January 12, 2006*
Assembly, No. 3898 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT to promote cooperation, partnerships and the exchange of
2 information across the Mid-Atlantic region ¹[and],¹ ratifying on
3 behalf of the State of New Jersey a compact therefor ¹and making
4 an appropriation¹.
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7 of New Jersey:
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10 Research and Development Compact Act."
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12 2. The State of New Jersey hereby ratifies the SMART Research
13 and Development Compact with any other state legally joining therein,
14 which compact is substantially as follows:
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19 socioeconomic traits as well as the common historical attributes
20 between the residents of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and
21 Pennsylvania, bind the four states into a common Mid-Atlantic region.

22 b. This region presents a rich framework of approximately 618
23 colleges and universities, including approximately 38 leading
24 engineering colleges with a variety of technical expertise and ingenious
25 research and development programs within every field of science and
26 technology.

27 c. This region contains a variety of federally owned and generated
28 laboratories or organizations assigned with the task of performing
29 needed research and development in most of our Nation's technical
30 areas, highlighted by defense, transportation, health, energy, and
31 communications.

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33 laboratories, and nonprofit organizations in each of the scientific and
34 technological pursuits, such as homeland security, defense, aerospace,
35 manufacturing, information systems, materials, chemicals, medical
36 applications, and pharmaceuticals.

37 e. Increased cooperation between the above-mentioned institutions
38 and the four Mid-Atlantic State governments may effectively enhance

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SEG committee amendments adopted December 5, 2005.

1 the region's contribution to the United States in all fields of science
2 and technology and promote academic, private and public research and
3 development, technical enterprise, and intellectual vitality.

4 f. A multi-state organization assigned with the task of linking
5 various institutions across different jurisdictions and promoting
6 working partnerships may further assist the United States by providing
7 a model for the rest of the nation for the effective use of limited
8 national, State, and local funding resources.

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14 (hereinafter referred to as "the compact"). The purpose of the
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31 be declared a "party state" upon enactment of the compact into law by
32 the state.

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17 technology development, and may exercise such other powers as may
18 be appropriate to accomplish its functions and duties in connection
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26 3. Duly authenticated copies of this act shall, upon its approval, be
27 transmitted to the Governor of each of the states of Delaware,
28 Maryland and Pennsylvania, to the President of the Senate of the
29 United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to
30 the Secretary of State of the United States.

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32 ¹4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the SMART
33 Organization the sum of \$25,000 to effectuate the purposes of this
34 act.¹

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36 ¹[4.] 5.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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41 Ratifies the SMART Research and Development Compact in New
42 Jersey; appropriates \$25,000.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3898

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 1, 2005

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Assemblyman JOSEPH J. ROBERTS, JR.

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman JOSEPH VAS

District 19 (Middlesex)

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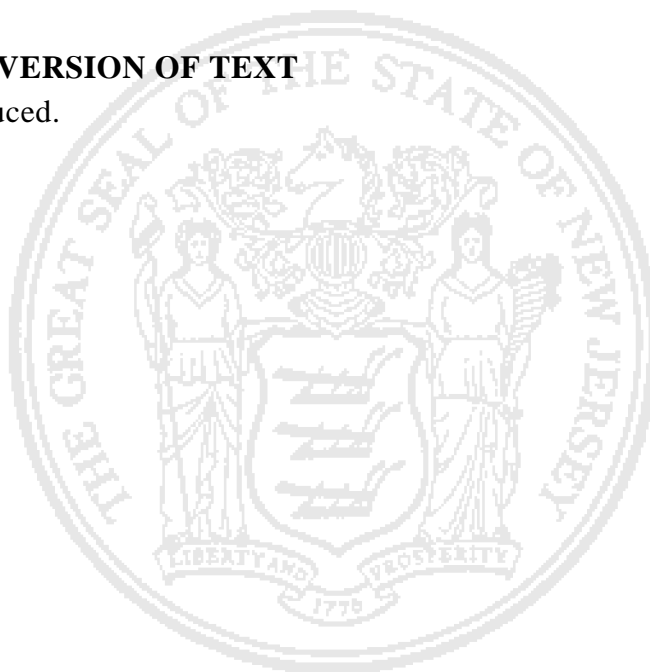
Assemblywomen Cruz-Perez, Watson Coleman and Assemblyman Gordon

SYNOPSIS

Ratifies the SMART Research and Development Compact in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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21 United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to
22 the Secretary of State of the United States.

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24 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 Under the provisions of this bill, New Jersey ratifies the SMART
30 Research and Development Compact (the "compact") which
31 establishes an active and collaborative Science and Technology
32 Organization, known as the SMART (Strengthening the Mid Atlantic
33 Region for Tomorrow) Organization (the "organization"), to promote
34 cooperation, partnerships and the exchange of information across the
35 Mid-Atlantic region. The compact would involve the four Mid-Atlantic
36 states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. By
37 ratifying the compact, each member state consents to support,
38 endorse, and advocate the actions employed by the compact to
39 establish the organization to facilitate an interstate, cross-disciplinary
40 collaboration to promote the strength, development and economic
41 viability of the Mid-Atlantic region. The compact is scheduled to take
42 effect upon ratification by two or more states including Delaware,
43 Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and pursuant to the consent
44 of Congress.

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3898

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 12, 2005

The Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3898.

Assembly Bill No. 3898 ratifies the SMART Research and Development Compact (Strengthening the Mid Atlantic Region for Tomorrow).

This compact is intended to promote cooperation, partnerships and the exchange of information across the Mid-Atlantic region. The compact would involve the four Mid-Atlantic states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. By ratifying the compact, each member state consents to support, endorse, and advocate the actions enunciated in the compact to establish the organization to facilitate an interstate, cross-disciplinary collaboration to promote the strength, development and economic viability of the Mid-Atlantic region.

According to the bill, the party states would agree to establish a multi-state organization to be known as the SMART Organization, which would be headed by a Board of Directors that consists of a representative from each party state. The Board of Directors would oversee and direct the projects, administration and policies of the organization and create and utilize the services of technology-designated working groups to identify goals and sources of funding, establish research and development projects, detect new technology advances for the Mid-Atlantic region to pursue, and facilitate cooperation among regional entities.

The compact is scheduled to take effect upon ratification by two or more states including Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and pursuant to the consent of Congress. To date, none of the participating states has ratified the compact.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3898

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2005

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3898 with committee amendments.

Under the provisions of this bill, as amended, New Jersey ratifies the SMART Research and Development Compact (the "compact") which establishes an active and collaborative Science and Technology Organization, known as the SMART (Strengthening the Mid Atlantic Region for Tomorrow) Organization (the "organization"), to promote cooperation, partnerships and the exchange of information across the Mid-Atlantic region. The compact would involve the four Mid-Atlantic states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. By ratifying the compact, each member state consents to support, endorse, and advocate the actions employed by the compact to establish the organization to facilitate an interstate, cross-disciplinary collaboration to promote the strength, development and economic viability of the Mid-Atlantic region. The compact is scheduled to take effect upon ratification by two or more states including Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and pursuant to the consent of Congress. The bill includes a \$25,000 appropriation from the General Fund to the SMART Organization to effectuate the purposes of the bill.

The committee amended the bill to include a \$25,000 appropriation from the General Fund to the SMART Organization to effectuate the purposes of the bill.

As amended and released by the committee, Assembly Bill, No. 3898 is identical to Senate Bill, No. 2703 which was also amended and released by the committee on this date.

SENATE, No. 2703

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 23, 2005

Sponsored by:

Senator PAUL SARLO

District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)

Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY

District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Kyrillos

SYNOPSIS

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SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2703

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2005

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2703 with committee amendments.

Under the provisions of this bill, as amended, New Jersey ratifies the SMART Research and Development Compact (the "compact") which establishes an active and collaborative Science and Technology Organization, known as the SMART (Strengthening the Mid Atlantic Region for Tomorrow) Organization (the "organization"), to promote cooperation, partnerships and the exchange of information across the Mid-Atlantic region. The compact would involve the four Mid-Atlantic states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. By ratifying the compact, each member state consents to support, endorse, and advocate the actions employed by the compact to establish the organization to facilitate an interstate, cross-disciplinary collaboration to promote the strength, development and economic viability of the Mid-Atlantic region. The compact is scheduled to take effect upon ratification by two or more states including Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and pursuant to the consent of Congress. The bill includes a \$25,000 appropriation from the General Fund to the SMART Organization to effectuate the purposes of the bill.

The committee amended the bill to include a \$25,000 appropriation from the General Fund to the SMART Organization to effectuate the purposes of the bill.

As amended and released by the committee, Senate Bill, No. 2703 is identical to Assembly Bill, No. 3898 which was also amended and released by the committee on this date.