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LAWS OF: 2021 **CHAPTER:** 117

NJSA: 4:1-49 to 4:1-52 (Establishes "NJ One Health Task Force.")

BILL NO: S347 (Substituted for A1992 (1R))

SPONSOR(S) Bob Smith and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 1/14/2020

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** ---

SENATE: Health, Human Services & Senior Citizens

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 6/21/2021

SENATE: 6/21/2021

DATE OF APPROVAL: 6/24/2021

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Second Reprint enacted) Yes

S347

INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

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Chapter 1.
Article 11. (New)
New Jersey One
Health Task Force
§§ 1-4
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4:1-52

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 117, *approved June 24, 2021*
Senate, No. 347 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing the “New Jersey One Health Task Force,” and
2 supplementing Title ²**[26]** ~~4~~² of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. The term “One Health” reflects the interconnectedness of
9 human health, animal health, and the environment;

10 b. The strong connections and interdependency between
11 human, companion animal, livestock, and ecosystem health are
12 recognized in the One Health initiative framework, which facilitates
13 addressing complex, multi-disciplinary issues such as zoonotic
14 diseases, vector-borne diseases, and antimicrobial resistance;

15 c. Existing One Health initiatives at the federal level include
16 the One Health Office established by the ¹federal¹ Centers for
17 Disease Control and Prevention and the One Health Coordination
18 ¹**[center]** Center¹ established by the United States Department of
19 Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and
20 worldwide more than 950 prominent scientists, physicians, and
21 veterinarians have endorsed the One Health initiative;

22 d. Awareness and collaboration among disciplines will help
23 protect the environment, the health of all species, save lives in
24 present and future generations, and increase quality of life, physical
25 and mental health, and productivity;

26 e. The term “One Health” recognizes that the health of people
27 is connected to the health of animals and the environment and is
28 described as a collaborative, multi-sector, and transdisciplinary
29 approach, working at the local, regional, national, and global levels,
30 with the goal of achieving optimal health outcomes recognizing the
31 interconnection between people, animals, plants, and their shared
32 environment;

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:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted September 14, 2020.

²Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations June 3, 2021.

1 f. One Health is not a new concept, but it has become
2 increasingly important in recent years as many factors have changed
3 interactions between people, animals, and the environment, leading
4 to the emergence or reemergence of many diseases;

5 g. A One Health approach is important because: six out of
6 every 10 infectious diseases in humans are spread from animals;
7 animals can sometimes serve as early warning signs of potential
8 illness in people; and public health preparedness depends on
9 agriculture in a variety of ways, including the cultivation of a wide-
10 range of vaccines in poultry eggs; and

11 h. It is, therefore, in the public interest for the State to establish
12 a permanent New Jersey One Health Task Force to promote the
13 health and wellness of New Jersey's residents, animals, including
14 pets, livestock, and wildlife, and natural resources by encouraging
15 the collaborative efforts of experts and leveraging knowledge and
16 resources effectively.

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20 of the task force shall be to develop a strategic plan to promote
21 inter-disciplinary communication and collaboration between
22 physicians, veterinarians, and other scientific professionals and
23 State agencies, with the goal of promoting the health and well-being
24 of the State's residents, animals, and environment.

25 b. The goals and responsibilities of the task force shall include,
26 but are not limited to:

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28 communication and collaboration between human, animal, and
29 environment health professionals;

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44 duplication; and

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46 Health approach across State government agencies, the State's
47 academic and research institutions, nongovernmental organizations,
48 and private entities.

1 c. In executing its responsibilities, the task force shall identify
2 and partner with academic institutions and nongovernmental
3 organizations in the State and consult with associations,
4 organizations, and individuals who are knowledgeable ¹【with】
5 about¹ the One Health initiative.

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7 3. a. The New Jersey One Health Task Force shall consist of
8 13 members as follows:

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10 who shall serve ex officio;

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12 commissioner's designee, who shall serve ex officio;

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14 designee, who shall serve ex officio;

15 (4) 10 public members to be appointed by the Governor, ¹【with
16 the advice and consent of the Senate,】¹ as follows:

17 (a) one person representing the medical community, who is a
18 medical practitioner licensed to practice in the State;

19 (b) two people who are veterinarians licensed or approved to
20 practice in the State by the State Board of Veterinary Medical
21 Examiners, one of whom shall have ¹expertise,¹ knowledge,
22 ¹【competence, or】 and¹ experience with farm animals;

23 (c) one person with ¹expertise,¹ knowledge, ¹【competence, or】
24 and¹ experience in medical research;

25 (d) one person with ¹expertise,¹ knowledge, ¹【competence, or】
26 and¹ experience in zoonotic diseases;

27 (e) two people with expertise, knowledge, and experience in
28 epidemiology or biomedical sciences; and

29 (f) three people representing the State's academic community
30 with expertise, knowledge, and experience in public health,
31 ecology, natural resources, or environmental and biological
32 sciences.

33 b. Each public member of the task force shall serve for a term
34 of four years, except that, of the members first appointed, two
35 appointees shall serve for terms of four years, three appointees shall
36 serve for terms of three years, three appointees shall serve for terms
37 of two years, and two appointees shall serve for terms of one year.
38 Each member shall hold office for the term of appointment, and
39 until ¹【their】 the member's¹ successor is appointed and qualified.

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41 unexpired term, in the same manner provided for the original
42 appointment. Members are eligible for reappointment to the task
43 force.

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45 appointment of a majority of its members, and shall select a
46 chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among its members, as
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9 force for its purposes.

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11 professional and clerical staff to the task force as may be necessary
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14 department, board, commission, or agency, as may be available to it
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18 governmental, public, private, not-for-profit, or for-profit agency,
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22 4. Within 12 months after the task force's organizational
23 meeting, and at least biennially thereafter, the task force shall
24 submit a written report to the Governor, and, pursuant to section 2
25 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature ^{1,1}
26 summarizing its work in the prior year, ¹~~and~~ which report¹ may
27 include any recommendations for legislative or regulatory action to
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29 State's residents, animals, and environment. Reports issued
30 pursuant to this section shall be posted on the Internet website of
31 the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Environmental
32 Protection, and the Department of Health.

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34 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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SENATE, No. 347

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator BOB SMITH

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

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19 STATEMENT

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4 health to improve the health of people and animals, including pets,
5 livestock, and wildlife. The federal Centers for Disease Control and
6 Prevention established a One Health Office, recognizing that the
7 health of people is connected to the health of animals and the shared
8 environment.
9 This bill would ensure that this collaborative effort also occurs at
10 the State level.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 347

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 347.

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“One Health” is a term used to describe the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health factors. This interconnectedness can be used to predict how changes in one factor can affect the others, improve conditions among the various groups, and help prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases between species. A One Health approach encourages collaborative efforts of experts working across the human, animal, and environmental health fields to improve the health of people and animals, including pets, livestock, and wildlife.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise the qualification criteria for the public members of the task force to harmonize the requirement that they have “expertise, knowledge, and experience” in certain various areas; as introduced, some members were required to have “knowledge, competence, or experience” while others were required to have “expertise, knowledge, and experience.”

The committee amendments remove a requirement that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of public members by the Governor.

The committee amendments make various technical changes involving grammar and syntax.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1992

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by:

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23 until their successor is appointed and qualified.
- 24 Any vacancy in the task force membership shall be filled for the
25 unexpired term, in the same manner provided for the original
26 appointment. Members are eligible for reappointment to the task
27 force.
- 28 c. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable after the
29 appointment of a majority of its members, and shall select a
30 chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among its members, as
31 well as a secretary who need not be a member of the task force. A
32 majority of the membership of the task force shall constitute a
33 quorum for the transaction of task force business. The task force
34 may meet and hold hearings at the place or places as it shall
35 designate.
- 36 d. The members of the task force shall serve without
37 compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel and other necessary
38 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, within the
39 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the task
40 force for its purposes.
- 41 e. The Department of Health shall provide professional and
42 clerical staff to the task force as may be necessary for the task
43 force's purposes. The task force shall also be entitled to call upon
44 the services of any State, county, or municipal department, board,
45 commission, or agency, as may be available to it for its purposes.
- 46 f. The task force may solicit and receive grants and other funds
47 that are made available for the task force's purposes by any
48 governmental, public, private, not-for-profit, or for-profit agency,

1 including funds that are made available under any federal or State
2 law, regulation, or program.

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4 4. Within 12 months after the task force's organizational
5 meeting, and at least biennially thereafter, the task force shall
6 submit a written report to the Governor, and, pursuant to section 2
7 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature summarizing
8 its work in the prior year, and may include any recommendations
9 for legislative or regulatory action to improve, promote, and protect
10 the health and well-being of the State's residents, animals, and
11 environment. Reports issued pursuant to this section shall be
12 posted on the Internet website of the Department of Agriculture, the
13 Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department of
14 Health.

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16 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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19 STATEMENT

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23 developing a strategic plan to promote inter-disciplinary
24 communication and collaboration between physicians,
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27 residents, animals, and environment.

28 The task force would consist of the following members: the
29 Secretary of Agriculture, the Commissioner of Environmental
30 Protection, and the Commissioner of Health, or their respective
31 designees; and 10 members appointed by the Governor, with the
32 advice and consent of the Senate, as follows: one person
33 representing the medical community, who is a medical practitioner
34 licensed to practice in the State; two people who are veterinarians
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36 Veterinary Medical Examiners, one of whom has knowledge,
37 competence, or experience with farm animals; one person with
38 knowledge, competence, or experience in medical research; one
39 person with knowledge, competence, or experience in zoonotic
40 diseases; two people with expertise, knowledge, and experience in
41 epidemiology or biomedical sciences; and three people representing
42 the State's academic community with expertise, knowledge, and
43 experience in public health, ecology, natural resources, or
44 environmental and biological sciences.

45 "One Health" recognizes that the health of people is connected to
46 the health of animals and the environment. One Health is not a new
47 concept, but it has become increasingly important in recent years, as
48 many factors have changed interactions between people, animals,

1 and the environment, leading to the emergence or reemergence of
2 many diseases. A One Health approach encourages collaborative
3 efforts of experts working across human, animal, and environmental
4 health to improve the health of people and animals, including pets,
5 livestock, and wildlife. The federal Centers for Disease Control and
6 Prevention established a One Health Office, recognizing that the
7 health of people is connected to the health of animals and the shared
8 environment.

9 This bill would ensure that this collaborative effort also occurs at
10 the State level.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1992

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2020

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1992.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill establishes a “New Jersey One Health Task Force” in the Department of Health. The task force will be charged with developing a strategic plan to promote inter-disciplinary communication and collaboration between physicians, veterinarians, and other scientific professionals and State agencies, with the goal of promoting the health and well-being of the State’s residents, animals, and environment.

“One Health” is a term used to describe the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health factors. This interconnectedness can be used to predict how changes in one factor can affect the others, improve conditions among the various groups, and help prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases between species. A One Health approach encourages collaborative efforts of experts working across the human, animal, and environmental health fields to improve the health of people and animals, including pets, livestock, and wildlife.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise the qualification criteria for the public members of the task force to harmonize the requirement that they have “expertise, knowledge, and experience” in certain various areas; as introduced, some members were required to have “knowledge, competence, or experience” while others were required to have “expertise, knowledge, and experience.”

The committee amendments remove a requirement that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of public members by the Governor.

The committee amendments make various technical changes involving grammar and syntax.

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(First Reprint)

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Against the backdrop of growing populations, changes in food supply, and increased demand for animal and agronomic products, it is evident that our response in the area of agriculture will be critical to our success. Consequently, while I believe that this bill sets forth a solid framework for achieving optimal health outcomes, I am recommending changes that place responsibility with

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Governor

Attest:
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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

04/19/2021

TRENTON - Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills and resolutions into law:
SJR-93/AJR-180 (Lagana, Cunningham, Pou/Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Quijano) Designates February 14 of each year as Frederick Douglass Day in NJ.

S-275/A-2142 (Kean, Cruz-Perez/Tully, Swain, Dancer) Provides resident tuition rate to certain non-resident dependent children of United States military personnel attending public institutions of higher education.

S-551/A-1057 (Codey, Bucco/Jasey, McKeon, Dunn) Permits appointment of nonresident municipal emergency management coordinators in municipalities with populations under 5,000 persons in certain circumstances.

S-699/A-5245 (Ruiz, Singleton/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson, Stanley) Requires training for DOE arbitrators to include issues related to cultural diversity and bias.

S-1017/A-2562 (Gopal, Lagana/DeAngelo, Dancer, Chaparro) Provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for current members of PFRS who retire within two years.

S-1851/A-4407 (Ruiz, Cryan/Jasey, Moriarty) Eliminates eligibility of postsecondary students and other individuals for State student assistance, training, and employment services if school or training provider requires student to consent to arbitration agreement or proceeding or to waive certain rights.

S-2323/A-3869 (Gopal, Bucco/Armato, Vainieri Huttle, Verrelli) Requires opioid antidote prescriptions for certain patients.

S-2476/A-3998 (Singleton, Addiego/Murphy, Giblin, Verrelli) Concerns certain workers' compensation supplemental benefits for surviving dependents of essential employees who die in course of employment.

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S-2831/A-4783 (Ruiz, Beach/Quijano, Lampitt, Jasey) Requires DOE to establish Alternate Route Interstate Reciprocity Pilot Program

S-2973/A-4895 (Beach/Armato) Creates office of deputy superintendent of elections in counties of fifth class.

S-3004/A-4947 (Sarlo, Pou/Johnson, Wirths, Reynolds-Jackson) Establishes retroactive date for provisions of P.L.2018, c.165, which clarifies provisions of "Predatory Towing Prevention Act."

Governor Murphy vetoed the following bills:

S-347/A-1992 (Smith, Vitale/Stanley, Conaway, Houghtaling) - CONDITIONAL - Establishes "NJ One Health Task Force."

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S-619/A-1635 (O'Scanlon/Lampitt, Downey) - CONDITIONAL - Permits use of telemedicine and telehealth to authorize patients for medical cannabis and to issue written instructions for dispensing medical cannabis.

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S-2725/A-4473 (Gopal/Houghtaling, Downey) - CONDITIONAL - Concerns assessment of real property in counties operating under "Real Property Assessment Demonstration Program."

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Governor Murphy Takes Action On Legislation

06/24/2021

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A-2116/S-2009 w/GR (Tully, Swain, Armato/Lagana) Requires State Treasurer to submit report to Legislature every six months identifying deadlines for applications for federal funds by State agencies.

A-4745/S3277 (Armato, Chaparro, Danielsen/Bucco, Singleton, Doherty) Raises from 45 to 57 maximum eligibility age for exempt fireman certificates and membership in New Jersey State Fireman's Association.

A-5590/S-3819 (Mazzeo, Armato, Greenwald/Sweeney, Beach) Extends period of municipal stabilization and recovery, with certain modifications, under "Municipal Stabilization and Recovery Act."

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S-619/A1635 w/GR (O'Scanlon/Lampitt, Downey) Permits use of telemedicine and telehealth to authorize patients for medical cannabis and to issue written instructions for dispensing medical cannabis. *

S-853/A-5064 w/GR (Sweeney, Beach/Verrelli, Giblin, Danielsen) "New Jersey Buy American Act"; requires certain State agency highway and bridge construction contracts to include iron and steel products made in U.S.

S-890/A-1061 w/GR (Pou, Codey/Jasey, Johnson, Verrelli) Requires DOH and DHS to identify and take appropriate steps to secure federal sources of funding to support maternal mental health.

S-3686/A-5540 (Sweeney/ Burzichelli, Freiman) Supplements Department of Transportation language provisions in FY 2021 Appropriations Act to provide flexibility for debt service payments.

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bill:

S-2682/A-4016 (Gopal, Kean/Dancer, Benson, Verrelli) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes the New Jersey Rare Disease Advisory Council.

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Governor Murphy will deliver the following conditional veto to the Senate on Monday, June 28:

S-3658/A-5641 (Cunningham, Scutari/ Chiaravalloti, Mukherji, Carter) – CONDITIONAL - Eliminates mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment determined by Legislature to be of non-violent nature.

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