

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Laws of 1977 Chapter 275 (Create position of State Investigator in unclassified civil service)  
Bill No. S1315

Sponsor(s) Orechio

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Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety & Defense

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

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SENATE, No. 1315

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 5, 1976

By Senator ORECHIO

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and  
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT to supplement the "Criminal Justice Act of 1970,"  
approved May 21, 1970 (P. L. 1970, c. 74, C. 52:17B-97 et seq.).

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

1 1. There is hereby created in the Division of Criminal Justice,  
2 the office or position of State Investigator which shall be in the  
3 unclassified service of the civil service. The Attorney General may  
4 appoint such number of suitable persons to serve as State investi-  
5 gators, to serve at his pleasure and subject to removal by him, as  
6 are necessary to assist in the detection, apprehension, arrest and  
7 conviction of offenders against the law. Persons so appointed shall  
8 possess all the powers and rights and be subject to all the obliga-  
9 tions of police officers, constables and special deputy sheriffs, in  
10 criminal matters.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill is intended to clarify the act establishing the Criminal Justice Act as it pertains to the Division of Criminal Justice's investigators. First, although the investigators are treated as having law enforcement powers, such as the power to arrest criminals or to serve subpoenas, the existing statute is unclear. Second, the Department of Civil Service treats the investigators as not within the civil service system, precluding their receiving annual State employee increments, for example. The bill establishes the investigative positions within the "unclassified" service of civil service. They would continue to serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General.

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INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 1315**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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DATED: JUNE 28, 1976

This bill is intended to clarify the Criminal Justice Act as it pertains to the Division of Criminal Justice's investigators. Although the investigators are treated as having law enforcement powers, such as the power to arrest criminals or to serve subpoenas, the existing statute is unclear with respect to their status. The Department of Civil Service treats the investigators as not within the civil service system, precluding their receiving such benefits as annual State employee increments. There are presently 42 individuals employed as such investigators. The bill establishes the investigative positions within the "unclassified" service of civil service. They would continue to serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General.