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By Assemblymen HIGGINS, HENDERSON, GAVAN, ADDONIZIO,
BIANCARDI, VOHDIN, HYLAND and HORN

Referred to Committee on State Government

AN ACT establishing and concerning a Department of Community Affairs as a principal department in the Executive Branch of the State Government, and providing an appropriation therefor.

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

ARTICLE I

1 1. There is hereby established in the Executive Branch of the State
2 Government a principal department which shall be known as the Department
3 of Community Affairs.

4 As used in this act, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
5 word "department" means the Department of Community Affairs established
6 herein.

1 2. The administrator and head of the department shall be a commissioner,
2 who shall be known as the Commissioner of Community Affairs, and who
3 shall be a person qualified by training and experience to perform the duties
4 of his office. The commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor, with the
5 advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Gov-
6 ernor during the Governor's term of office and until the appointment and
7 qualification of the commissioner's successor. He shall receive such salary
8 as shall be provided by law.

1 3. The commissioner, as head of the department, shall:

2 (a) Administer the work of the department;

3 (b) Appoint and remove officers and other personnel employed within
4 the department, subject to the provisions of Title 11 of the Revised Statutes,
5 Civil Service, and other applicable statutes, except as herein otherwise spe-
6 cifically provided;

7 (c) Perform, exercise and discharge the functions, powers and duties of
8 the department through such divisions as may be established by this act or
9 otherwise by law;

10 (d) Organize the work of the department in such divisions, not incon-
11 sistent with the provisions of this act, and in such bureaus and other organi-
12 zational units as he may determine to be necessary for efficient and effective
13 operation;

14 (e) Adopt, issue and promulgate, in the name of the department, such
15 rules and regulations as may be authorized by law;

16 (f) Formulate and adopt rules and regulations for the efficient conduct
17 of the work and general administration of the department, its officers and
18 employees;

19 (g) Institute or cause to be instituted such legal proceedings or proc-
20 esses as may be necessary properly to enforce and give effect to any of his
21 powers or duties;

22 (h) Make an annual report to the Governor and to the Legislature of
23 the department's operations, and render such other reports as the Governor
24 shall from time to time request or as may be required by law;

25 (i) Co-ordinate the activities of the department, and the several divi-
26 sions and other agencies therein, in a manner designed to eliminate overlap-
27 ping and duplicating functions;

28 (j) Integrate within the department, so far as practicable, all staff serv-
29 ices of the department and of the several divisions and other agencies therein;

30 (k) Maintain suitable headquarters for the department and such other

31 quarters as he shall deem necessary to the proper functioning of the depart-
32 ment; and

33 (1) Perform such other functions as may be prescribed in this act or by
34 any other law.

1 4. The commissioner shall be assisted in the performance of his duties
2 by 2 Assistant Commissioners of Community Affairs, who shall be persons
3 qualified by training and experience to perform the duties of their offices.
4 Each assistant commissioner shall be appointed by the commissioner and
5 shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and until said assistant com-
6 missioner's successor has been appointed and has qualified. Each assistant
7 commissioner shall receive such salary as shall be provided by law, and shall
8 perform such duties as the commissioner shall prescribe, to be exercised under
9 the supervision and direction of the commissioner. The commissioner also
10 may delegate to subordinate officers or employees in the department such of
11 his powers as he may deem desirable, to be exercised under his supervision
12 and direction.

1 5. The commissioner shall designate any officer or employee in the de-
2 partment to perform all of the powers, functions and duties of the commis-
3 sioner during the absence or disability of the commissioner. Such designa-
4 tion shall be subject to the approval of the Governor, and shall be in writing
5 and filed with the Secretary of State. In the event that the commissioner
6 shall die, resign or be removed from his office or become disqualified to ex-
7 ecute the duties of his office or a vacancy shall occur in the office of commis-
8 sioner for any cause whatever, the person designated as aforesaid shall have
9 and exercise the powers and perform the functions, powers and duties of
10 the commissioner until the successor of the commissioner is appointed and
11 shall qualify.

1 6. (a) There is hereby established in the Department of Community
2 Affairs an Advisory Council on Community Affairs, an Office of Community
3 Services, a Division of Local Finance, a Division of Housing and Urban Re-
4 newal, a Division of State and Regional Planning, a Division of Aging, a Di-
5 vision of Youth, and an Office of Economic Opportunity.

6 The commissioner also shall have authority to organize and maintain in
7 his offices an Administrative Division and to assign to employment therein
8 such secretarial, clerical and other assistants in the department as his office
9 and the internal operations of the department shall require.

10 (b) In addition, the commissioner shall have the authority to reorganize
11 the department and the several divisions, offices, bureaus and agencies estab-
12 lished therein, in any manner which he deems to be necessary and desirable.

1 7. The New Jersey Office of Economic Opportunity created by Executive
2 Order No. 17 of 1964, together with all of its functions, powers and duties, is
3 transferred to and constituted the Office of Economic Opportunity in the De-
4 partment of Community Affairs. Such office, by and through its director,
5 shall continue to have all of the powers and shall exercise all of the functions
6 and duties vested in, or imposed upon, it by said executive order or by any
7 law, subject to the supervision and control of the commissioner. The persons
8 in office as director and deputy director of the New Jersey Office of Economic
9 Opportunity on the effective date of this act shall hold the respective offices
10 of director and deputy director of the Office of Economic Opportunity in the
11 Department of Community Affairs established hereunder at the pleasure of
12 the Governor and until their successors are appointed and have qualified.

1 8. All functions, powers and duties heretofore exercised by the Com-
2 missioner of Conservation and Economic Development or his designated rep-
3 resentative pursuant to the Regional Advisory Council Act of 1962 (chapter
4 46, laws of 1962), the Tri-State Transportation Compact (chapter 12, laws of
5 1965) and the Redevelopment Agencies Law (chapter 306, laws of 1949), and
6 all amendments and supplements to said acts, are hereby transferred to and
7 vested in the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

1 9. The department shall, in addition to other powers and duties invested
2 in it by this act, or by any other law:

3 (a) Assist in the co-ordination of State and Federal activities relating
4 to local government;

5 (b) Advise and inform the Governor on the affairs and problems of local
6 government and make recommendations to the Governor for proposed legis-
7 lation pertaining thereto;

8 (c) Encourage co-operative action by local governments, including joint
9 service agreements, regional compacts and other forms of regional co-opera-
10 tion;

11 (d) Assist local government in the solution of its problems, to strengthen
12 local self-government;

13 (e) Study the entire field of local government in New Jersey;

14 (f) Collect, collate, publish and disseminate information necessary for
15 the effective operation of the department and useful to local government;

16 (g) Maintain an inventory of data and information and act as a clearing
17 house and referral agency for information on State and Federal services and
18 programs; and

19 (h) Stimulate local programs through publicity, education, guidance
20 and technical assistance concerning Federal and State programs.

1 10. The department, or any of the divisions established hereunder, may,
2 subject to the approval of the Governor and Commissioner of Community
3 Affairs, apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government or any
4 agency thereof, or from any foundation, corporation, association or indi-
5 vidual, and may comply with the terms, conditions and limitations thereof,
6 for any of the purposes of the department, or of such division. Any money
7 so received may be expended by the department, or such division, subject to
8 any limitations imposed in such grants to effect any of the purposes of the
9 department, or of such division, as the case may be, upon warrant of the Di-
10 rector of the Division of Budget and Accounting of the Department of the
11 Treasury on vouchers certified and approved by the Commissioner of Com-
12 munity Affairs.

ARTICLE II

1 11. The Advisory Council on Community Affairs shall consist of the com-
2 missioner, as chairman ex officio, and 12 other members appointed by the
3 Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as follows:

4 (a) One member shall be the mayor of a municipality of this State
5 having a population of less than 20,000 inhabitants at the time of his or her
6 appointment;

7 (b) One member shall be the mayor of a municipality of this State
8 having a population of between 20,000 and 50,000 inhabitants at the time
9 of his or her appointment;

10 (c) One member shall be the mayor of a municipality of this State
11 having a population of 50,000 or more inhabitants at the time of his or her
12 appointment;

13 (d) Four members shall be appointed at large from among the citizens
14 of this State;

15 (e) One member shall be appointed from among the membership of each
16 of the following organizations:

17 (i) The New Jersey Association of Boards of Chosen Freeholders;

18 (ii) The New Jersey State League of Municipalities;

19 (iii) The New Jersey Federation of District Boards of Education;

20 (iv) The Municipal Managers Association; and

21 (v) The New Jersey Federation of Planning Officials.

22 Of the members first to be appointed 3 shall be appointed for a term of
23 1 year each, 3 for a term of 2 years each, 3 for a term of 3 years each and
24 3 for a term of 4 years each. The successors of the members first appointed
25 shall be appointed for 4-year terms. Vacancies other than by expiration of
26 terms shall be filled for the unexpired term.

27 The Director of the Office of Community Services shall serve as secre-
28 tary to the council.

1 12. All members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall
2 be reimbursed for their actual expenses in attending the meetings of the
3 council and in the performance of their other duties.

1 13. It shall be the duty of the council to consult with and advise the
2 commissioner with respect to the affairs and problems of local government
3 and the work of the department, and to conduct such studies of specific local

4 governmental problems as the commissioner may from time to time direct.

1 14. The council shall meet at least once annually at the call of the
2 commissioner and at such other times as the council shall determine, the
3 time and place of such other meetings to be fixed by resolution of the council.

1 15. It shall be the responsibility of the department to furnish such
2 equipment and staff as is necessary to implement the work of the council
3 within the limits of appropriations for the purpose.

ARTICLE III

1 16. The Office of Community Services shall be under the immediate
2 supervision of a director, who shall be a person qualified by training and
3 experience to direct the work of such office. The director shall be ap-
4 pointed by the commissioner and shall serve at the pleasure of the commis-
5 sioner and until the director's successor is appointed and has qualified. He
6 shall receive such salary as shall be provided by law.

7 The director shall administer the work of the office under the direction
8 and supervision of the commissioner, and shall perform such other functions
9 of the department as the commissioner may prescribe.

1 17. In addition to other functions, powers and duties vested in it by
2 this act or by any other law, the department shall, through the Office of
3 Community Services:

4 (a) Render advice, guidance and information to local officials with re-
5 spect to the governmental problems of the particular communities which
6 they represent;

7 (b) Assist local officials in bringing specific governmental problems to
8 the attention of the appropriate State, Federal or private agencies;

9 (c) Collect, collate and disseminate information pertaining to the prob-
10 lems and affairs of local government, including information as to all avail-
11 able State, Federal and private programs and services designed to render
12 advice and assistance in furtherance of community development projects
13 and other activities of local government;

14 (d) Carry on and encourage research on the problems and affairs of
15 local government, including, but not limited to, local taxation, fiscal affairs,
16 governmental organization, community planning and development, purchas-
17 ing, and intergovernmental co-operation;

18 (e) Render advice and assistance to local governments concerning joint
19 service agreements, regional compacts, and other forms of intergovern-
20 mental co-operation;

21 (f) Advise the commissioner on local governmental problems and af-
22 fairs, and proposed legislation pertaining thereto;

23 (g) Render advice and assistance in the preparation and review of model
24 ordinances and charters; and

25 (h) Render advice and assistance with respect to the establishment and
26 maintenance of programs for the training of local government officials and
27 other personnel.

ARTICLE IV

1 18. The Division of Local Government in the Department of the Treas-
2 ury, together with all of its functions, powers and duties, is continued, but
3 such division is transferred to and constituted the Division of Local Finance
4 in the Department of Community Affairs established hereunder. The Local
5 Government Board of the Division of Local Government in the Department
6 of the Treasury and all of its functions, powers and duties are hereby
7 transferred to the Division of Local Finance established hereunder in the
8 Department of Community Affairs. Such board shall henceforth be known
9 as the Local Finance Board, and shall continue to have all of the powers
10 and shall exercise all of the functions and duties heretofore vested in, or
11 imposed upon, it by law. This act shall not affect the terms of office of the
12 present members of such board. Such board shall continue to be constituted
13 and the members thereof shall continue to be appointed as provided by exist-
14 ing law. Any member of such board may be removed from office by the
15 Governor, for cause, upon notice and opportunity to be heard.

1 19. The Division of Local Finance shall be under the immediate super-
2 vision of a director, who shall be a person qualified by training and experi-
3 ence to direct the work of such division. The director shall be appointed by
4 the commissioner and shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and
5 until the director's successor is appointed and has qualified. He shall receive
6 such salary as shall be provided by law.

7 The director shall administer the work of such division under the di-
8 rection and supervision of the commissioner, and shall perform such other
9 functions of the department as the commissioner may prescribe.

10 The person in office as director of the Division of Local Government in
11 the Department of the Treasury on the effective date of this act shall hold
12 the office of Director of the Division of Local Finance in the Department of
13 Community Affairs established hereunder for the period of his term as
14 director of the Division of Local Government in the Department of the
15 Treasury which remains unexpired on the effective date of this act, and until
16 his successor is appointed and has qualified.

17 20. The Director of the Division of Local Finance shall be the chairman
18 of the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Finance.

ARTICLE V

1 21. All of the functions, powers and duties relating to housing and
2 urban renewal of the Division of Resource Development and of the Commis-
3 sioner of Conservation and Economic Development in the Department of
4 Conservation and Economic Development, including but not limited to all
5 functions, powers and duties of such divisions relating to the preparation
6 of the standard building code of New Jersey, or to local housing authorities,
7 the former State Housing Authority and the public housing and develop-
8 ment authority, and all of the functions, powers and duties heretofore vested
9 in the Division of Veterans' Services in the Department of Conservation and
10 Economic Development by section 20, chapter 448, laws of 1948, are hereby
11 transferred to the Department of Community Affairs established hereunder,

12 and shall be exercised and performed through the Division of Housing and
13 Urban Renewal in such department.

1 22. The public housing and development authority in the Department of
2 Conservation and Economic Development, together with all of its functions,
3 powers and duties, is continued as a body politic and corporate, with corporate
4 succession, but such authority is transferred to the Department of Com-
5 munity Affairs established hereunder. The functions, powers and duties of
6 such authority shall henceforth be exercised or performed by the Commis-
7 sioner of Community Affairs through the Division of Housing and Urban
8 Renewal in said department, subject to the same extent as heretofore to the
9 rules and regulations of the State Housing Council herein transferred.

10 The State Housing Council in the Department of Conservation and
11 Economic Development is transferred to the Department of Community
12 Affairs established hereunder. Such council shall continue to have all of the
13 powers and shall exercise all of the functions vested in it by law. This
14 act shall not affect the terms of office of the present members of such council,
15 and such council shall continue to be constituted and the members thereof
16 shall continue to be appointed as provided by existing law.

1 23. The Bureau of Tenement House Supervision of the Division of State
2 Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety, together with all of its
3 functions, powers and duties, is continued, but such bureau is transferred to
4 and constituted the Bureau of Housing Inspection of the Division of Hous-
5 ing and Urban Renewal in the Department of Community Affairs established
6 hereunder. The Board of Tenement House Supervision of the Division of
7 State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety and all of its
8 functions, powers and duties are hereby transferred to the Division of Hous-
9 ing and Urban Renewal established hereunder in the Department of Com-
10 munity Affairs. Such board shall henceforth be known as the Board of
11 Housing Inspection, and shall continue to have all of the powers and shall
12 exercise all of the functions and duties heretofore vested in, or imposed
13 upon, it by law. This act shall not affect the terms of office of the present

14 members of such board. Such board shall continue to be constituted and the
15 members thereof shall continue to be appointed as provided by existing law.
16 Any member of such board may be removed from office by the Governor for
17 cause, upon notice and opportunity to be heard.

18 The authority vested pursuant to existing law in the Superintendent of
19 State Police to appoint, employ or remove officers or employees of the
20 Bureau of Tenement House Supervision transferred and reconstituted here-
21 under is hereby transferred to and vested in the Commissioner of Community
22 Affairs as the head of the Department of Community Affairs established
23 hereunder.

1 24. The office of supervisor of hotel fire safety in the Department of Law
2 and Public Safety, together with all of its functions, powers and duties, is
3 continued, but such office is transferred to and constituted the office of
4 supervisor of hotel fire safety in the Bureau of Housing Inspection of the
5 Division of Housing and Urban Renewal in the Department of Community
6 Affairs established hereunder. Such office shall continue to have all of the
7 powers and shall exercise all of the functions and duties vested in, or im-
8 posed upon, it by law.

9 The authority vested pursuant to existing law to appoint the supervisor
10 of hotel fire safety is hereby transferred to and vested in the Commissioner
11 of Community Affairs. Said supervisor shall serve at the pleasure of the
12 commissioner and shall receive such compensation as shall be approved by
13 the commissioner and the President of the Civil Service Commission subject
14 to availability of funds. The supervisor shall be subject to the provisions of
15 Title 11, Civil Service. The commissioner shall assign to the office of hotel
16 fire safety such employees in the department as may be necessary to the
17 supervisor in the performance of his duties.

1 25. The Division of Housing and Urban Renewal shall be under the im-
2 mediate supervision of a director, who shall be a person qualified by training
3 and experience to direct the work of such division. The director shall be
4 appointed by the commissioner and shall serve at the pleasure of the commis-

5 sioner and until the director's successor is appointed and has qualified. He
6 shall receive such salary as shall be provided by law.

7 The director shall administer the work of such division under the direc-
8 tion and supervision of the commissioner, and shall perform such other
9 functions of the department as the commissioner shall prescribe.

ARTICLE VI

1 26. The Division of State and Regional Planning in the Department of
2 Conservation and Economic Development, together with all of its functions,
3 powers and duties, is continued, but such division is transferred to and con-
4 stituted the Division of State and Regional Planning in the Department of
5 Community Affairs established hereunder.

1 27. The Division of State and Regional Planning shall be under the
2 immediate supervision of a director, who shall be a person qualified by
3 training and experience to direct the work of such division. The director
4 shall be appointed by the commissioner and shall serve at the pleasure of the
5 commissioner and until the director's successor is appointed and has qualified.
6 He shall receive such salary as shall be provided by law.

7 The director shall administer the work of such division under the direc-
8 tion and supervision of the commissioner, and shall perform such other func-
9 tions of the department as the commissioner may prescribe.

10 The person in office as director of the Division of State and Regional
11 Planning in the Department of Conservation and Economic Development on
12 the effective date of this act shall hold the office of director of the Division
13 of State and Regional Planning in the Department of Community Affairs
14 established hereunder for the period of his term as director of the Division
15 of State and Regional Planning in the Department of Conservation and
16 Economic Development which remains unexpired on the effective date of this
17 act, and until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

ARTICLE VII

1 28. The Division of the Aging in the Department of State, together with
2 all of its functions, powers and duties is continued, but such division is trans-
3 ferred to and constituted the Division of the Aging in the Department of
4 Community Affairs established hereunder. The New Jersey State Commis-
5 sion on Aging and the New Jersey Citizens Council on Aging of the Division
6 of Aging in the Department of State are hereby transferred to the Division
7 of the Aging established hereunder in the Department of Community Affairs.
8 Such commission and council shall continue to have all of the powers and
9 shall exercise all of the functions and duties vested in, or imposed upon, them
10 by law. This act shall not affect the terms of office of the present members
11 of such commission and council, and such commission and council shall
12 continue to be constituted and the members thereof shall continue to be
13 appointed as provided by existing law.

1 29. The Division of the Aging shall be under the immediate supervision
2 of a director, who shall be a person qualified by training and experience to
3 direct the work of such division. The director shall be appointed by the com-
4 missioner and shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and until the
5 director's successor is appointed and has qualified. He shall receive such
6 salary as shall be provided by law.

7 The director shall administer the work of such division under the direc-
8 tion and supervision of the commissioner, and shall perform such other
9 functions of the department as the commissioner may prescribe.

10 The person in office as director of the Division of the Aging in the
11 Department of State on the effective date of this act shall hold the office of
12 director of the Division of the Aging in the Department of Community
13 Affairs established hereunder for the period of his term as director of the
14 Division of the Aging in the Department of State which remains unexpired
15 on the effective date of this act, and until his successor is appointed and has
16 qualified.

ARTICLE VIII

1 30. The Youth Division in the Department of State, together with all of
2 its functions, powers and duties, is continued, but such division is transferred
3 to and constituted the Division of Youth in the Department of Community
4 Affairs established hereunder. The New Jersey State Youth Commission of
5 the Youth Division in the Department of State is hereby transferred to the
6 Division of Youth established hereunder in the Department of Community
7 Affairs. Such commission shall continue to have all of the powers and shall
8 exercise all of the functions and duties vested in, or imposed upon, it by law.
9 This act shall not affect the terms of office of the present members of such
10 commission, and such commission shall continue to be constituted and the
11 members thereof shall continue to be appointed as provided by existing law.

1 31. The Division of Youth shall be under the immediate supervision of
2 a director, who shall be a person qualified by training and experience to direct
3 the work of such division. The director shall be appointed by the commis-
4 sioner and shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and until the
5 director's successor is appointed and has qualified. He shall receive such
6 salary as shall be provided by law.

7 The director shall administer the work of such division under the direc-
8 tion and supervision of the commissioner, and shall perform such other func-
9 tions of the department as the commissioner may prescribe.

10 The person in office as director of the Youth Division in the Depart-
11 ment of State on the effective date of this act shall hold the office of director
12 of the Division of Youth in the Department of Community Affairs established
13 hereunder for the period of his term as director of the Youth Division in the
14 Department of State which remains unexpired on the effective date of this
15 act, and until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

ARTICLE IX

1 32. All appropriations and other moneys available and to become avail-
2 able to any department, division, bureau or other agency, the functions,

3 powers and duties of which have been herein assigned or transferred to the
4 Department of Community Affairs, are hereby transferred to the Depart-
5 ment of Community Affairs established hereunder, and shall be available
6 for the objects and purposes for which appropriated, subject to any terms,
7 restrictions, limitations or other requirements imposed by State or Federal
8 law.

1 33. The director of each division in the Department of Community
2 Affairs shall be in the unclassified service of the civil service of the State.
3 Any such director may be removed from office by the Governor, for cause,
4 upon notice and opportunity to be heard.

5 Any vacancy occurring in the office of director of any division in the
6 department shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

1 34. Such employees of any department, commission, council, board, au-
2 thority, office or other agency, the functions, powers and duties of which
3 have been herein assigned or transferred to the Department of Community
4 Affairs or to any office, authority or agency designated, continued or con-
5 stituted therein, as the Commissioner of Community Affairs may determine
6 are needed for the proper performance of the functions and duties imposed
7 upon the Department of Community Affairs, or such office, authority or
8 agency therein, are hereby transferred to the department, office, authority
9 or agency to which such functions, powers and duties have been herein as-
10 signed or transferred.

1 35. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any person of any
2 tenure rights or of any right or protection provided him by Title 11 of the
3 Revised Statutes, Civil Service, or under any pension law or retirement
4 system.

1 36. All files, books, papers, records, equipment and other property of
2 any department, commission, council, board, office, authority or other agency,
3 the functions, powers and duties of which have been herein assigned or
4 transferred to the Department of Community Affairs or to any office, au-
5 thority or agency designated, continued or constituted hereunder, shall

6 upon the effective date of this act be transferred to the department, office,
7 authority or agency to which such assignment or transfer has been made
8 hereunder.

1 37. This act shall not affect the orders, rules and regulations heretofore
2 made or promulgated by any department, commission, council, board, au-
3 thority, officer or other agency, the functions, powers and duties of which
4 have been herein assigned or transferred to the Department of Community
5 Affairs or to any officer, authority or agency designated, continued or con-
6 stituted hereunder; but such orders, rules and regulations shall continue
7 with full force and effect until amended or repealed pursuant to law.

1 38. This act shall not affect actions or proceedings, civil or criminal,
2 brought by or against any department, commission, council, board, au-
3 thority, officer or other agency, the functions, powers and duties of which
4 have been herein assigned or transferred to the Department of Community
5 Affairs or to any officer, authority or agency designated, continued or con-
6 stituted hereunder, and pending on the effective date of this act, but such
7 actions or proceedings may be prosecuted or defended in the same manner
8 and to the same effect by the department, officer, authority or agency to
9 which such assignment or transfer has been made hereunder, as if the fore-
10 going provisions had not taken effect; nor shall any of the foregoing pro-
11 visions affect any order or recommendation made by, or other matters or
12 proceedings before, any department, commission, council, board, officer, au-
13 thority or agency, the functions, powers and duties of which have been
14 herein assigned or transferred to the Department of Community Affairs or
15 to any officer, authority or agency designated, continued or constituted here-
16 under, and all such matters or proceedings pending before such department,
17 commission, council, board, officer, authority or other agency on the effective
18 date of this act shall be continued by the department, officer, authority or
19 agency to which such assignment or transfer has been made hereunder, as
20 if the foregoing provisions had not taken effect.

1 39. Unless specifically otherwise provided in this act or by any opera-
2 tive law, whenever, pursuant to existing law, reports, certifications, applica-
3 tions or requests are required or permitted to be made to the department,
4 board, division, commission, office or officer, whose powers and duties are
5 herein assigned or transferred, such reports and certifications shall hereafter
6 be required to be filed with, and such applications or requests shall here-
7 after be made to, the department, officer or agency to which such assignment
8 or transfer has been made hereunder.

1 40. Whenever the term "Division of Local Government" occurs or any
2 reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same shall
3 be deemed to mean or refer to the Division of Local Finance in the Depart-
4 ment of Community Affairs established hereunder.

5 Whenever the term "Director of the Division of Local Government" oc-
6 curs or any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the
7 same shall be deemed to mean or refer to the Director of the Division of
8 Local Finance in the Department of Community Affairs established here-
9 under.

10 Whenever the term "Local Government Board" occurs or any reference
11 is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same shall be deemed
12 to mean or refer to the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Fi-
13 nance in the Department of Community Affairs established hereunder.

14 Whenever the term "public housing and development authority" occurs
15 or any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same
16 shall be deemed to mean or refer to the public housing and development
17 authority in the Department of Community Affairs established hereunder.

18 Whenever the term "State Housing Council" occurs or any reference
19 is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same shall be deemed
20 to mean or refer to the State Housing Council in the Department of Com-
21 munity Affairs established hereunder.

22 Whenever the term "Bureau of Tenement House Supervision" occurs
23 or any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same

24 shall be deemed to mean or refer to the Bureau of Housing Inspection of
25 the Division of Housing and Urban Renewal in the Department of Commu-
26 nity Affairs established hereunder.

27 Whenever the term "Board of Tenement House Supervision" occurs or
28 any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same
29 shall be deemed to mean or refer to the Board of Housing Inspection in the
30 Division of Housing and Urban Renewal of the Department of Community
31 Affairs established hereunder.

32 Whenever the term "office of supervisor of hotel fire safety" occurs or
33 any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same
34 shall be deemed to mean or refer to the office of supervisor of hotel fire
35 safety in the Bureau of Housing Inspection of the Division of Housing and
36 Urban Renewal in the Department of Community Affairs established here-
37 under.

38 Whenever the term "Division of State and Regional Planning" occurs
39 or any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same
40 shall be deemed to mean or refer to the Division of State and Regional
41 Planning in the Department of Community Affairs established hereunder.

42 Whenever the term "Director of the Division of State and Regional
43 Planning" occurs or any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or
44 document, the same shall be deemed to mean or refer to the Director of the
45 Division of State and Regional Planning in the Department of Community
46 Affairs established hereunder.

47 Whenever the term "Division of the Aging" occurs or any reference is
48 made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same shall be deemed to
49 mean or refer to the Division of the Aging in the Department of Commu-
50 nity Affairs established hereunder.

51 Whenever the term "Director of the Division of the Aging" occurs or
52 any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same
53 shall be deemed to mean or refer to the Director of the Division of the Aging
54 in the Department of Community Affairs established hereunder.

55 Whenever the term "New Jersey State Commission on Aging" occurs
56 or any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same
57 shall be deemed to mean or refer to the New Jersey State Commission on
58 Aging in the Division of the Aging of the Department of Community Affairs
59 established hereunder.

60 Whenever the term "New Jersey Citizens Council on Aging" occurs or
61 any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same
62 shall be deemed to mean or refer to the New Jersey Citizens Council on
63 Aging in the Division of the Aging of the Department of Community Affairs
64 established hereunder.

65 Whenever the terms "Youth Division" or "Division of Youth" occur or
66 any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same
67 shall be deemed to mean or refer to the Division of Youth in the Department
68 of Community Affairs established hereunder.

69 Whenever the terms "Director of the Youth Division" or "Director of
70 the Division of Youth" occur or any reference is made thereto in any law,
71 contract or document, the same shall be deemed to mean or refer to the Di-
72 rector of the Division of Youth in the Department of Community Affairs
73 established hereunder.

74 Whenever the term "New Jersey State Youth Commission" occurs or
75 any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the same
76 shall be deemed to mean or refer to the New Jersey State Youth Commission
77 of the Division of Youth in the Department of Community Affairs established
78 hereunder.

79 Whenever the term "New Jersey Office of Economic Opportunity" oc-
80 curs or any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or document, the
81 same shall be deemed to mean or refer to the New Jersey Office of Economic
82 Opportunity in the Department of Community Affairs established hereunder.

1 41. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with any of the provisions
2 of this act are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

1 42. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Af-
2 fairs the sum of \$200,000.00 to carry out the purposes of this act for the
3 fiscal period ending June 30, 1967.

1 43. This act shall be known as, and may be cited as, the "Department of
2 Community Affairs Act of 1966."

1 44. This act shall take effect on March 1, 1967 except that any appoint-
2 ment, and any confirmation or approval of any appointment, permitted by
3 this act may be made prior to such date.

STATEMENT

This bill is intended to carry out, with certain modifications, the final recommendations of the study directed by the Governor with respect to the establishment of a new department of State Government to be known as the Department of Community Affairs, as again proposed by the Governor in his Fourth Annual Message. The bill is primarily designed not to create new governmental entities with new powers and duties, but only to transfer and centralize certain existing governmental functions pertaining to local affairs which are presently diffused throughout the existing departments. For that reason, it has been estimated that a relatively modest initial appropriation of \$200,000.00 will be sufficient to provide for the new positions and facilities required for the operation of this department.