



New Jersey Lottery Commission

Resolution



Whereas The New Jersey Lottery is a valuable asset raising nearly \$1 billion in revenue each year for good causes; and,

Whereas The New Jersey Lottery's mission is to raise revenue in support of education and state institutions; and,

Whereas Funding the State of New Jersey's pension obligations remains a significant challenge; and,

Whereas Over the last seven years, Governor Christie and the Legislature have recognized this challenge and worked to resolve the pension funding crisis through a combination of increased funding and reforms; and,

Whereas The Governor has proposed to contribute the Lottery Enterprise to certain eligible State Retirement Systems in keeping with the constitutional dedication of net Lottery proceeds by making the Lottery Enterprise an asset of such eligible State Retirement Systems; and,

Whereas The contribution is designed to generate steady pension funding over three decades while providing an immediate reduction in the State's long-term retiree obligations; and Over the last seven years, Governor Christie and the Legislature have recognized this challenge and worked to resolve the pension funding crisis through a combination of increased funding and reforms; and,

Whereas Legislation is proposed to contribute the Lottery Enterprise to the eligible State Retirement Systems for a term of 30 years to reduce pressure on the State Budget from pension costs and stabilize the value of the pension funds; and,

Whereas It is understood and contained within the legislation that the Lottery will continue to operate and be managed within the Department of the Treasury during this 30-year term without any changes to the core operations of the Lottery or Lottery employees; and,

Whereas The Lottery Commission will continue to exercise its regulatory oversight over the State Lottery pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:9-1 et seq. as amended by the proposed legislation; and,

Whereas During the 30-year term of the contribution, the Lottery will continue to raise revenue and direct its net revenue to the eligible State Retirement Systems; and,

Whereas The State Treasurer has indicated that the State will continue to support all recipients who receive funding through Lottery proceeds throughout the 30-year term of the contribution; and,

Whereas At the end of the 30-year term the Lottery Enterprise will return to the Department of the Treasury; and,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Lottery Commission has reviewed and understands the terms and benefits of the proposed contribution and supports the contemplated action of the State.

Signed and approved this 20th day of June, 2017



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