

# ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

with committee amendments

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 5293**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 18, 2023

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5293, with committee amendments.

This amended bill revises provisions of State law concerning the operations of the New Jersey Civic Information Consortium.

Under current law, the New Jersey Civic Information Consortium consists of The College of New Jersey; Kean University; Montclair State University; the New Jersey Institute of Technology; Rowan University; and Rutgers, The State University. The purpose of the consortium is to advance research and innovation in the field of media and technology.

The amended bill staggers the terms of service for the consortium's board of directors. The amended bill also removes the provisions of law concerning hiring program officers and administrative staff. The amended bill broadens the categories of university representatives that can serve as grantee partners and permits unspent funds to be used in subsequent years, allowing the flexibility to provide multi-year grants.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to make a technical change.