Assembly Higher Education Committee  
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The New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities support this legislation and thank the sponsor for giving NJASCU institutions a seat at the table. However, we have one concern about the requirement to “develop and administer” a campus climate survey every three years. Our institutions already do campus climate surveys so this requirement will be duplicative of the efforts already undertaken at the schools. We would suggest that in lieu of the current language, that the bill be amended to direct the commission ensure that these surveys are done on each campus on a regular basis. Moreover, administering a campus climate survey every three years is too frequent if you are also creating an action plan from the data and implementing programs as a result. While we support a requirement to conduct climate surveys, we would suggest a 4 or 5 year cycle to better allow institutions time to implement initiatives for meaningful change before collecting additional data. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

If you have any questions or need more information, please let me know.