

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 120

WHEREAS, I am committed to maintaining an administration that adheres to the highest ethical standards and enhances public trust in government, and

WHEREAS, public officials should not engage in conduct that violates the public trust or creates an appearance of impropriety; and

WHEREAS, persons serving in government should have the benefit of specific standards to guide their conduct; and

WHEREAS, ethical standards should be applied consistently to similarly situated officials in order to promote respect for those standards and provide for their enforcement; and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of the personal financial interests of public officials serves to maintain the public's faith and confidence in its governmental representatives and guards against conduct violative of the public trust; and

WHEREAS, my first Executive Order strengthened and expanded previously established financial disclosure processes to ensure that financial disclosure requirements are applied to government officials and to members of all State government boards, commissions, and other bodies that perform important governmental functions in areas such as regulation, policy-making, and the expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 1 (2006) included expansive definitions of the terms "public employee"

and "public officer" that specifically provided for periodic future updates to include newly created offices, as determined by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, since the issuance of Executive Order No. 1 in January 2006, new State government positions and entities that perform important governmental functions in areas such as regulation, policy-making, and the expenditure of public funds have been established; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. Paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 1 (2006) is hereby amended to include the State Comptroller, established pursuant to P.L.2007, c.52, within the definition of "public employee," and to include within the definition of "public officer" the members of the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium, established pursuant to P.L.2007, c.206, and the New Jersey Technology Governing Board, established pursuant to Executive Order No. 42 (2006).

2. Except as herein modified, all of the provisions of Executive Order No. 1 (2006) shall remain in full force and effect.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of September,  
Two Thousand and Eight, and  
of the Independence of the  
United States, the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Third.

/s/ Jon S. Corzine

Governor

[seal]

Attest:

/s/ Edward J. McBride, Jr.

Chief Counsel to the Governor