

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 3393

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 6, 2023

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3393.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Department of Health to establish a public awareness campaign to promote awareness among State residents about how menstrual disorders and menstruation-related conditions affect fertility and overall maternal health. The campaign may provide for the development of print and electronic media in languages including, but not limited to, English and Spanish. At a minimum, the public awareness campaign is to include:

- 1) a comprehensive description of common menstrual disorders, such as endometriosis and PCOS, including discussion of causes, symptoms, and treatment options;
- 2) information on the causes and symptoms of menstrual toxic shock syndrome and the ways in which women may reduce the risk of developing the syndrome;
- 3) information about educational resources available to women concerning menstrual disorders and menstruation-related conditions; and
- 4) materials encouraging women to schedule routine gynecological examinations, consult with their physicians about menstrual disorders, and seek treatment if they are experiencing symptoms associated with menstrual toxic shock syndrome.

The bill additionally requires the department to make available to the public, electronically on its website, information about common menstrual disorders, such as endometriosis and PCOS, and their effects on maternal health, as well as informational literature concerning the signs, causes, and dangers of menstrual toxic shock syndrome.

As reported by the committee with amendments, Senate Bill No. 3393 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3737 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date with amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise the bill to require that the public awareness campaign include information pertaining to menstrual toxic shock syndrome.

The committee amendments remove a section from the bill that would have appropriated \$500,000 to the Department of Health to establish the public awareness campaign.

The committee amendments revise the title of the bill to reflect these changes.

The committee amendments make various technical changes involving grammar, formatting, and syntax.