

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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SENATE, No. 3393

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3393 (1R).

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, menstruation-related 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 and menstruation-related 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, menstruation-related disorders, and menstruation-related conditions; and
- 4) materials encouraging women to schedule routine gynecological examinations, consult with their physicians about menstrual and menstruation-related 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 and menstruation-related 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 amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3393 (2R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3737 (3R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise the bill to clarify that endometriosis can occur in pre-menarcheal and post-menopausal individuals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal information for this bill is currently unavailable.