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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Council of Women in Higher Education in Department of State to study and promote women's issues within institutions of higher education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** establishing the Council of Women in Higher Education
2 and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. There is established in the Department of State the
8 “Council of Women in Higher Education.” The council shall
9 consist of 38 members as follows: two women from each four-year
10 public institution of higher education selected by the institution’s
11 governing board; one woman from each independent institution of
12 higher education selected by the institution’s governing board; and
13 two women representing the county college sector selected by the
14 New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

15 b. Members of the council shall serve for a term of two years,
16 except that in making the initial appointments, the governing board
17 of a four-year public institution of higher education shall appoint
18 one member for a one-year term and one member for a two-year
19 term, and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges shall appoint
20 one member for a one-year term and one member for a two-year
21 term. Members shall serve until their respective successors are
22 appointed and qualified. A vacancy in the membership of the
23 council shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the
24 same manner as the original appointment was made. Members of
25 the council shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to
26 their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
27 their duties pursuant to this act within the limits of funds
28 appropriated or otherwise made available to the council for its
29 duties.

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31 2. a. The council shall organize as soon as possible after the
32 appointment of its members and shall select annually a chair and a
33 vice-chair from among its members.

34 b. The council shall appoint an executive director, who shall
35 serve at its pleasure and who shall be in the unclassified service of
36 the Civil Service. The executive director shall serve as secretary to
37 the council. To the extent that assistance is not available under
38 subsection c. of this section, the council may appoint other
39 employees as may be necessary.

40 c. The council may call to its assistance and avail itself of the
41 services of such employees of the State as it may require and as
42 may be available to it for that purpose.

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44 3. The council shall foster and promote the advancement of
45 women and women’s issues within institutions of higher education
46 in the State by:

47 a. reviewing and making recommendations to the Secretary of
48 Higher Education, the New Jersey Presidents’ Council, and the

- 1 governing boards of institutions of higher education on existing
- 2 programs focused on women's issues, or on proposals for new
- 3 programs;
- 4 b. compiling statistics on the number of women employed at
- 5 institutions of higher education and the number of courses and
- 6 programs on women's issues offered at institutions of higher
- 7 education;
- 8 c. advancing higher education opportunities for women, setting
- 9 goals, and studying and making recommendations on deficiencies in
- 10 the advancement of women and the availability of women's
- 11 programs at institutions of higher education;
- 12 d. meeting with local and State leaders to further the
- 13 participation of women in local and State government;
- 14 e. creating outreach programs for elementary and high school
- 15 students to foster their involvement in the study, promotion, and
- 16 advancement of women's issues; and
- 17 f. participating in such other initiatives as the council deems
- 18 advisable.
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- 20 4. The council shall publish an annual report, which shall
- 21 include, but not be limited to:
- 22 a. a statement of the council's long-term goals and objectives
- 23 related to the advancement of women and women's issues within
- 24 institutions of higher education in the State; and
- 25 b. the council's accomplishments, initiatives, and areas of
- 26 study during the reporting period.
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- 28 5. This act shall take effect immediately.
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31 STATEMENT
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33 This bill establishes the "Council of Women in Higher
34 Education." The council will be located in the Department of State
35 and will consist of 38 members as follows: two women from each
36 four-year public institution of higher education selected by the
37 institution's governing board; one woman from each independent
38 institution of higher education selected by the institution's
39 governing board; and two women representing the county college
40 sector selected by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

41 It will be the mission of the council to foster and promote the
42 advancement of women and women's issues within institutions of
43 higher education throughout New Jersey.

44 To accomplish this mission, the council will: review and make
45 recommendations to the Secretary of Higher Education, the New
46 Jersey Presidents' Council, and the governing boards of institutions
47 of higher education on existing programs focused on women's
48 issues, or on proposals for new programs; compile statistics on the

1 number of women employed at institutions of higher education and
2 the number of courses and programs on women's issues offered at
3 institutions of higher education; advance higher education
4 opportunities for women, set goals, and study and make
5 recommendations on deficiencies in the advancement of women and
6 the availability of women's programs at institutions of higher
7 education; meet with local and State leaders to further the
8 participation of women in local and State government; create
9 outreach programs for elementary and high school students to foster
10 their involvement in the study, promotion, and advancement of
11 women's issues; and participate in such other initiatives as the
12 council deems advisable.

13 Under the bill, the council will publish an annual report which
14 will include a statement of the council's long-term goals and
15 objectives related to the advancement of women and women's
16 issues within institutions of higher education in the State; and the
17 council's accomplishments, initiatives, and areas of study during
18 the reporting period.