

2A:84A-16.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 2A:84A-16.1

(Child abuse prosecutions--
testimony--permit use of
anatomically correct dolls)

LAWS OF: 1985

CHAPTER: 205

Bill No: A1946

Sponsor(s): Ford

Date Introduced: May 7, 1984

Committee: Assembly: Judiciary

Senate: Judiciary

Amended during passage: No

Date of Passage: Assembly: December 13, 1984

Senate: May 13, 1985

Date of Approval: June 27, 1985

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement:

Yes

Committee statement:

Assembly

~~Yes~~

No (not attached since identical to
sponsor's statement)

Senate

Yes

Fiscal Note:

No

Veto Message:

No

Message on Signing:

~~No~~ Yes

Following were printed:

Reports:

No

Hearings:

No

ASSEMBLY, No. 1946

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 7, 1984

By Assemblywomen FORD, PERUN, Assemblymen DOYLE,
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5 either or both sexes to assist the child's testimony.

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DATED: SEPTEMBER 20, 1984

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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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DATED: APRIL 29, 1985

This bill would permit, in criminal prosecutions for sexual offenses, the use of anatomically correct dolls, models or similar items to assist the testimony of a child under sixteen years of age.



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Release: THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1985

Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:

A-3205, sponsored by Assemblyman Louis F. Kosco, R-Bergen, which appropriates \$20,000 to the Division of Veterans Services in the Department of Human Services to defray expenses for the National Convention of Italian American War Veterans, which will be held in Teaneck, August 8-11, 1985.

A-1946, sponsored by Assemblywoman Marlene Ford, D-Ocean, which permits the use of anatomically correct dolls, models or similar items to assist a child witness' testimony in a sexual offense prosecution.

AJR-101, sponsored by Assemblyman Garabed Haytaian, R-Warren, which designates the new State Police Station in Hope Township as the Lieutenant Lester A. Pagano Building. Lieutenant Pagano died in the line of duty in a motor vehicle accident on July 19, 1983. He was the holder of the State Police Distinguished Service Medal, the highest honor given by the State Police.

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