

18A: 72G-1 et al

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

**NJSA:** 18A:72G-1 et al (Will and Ariel Durant Chair)

**LAWS OF:** 1985 **CHAPTER:** 365

**BILL NO:** S2603

**Sponsor(s):** Feldman

**Date Introduced:** January 24, 1985

**Committee: Assembly:** Higher Education and Professions  
**Senate:** Education

**Amended during passage:** No

**Date of Passage: Assembly:** September 12, 1985  
**Senate:** June 17, 1985

**Date of Approval:** November 12, 1985

**Following statements are attached if available:**

<b>Sponsor statement:</b>	Yes	(Below)
<b>Committee statement: Assembly</b>	Yes	
<b>Senate</b>	Yes	
<b>Fiscal Note:</b>	No	
<b>Veto Message:</b>	No	
<b>Message on Signing:</b>	No	
<b>Following were printed:</b>		
<b>Reports:</b>	No	
<b>Hearings:</b>	No	

**Sponsor's statement:**

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SENATE, No. 2603

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 1985

By Senator FELDMAN

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT providing for an endowed chair at an institution of higher education and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. There is created at Saint Peter's College a distinguished  
2 chair which shall be known as the Will and Ariel Durant Chair in  
3 Humanities.

1 2. Saint Peter's College shall select an outstanding scholar to  
2 fill the chair on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon,  
3 subject to the approval of the Chancellor of Higher Education and  
4 available appropriations. The person appointed to the Durant  
5 Chair may be granted tenure on appointment.

1 3. Saint Peter's College may utilize funds appropriated for the  
2 purposes of this act for the provision of equipment, supplies, clerical  
3 and research assistants and such other appropriate support  
4 as is necessary for the research conducted by the holder of the  
5 Durant Chair.

1 4. The provisions of N. J. S. 18A:62-2 shall not apply to this act.

1 5. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1985.

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STATEMENT

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The establishment of the Chair would honor one of the most nationally and internationally distinguished literary figures to come from the State of New Jersey. Will Durant was a graduate of Saint Peter's Preparatory School, and received his B.A. degree from Saint Peter's College in 1907 and received his M.A. degree in 1908. Also, in 1979, Saint Peter's College conferred honorary doctorates upon Will and Ariel Durant.

The establishment of the Will and Ariel Durant Chair in Humanities is particularly appropriate at this time, as the importance of the humanities in higher education is being increasingly stressed both nationally and in New Jersey.

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ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND REGULATED  
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2603**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: SEPTEMBER 9, 1985

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The establishment of the Chair would honor one of New Jersey's most distinguished literary figures. Will Durant was a graduate of Saint Peter's Preparatory School, and received his B.A. degree from Saint Peter's College in 1907 and his M.A. degree in 1908. In 1979, Saint Peter's College conferred honorary doctorates upon Will and Ariel Durant.

**BACKGROUND:**

There are a number of other scholarly chairs at colleges and universities throughout the State which have been named for distinguished individuals. These include the Albert Einstein Chair for Scholarly Studies at the Institution for Advanced Study, the Richard J. Hughes Chair for Constitutional and Public Law, and the Alfred E. Driscoll Chair in Pharmaceutical/Chemical Studies at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2603**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 25, 1985

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## NEWS RELEASE

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Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed legislation authorizing creation of an Advanced Technology Center in Biomolecular Research in the Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

The bill, A-2337, was sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara F. Kalik, D-Burlington. It requires the Commission on Science and Technology to verify the need for an advanced technology center in biomolecular research, recommend the best method of establishing the center, and suggest appropriate funding levels.

The bill contained a \$100,000 appropriation to fund the needs study to be conducted by Commission. The Governor reduced that amount to \$20,000 by line-item veto, saying it is more than is necessary to do such a study.

The Governor also signed the following bills:

S-2603, sponsored by State Senator Matthew Feldman, D-Bergen, which establishes the Will and Ariel Durant Chair in Humanities at Saint Peters College. The Chair honors the world famous humanist and historian, Will Durant, who is a graduate of Saint Peters Preparatory School and Saint Peters College.

A-3972, sponsored by Assemblyman John Paul Doyle, D-Ocean, which appropriates \$99,000 to the Department of State for the Senator James F. Murray, Jr., Student Historians Fund. The fund supports the services of the New Jersey Historical Society's education programs for schools in the State.