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New Jersey
Advisory Council
on Youth and
Collegiate Affairs.
§§1-5 –
C.18A:72P-1 to
18A:72P-5

P.L.2013, CHAPTER 175, *approved January 2, 2014*
Assembly, No. 2920 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Advisory Council on Youth
2 and Collegiate Affairs and supplementing Title 18A of the
3 ¹**[Revised]** New Jersey¹ Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. There is established the New Jersey Advisory Council on
9 Youth and Collegiate Affairs in the Department of Education.

10 b. The advisory council shall be under the immediate oversight
11 of the Director of Youth and Collegiate Affairs, who shall be
12 qualified to direct the work of the council. The director shall be
13 appointed by, and shall serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.

14 c. The purpose of the advisory council shall be to:

15 (1) act as the advisory body on youth and collegiate affairs to
16 the Legislature and State departments, agencies, commissions,
17 authorities, and private agencies that provide services to, or are
18 charged with the care of, children and young adults; and

19 (2) review, monitor, report, and make recommendations on
20 issues relating to school-aged children and students attending a
21 public or ¹**[private]** independent¹ institution of higher education in
22 the State.

23 d. The advisory council shall consist of 17 members as follows:

24 (1) eight public members to be appointed by the Governor, who
25 shall include: a representative of Advocates for Children of New
26 Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey Community College
27 Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development; a
28 representative of New Jersey PTA; a school teacher certified by the
29 ¹**[Department of Education]** State Board of Examiners¹; a school
30 guidance counselor; and three persons who are ¹**[each]**¹ a parent of

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted September 24, 2012.

1 a student attending a middle school, ¹or a¹ high school, ¹【and】 or a¹
2 public or ¹【private】 independent¹ institution of higher education in
3 this State, respectively; and

4 (2) nine public members to be selected by the director of the
5 advisory council pursuant to section 2 of this act ¹【, of whom three
6 members each shall represent】 . The director shall select three
7 public members from each of¹ the northern, central, and southern
8 regions of the State ¹【, respectively】¹.

9 e. Vacancies in the membership of the advisory council shall
10 be filled in the same manner provided for the original appointments.
11 The public members of the council shall serve without
12 compensation but may be reimbursed for traveling and other
13 miscellaneous expenses necessary to perform their duties within the
14 limits of funds made available to the council for its purposes.

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17 and shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the
18 members. The chairperson shall appoint a secretary who need not
19 be a member of the council.

20 g. The advisory council may meet at the call of its chair and
21 hold hearings at the times and in the places it deems appropriate and
22 necessary to fulfill its charge. The council shall be entitled to call
23 to its assistance, and avail itself of the services of the employees of,
24 any State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau,
25 commission, or agency as it may require and as may be available to
26 it for its purposes.

27 h. The advisory council may seek the advice of experts, such as
28 persons specializing in the field of education, human services,
29 economic development, or workforce development, or other related
30 fields, as deemed appropriate by the membership of the council.

31 i. The Department of Education shall provide staff services to
32 the council.

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34 2. a. A person shall be eligible to be selected as a public
35 member of the New Jersey Advisory Council on Youth and
36 Collegiate Affairs, pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection d. of
37 section 1 of this act, if the person:

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39 (2) has been a resident of New Jersey for a period of at least two
40 years immediately prior to applying for membership on the advisory
41 council;

42 (3) is a student at a middle school or high school in the State, or
43 is enrolled as an undergraduate in good standing at, or graduated
44 from, a public or ¹【private】 independent¹ institution of higher
45 education in the State; and

46 (4) ¹【demonstrated】 demonstrates¹, to the satisfaction of the
47 director of the advisory council, high moral character, good

1 citizenship, and leadership skills.

2 b. A person who meets the eligibility requirements listed in this
3 section may apply to the director to become a public member of the
4 advisory council on a form and in a manner prescribed by the
5 director.

6 c. Upon receipt of an application, the director shall review the
7 application, and, if the applicant meets the **'[program]'** eligibility
8 requirements, may consider selecting the applicant as a public
9 member of the advisory council.

10 d. The director shall select an applicant to become a public
11 member of the advisory council based on the applicant's
12 understanding of the responsibilities of the advisory council and
13 general interest in becoming a member of the advisory council.

14 e. The process by which the director selects each applicant for
15 public membership to the advisory council shall be designed to
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17 religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, and political
18 affiliation, to the maximum extent practicable, and the
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28 young adults in government affairs, the accessibility of government
29 services by children and young adults, and substance abuse
30 prevention, intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation;

31 b. support existing, and develop new, Statewide initiatives
32 relating to school-aged children and students attending public or
33 **'[private] independent'** institutions of higher education in the
34 State;

35 c. develop and foster partnerships among federal, State, and
36 local government entities, members of the educational community,
37 private, nonprofit, and **'[voluntary] volunteer'** agencies,
38 community-based organizations, private foundations, and
39 representatives of the business community that provide services to,
40 administer programs for, or mentor school-aged children and
41 students attending public or **'[private] independent'** institutions of
42 higher education in the State, so as to enable them to better
43 coordinate and improve the effectiveness of these services and
44 programs; and

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46 school-aged children and students attending public or **'[private]**
47 **independent'** institutions of higher education in the State to

1 encourage their participation in civic enrichment activities.

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3 4. The advisory council shall report to the Governor, and to the
4 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1),
5 by December 31st of each year, on the activities of the advisory
6 council and its findings and recommendations regarding issues
7 relating to school-aged children and students attending public or
8 ¹~~private~~ independent¹ institutions of higher education in the
9 State.

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11 5. The ¹~~Commissioner~~ State Board¹ of Education, pursuant
12 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
13 1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate
14 the purposes of this act.

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16 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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21 _____
22 Establishes New Jersey Advisory Council on Youth and
Collegiate Affairs.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2920

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 14, 2012

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman TROY SINGLETON

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Assemblyman THOMAS P. GIBLIN

District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

Assemblywoman CELESTE M. RILEY

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes New Jersey Advisory Council on Youth and Collegiate Affairs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/25/2012)

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28 Department of Education; a school guidance counselor; and three
29 persons who are each a parent of a student attending a middle
30 school, high school, and public or private institution of higher
31 education in this State, respectively; and

32 (2) nine public members to be selected by the director of the
33 advisory council pursuant to section 2 of this act, of whom three
34 members each shall represent the northern, central, and southern
35 regions of the State, respectively.

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19 years immediately prior to applying for membership on the advisory
20 council;

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22 is enrolled as an undergraduate in good standing at, or graduated
23 from, a public or private institution of higher education in the State;
24 and

25 (4) demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the director of the
26 advisory council, high moral character, good citizenship, and
27 leadership skills.

28 b. A person who meets the eligibility requirements listed in this
29 section may apply to the director to become a public member of the
30 advisory council on a form and in a manner prescribed by the
31 director.

32 c. Upon receipt of an application, the director shall review the
33 application, and, if the applicant meets the program eligibility
34 requirements, may consider selecting the applicant as a public
35 member of the advisory council.

36 d. The director shall select an applicant to become a public
37 member of the advisory council based on the applicant's
38 understanding of the responsibilities of the advisory council and
39 general interest in becoming a member of the advisory council.

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41 public membership to the advisory council shall be designed to
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43 religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, and political
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45 representation of a cross section of middle schools, high schools,
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4 State, including, but not limited to, education, employment,
5 strategies to promote the involvement of children and young adults
6 in government affairs, the accessibility of government services by
7 children and young adults, and substance abuse prevention,
8 intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation;

9 b. support existing, and develop new, Statewide initiatives
10 relating to school-aged children and students attending public or
11 private institutions of higher education in the State;

12 c. develop and foster partnerships among federal, State, and
13 local government entities, members of the educational community,
14 private, nonprofit, and voluntary agencies, community-based
15 organizations, private foundations, and representatives of the
16 business community that provide services to, administer programs
17 for, or mentor school-aged children and students attending public or
18 private institutions of higher education in the State, so as to enable
19 them to better coordinate and improve the effectiveness of these
20 services and programs; and

21 d. train advisory council members to serve as ambassadors to
22 school-aged children and students attending public or private
23 institutions of higher education in the State to encourage their
24 participation in civic enrichment activities.

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26 4. The advisory council shall report to the Governor, and to the
27 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1),
28 by December 31st of each year, on the activities of the advisory
29 council and its findings and recommendations regarding issues
30 relating to school-aged children and students attending public or
31 private institutions of higher education in the State.

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33 5. The Commissioner of Education, pursuant to the
34 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
35 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the
36 purposes of this act.

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38 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill establishes a 17-member New Jersey Advisory Council
44 on Youth and Collegiate Affairs in the Department of Education.

45 The purpose of the advisory council is to act as the advisory
46 body on youth and collegiate affairs to the Legislature and State
47 departments, agencies, commissions, authorities, and private
48 agencies that provide services to, or are charged with the care of,

1 children and young adults, and review, monitor, report, and make
2 recommendations on issues relating to school-aged children and
3 students attending public or private institutions of higher education
4 in the State. The advisory council would be under the immediate
5 oversight of the Director of Youth and Collegiate Affairs, appointed
6 by the Governor, who would be qualified to oversee the work of the
7 council.

8 The membership of the advisory council will consist of: eight
9 public members to be appointed by the Governor, including a
10 representative of Advocates for Children of New Jersey, a
11 representative of the New Jersey Community College Consortium
12 for Workforce and Economic Development, a representative of New
13 Jersey PTA, a school teacher certified by the Department of
14 Education, a school guidance counselor, and three persons who are
15 parents of a student attending a middle school, high school, and
16 public or private institution of higher education in this State,
17 respectively; and nine public members to be selected by the director
18 of the advisory council, three of whom each represent the northern,
19 central, and southern regions of the State, respectively.

20 The bill stipulates that a person would be eligible to be selected
21 as a public member of the advisory council if the person meets
22 specific criteria outlined in the bill, including, but not limited to,
23 residency, age, and educational requirements. A person who meets
24 these requirements may apply to the director, and, if the applicant
25 meets the program eligibility requirements, the director may
26 consider selecting the applicant as a member.

27 Under the provisions of the bill, the director would select nine
28 applicants to become public members of the advisory council based
29 on each applicant's understanding of the responsibilities of, and
30 general interest in becoming, an advisory council member. The
31 process used by the director to select applicants would be designed
32 to ensure diversity with respect to race, ethnicity, national origin,
33 religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, and political
34 affiliation, as well as the representation of a cross section of middle
35 schools, high schools, and public or private institutions of higher
36 education located in urban, suburban, and rural areas of the State.

37 The bill directs the advisory council to: examine issues related to
38 school-aged children and students attending public or private
39 institutions of higher education in the State; support existing, and
40 develop new, Statewide initiatives relating to school-aged children
41 and students attending public or private institutions of higher
42 education; develop and foster partnerships among government
43 entities, members of the educational community, private agencies,
44 foundations, community-based organizations, and representatives of
45 the business community that provide services to, administer
46 programs for, or mentor school-aged children and students
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48 enable them to better coordinate and improve the effectiveness of

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1 those programs and services; and train its members to serve as
2 ambassadors to school-aged children and students attending public
3 or private institutions of higher education to encourage participation
4 in civic enrichment activities.

5 Finally, the bill requires the advisory council to report annually
6 to the Governor and the Legislature on the activities of the council
7 and its findings and recommendations regarding issues relating to
8 school-aged children and students attending public or private
9 institutions of higher education in the State.

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2920

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2920 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill establishes a 17-member New Jersey Advisory Council on Youth and Collegiate Affairs in the Department of Education. The purpose of the council is to act as an advisory body on youth and collegiate affairs to the Legislature and State departments, agencies, commissions, authorities, and private agencies that provide services to children and young adults, and review, monitor, report, and make recommendations on issues relating to school-aged children and students attending public or independent institutions of higher education in the State.

The membership of the advisory council will consist of: eight public members to be appointed by the Governor, including a representative of Advocates for Children of New Jersey, a representative of the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, a representative of New Jersey PTA, a school teacher certified by the State Board of Examiners, a school guidance counselor, and three persons who are parents of a student attending a middle school, a high school, or a public or independent institution of higher education in this State; and nine public members, three of whom must be from each of the northern, central, and southern regions of the State.

The bill directs the advisory council to: examine issues related to school-aged children and students attending public and independent institutions of higher education in the State; support existing, and develop new, Statewide initiatives relating to those students; develop and foster partnerships among government entities, members of the educational community, private agencies, foundations, community-based organizations, and representatives of the business community that provide services to students; and train its members to serve as ambassadors to encourage participation in civic enrichment activities.

The bill requires the advisory council to report annually to the Governor and the Legislature on the activities of the council and its findings and recommendations regarding issues relating to school-aged children and students attending public and independent institutions of

higher education in the State.

The committee amended the bill to make several technical changes. Those changes include: replacing the term “private” institution of higher education with “independent” institution of higher education; clarifying that the State Board of Examiners certifies teachers; and providing that the State Board of Education will adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the bill’s provisions rather than the Commissioner of Education.

SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2920

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 23, 2013

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2920 (1R).

This bill establishes a 17-member New Jersey Advisory Council on Youth and Collegiate Affairs in the Department of Education. The purpose of the council is to act as an advisory body on youth and collegiate affairs to the Legislature and State departments, agencies, commissions, authorities, and private agencies that provide services to children and young adults, and review, monitor, report, and make recommendations on issues relating to school-aged children and students attending public or independent institutions of higher education in the State.

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The bill requires the advisory council to report annually to the Governor and the Legislature on the activities of the council and its findings and recommendations regarding issues relating to school-aged

children and students attending public and independent institutions of higher education in the State.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2778, which was also reported by the committee on the same date.

SENATE, No. 2778

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 20, 2013

Sponsored by:

Senator SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM

District 31 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

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33 5. The State Board of Education, pursuant to the
34 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
35 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the
36 purposes of this act.

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38 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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44 on Youth and Collegiate Affairs in the Department of Education.
45 The purpose of the council is to act as an advisory body on youth
46 and collegiate affairs to the Legislature and State departments,
47 agencies, commissions, authorities, and private agencies that
48 provide services to children and young adults, and review, monitor,

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1 report, and make recommendations on issues relating to school-
2 aged children and students attending public or independent
3 institutions of higher education in the State.

4 The membership of the advisory council will consist of: eight
5 public members to be appointed by the Governor, including a
6 representative of Advocates for Children of New Jersey, a
7 representative of the New Jersey Community College Consortium
8 for Workforce and Economic Development, a representative of New
9 Jersey PTA, a school teacher certified by the State Board of
10 Examiners, a school guidance counselor, and three persons who are
11 parents of a student attending a middle school, a high school, or a
12 public or independent institution of higher education in this State;
13 and nine public members, three of whom must be from each of the
14 northern, central, and southern regions of the State.

15 The bill directs the advisory council to: examine issues related to
16 school-aged children and students attending public and independent
17 institutions of higher education in the State; support existing, and
18 develop new, Statewide initiatives relating to those students;
19 develop and foster partnerships among government entities,
20 members of the educational community, private agencies,
21 foundations, community-based organizations, and representatives of
22 the business community that provide services to students; and train
23 its members to serve as ambassadors to encourage participation in
24 civic enrichment activities.

25 The bill requires the advisory council to report annually to the
26 Governor and the Legislature on the activities of the council and its
27 findings and recommendations regarding issues relating to school-
28 aged children and students attending public and independent
29 institutions of higher education in the State.

SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2778

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 23, 2013

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2778.

This bill establishes a 17-member New Jersey Advisory Council on Youth and Collegiate Affairs in the Department of Education. The purpose of the council is to act as an advisory body on youth and collegiate affairs to the Legislature and State departments, agencies, commissions, authorities, and private agencies that provide services to children and young adults, and review, monitor, report, and make recommendations on issues relating to school-aged children and students attending public or independent institutions of higher education in the State.

The membership of the advisory council will consist of: eight public members to be appointed by the Governor, including a representative of Advocates for Children of New Jersey, a representative of the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, a representative of New Jersey PTA, a school teacher certified by the State Board of Examiners, a school guidance counselor, and three persons who are parents of a student attending a middle school, a high school, or a public or independent institution of higher education in this State; and nine public members, three of whom must be from each of the northern, central, and southern regions of the State.

The bill directs the advisory council to: examine issues related to school-aged children and students attending public and independent institutions of higher education in the State; support existing, and develop new, Statewide initiatives relating to those students; develop and foster partnerships among government entities, members of the educational community, private agencies, foundations, community-based organizations, and representatives of the business community that provide services to students; and train its members to serve as ambassadors to students in the State to encourage participation in civic enrichment activities.

The bill requires the advisory council to report annually to the Governor and the Legislature on the activities of the council and its findings and recommendations regarding issues relating to school-aged children and students attending public and independent institutions of higher education in the State.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2920 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on the same date.