

18A:64A-8

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

WJA 18A:64A-8 (County Colleges - Boards of Trustees - memberships)
LAWS OF 1979 CHAPTER 252
Bill No. A351
Sponsor(s) Weidel

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Senate Education

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Sponsor's statement:

The purpose of this bill is expressed in its title.

Legislation recommended in:

974.90 N.J. Commission to Study the Mission, Financing and Governance
C697 of the County Colleges.
1979a Excellence and the open door: an essential partnership. Trenton, 1979.
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974.90 Rutgers University. Bureau of Government Research.
C697 New Jersey County Colleges and Local Government;
1979a a report prepared for the Task Force on Governance
v.2 of the Commission to Study the Mission, Financing, and
Governance of the County Colleges. New Brunswick, 1979.

ASSEMBLY, No. 351

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1978 SESSION

By Assemblyman WEIDEL

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2 *of New Jersey:*

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3 trustees, consisting of the county superintendent of schools and
4 **[eight]** 10 persons **[to]**, appointed by the **[director of the board**
5 **of chosen freeholders]** *appointing authority of the county* with the
6 advice and consent of **[that]** *the board of chosen freeholders, at*
7 *least two of whom shall be women. In addition, the student body*
8 *of each county college shall be entitled to elect from the graduating*
9-10 *class one representative to serve as a nonvoting member on the*
11 *board of trustees for a term of 1 year commencing at the next*
12 *organization of said board following graduation of his class.*

13 When a county college is established by more than one county, the
14 board of trustees shall be increased by two members for each addi-
15 tional participating county. The membership of the board of trus-
16 tees shall be apportioned by the chancellor among the several coun-
17 ties as nearly as may be according to the number of inhabitants in
18 each county as shown by the last Federal census, officially promul-
19 gated in this State. Each apportionment shall continue in effect
20 until a reapportionment shall become necessary by reason of the
21 official promulgation of the next Federal census or the enlargement
22 of the board by the admission of one or more additional counties
23 as provided for in N. J. S. 18A:64A-24. Each county shall be en-
24 titled to have at least one member and the county superintendent
25 of the schools of said county on the board of trustees.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately

STATEMENT

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

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2 *ever, that in the case of boards not presently constituted in accord-*
3 *ance with the provisions of this act, compliance may be deferred*
4 *until such time as a vacancy occurs on said board*].***

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 351

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 1978

PROVISIONS:

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports this bill which increases the membership of the boards of trustees of county colleges from 9 to 11, and stipulates that at least two of the 11 shall be women and one shall be a student elected by the student body who shall serve as a non-voting member. The student representative must be from the graduating class.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no costs associated with this legislation.

BACKGROUND:

Women Members

Assembly Bill No. 351 would require that at least two members of the county college boards of trustees be women. This follows the pattern established with regard to State college boards by N. J. S. 18A:64-3, which specifies that not less than two members of the board shall be women. At present, of the 18 colleges, eight counties have one, seven counties have two, and three counties have three women on the board of trustees.

Student Members

This bill specifies that the student body of each college shall elect from the graduating class one representative to serve on the board for 1 year term. The student would serve as a non-voting member of the board. In 1977, two county colleges, Essex and Middlesex, had one non-voting student representative on their boards.

Two State colleges, Glassboro and Montclair State, had one non-voting student representative in executive session. At Jersey City, Ramapo and Stockton State Colleges, students may speak at executive sessions by request; however, the board may turn down such requests. At Paterson, students may be invited to attend. Elsewhere, students may not attend executive sessions.

For purposes of information, elected non-voting students and faculty representatives serve with the board of governors and board of trustees of Rutgers University.

POSITIONS ON THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

The Department of Higher Education supported mandating the inclusion of women on the boards, but opposed the inclusion of students. The Council of County Colleges opposed this legislation.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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with Senate committee amendments

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DATED: NOVEMBER 20, 1978

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The Senate Education Committee amended this bill so that it conforms to the State College Board of Trustees statute. The section relating to students has been deleted. Boards may at present invite students to attend, and a number of State Colleges and Rutgers University do so. However, it was felt inappropriate to mandate the inclusion of students on the boards.

Further, the effective date has been modified so that no board would have to remove a present member in order to comply.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

DECEMBER 20, 1979

PATRICK SWEENEY

While signing A-351, sponsored by Assemblyman Karl Weidel (R-Mercer), Acting Governor Joseph P. Merlino made the following statement:

This bill would increase the membership of the board of trustees for each county college from nine to eleven, would mandate that at least two of the members be women, would permit the student body of each county college to elect a graduating class student to serve as a non-voting member of the board, and would recognize the existence of a county appointing authority other than the director of the board of freeholders. Similar legislation exists mandating that there be at least two women on the boards of trustees of each State college.

Although I am conscious of the concerns expressed about this bill, in particular, the lack of specification concerning the terms of the two additional members and the rights and duties of the non-voting alumnus member, I respect the judgment of the Legislature and believe that A-351 should be signed at this time rather than returned with recommendations.

I am, therefore, signing A-351 with the understanding that the Legislature will rapidly pass a new bill in the new session to deal with these concerns.

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