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SENATE

ASSEMBLY 1518

INTRODUCED April 4, 1974

BY Wilson et al.

STATEMENT

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HEARING None discovered

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Senate Committee Statement

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1518

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywomen WILSON, BERMAN, TOTARO, CURRAN, CROCE, BURGIO, Assemblymen WOODSON, BAER, BARBOUR and GLADSTONE

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and Interstate Relations

AN Act establishing and concerning a Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs, prescribing its powers and duties, ****[providing an appropriation therefor,]**** supplementing the "Department of Community Affairs Act of 1966," approved November 23, 1966 (P. L. 1966, c. 293) and repealing "An act establishing and concerning a women's division in the Department of Community Affairs, prescribing its powers and duties, providing for an appropriation therefor, and supplementing the 'Department of Community Affairs Act of 1966,' approved November 23, 1966 (P. L. 1966, c. 293)," approved May 12, 1969 (P. L. 1969, c. 40).

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

1 1. This act shall be known as, and may be cited as, the "Division
2 on Women Act of 1974."

1 2. There is hereby established in the Department of Community
2 Affairs a Division on Women. The division shall consist of a
3 director and the New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status
4 of Women.

1 3. The Director of the Division on Women shall be a person
2 qualified by training and experience to perform the duties of his
3 or her office. The director shall be appointed by the Governor, by
4 and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at
5 the pleasure of the Governor during the Governor's term of office

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

6 and until the appointment and qualification of a successor. **The*
7 *director shall administer the work of such division under the direc-*
8 *tion and supervision of the commissioner, and shall perform such*
9 *other functions of the department as the commissioner may pre-*
10 *scribe.** The director shall receive such salary as shall be provided
11 by law.

1 4. The director shall be assisted in the performance of his or her
2 duties by a deputy director, who shall be a person qualified by
3 training and experience to perform the duties of his or her office.

1 5. The Division on Women shall be under the supervision of the
2 director. The director shall:

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4 assistants, and employees, subject to the provisions of Title 11,
5 Civil Service of the Revised Statutes, and other applicable statutes,
6 as may be necessary to enable the division to perform the duties
7 imposed upon it by this act and shall fix their compensation within
8 the limits of available appropriations and as shall be provided
9 by law;

10 b. Select and retain the services of consultants whose advice is
11 considered necessary to assist the division in obtaining information
12 or developing plans and programs required for the performance of
13 the duties and responsibilities of the division as provided by this
14 act;

15 c. Attend all meetings of the New Jersey Advisory Commission
16 on the Status of Women and its committees but shall have no vote.
17 The director may delegate to subordinate officers or employees the
18 responsibility to attend the meetings of the commission.

1 6. The division, under the supervision and leadership of the
2 director, shall:

3 a. Serve as the central permanent agency for the coordination
4 of programs and services for the women of New Jersey and for the
5 evaluation of the effectiveness of their implementation and as a
6 planning agency for the development of new programs and
7 services;

8 b. Establish a liaison with all other governmental departments
9 and agencies involved with the enforcement of laws, ordinances and
10 regulations and with the development of programs affecting the
11 status of women;

12 c. Request State departments and other public and private
13 agencies on a State, county, and local level to initiate joint efforts
14 to promote the expansion of rights and opportunities available to
15 the women of this State;

16 d. Cooperate with all Federal and interstate programs and
17 services provided for women;

18 e. Engage in a continuous study of the changing needs and
19 concerns of women in New Jersey and develop and recommend new
20 programs to the Governor and the Legislature;

21 f. Consult with, advise, and otherwise provide professional
22 assistance to organized efforts by communities, organizations, asso-
23 ciations and groups which are working toward the goal of improv-
24 ing the status of women;

25 g. Serve as a clearing house to publish and disseminate informa-
26 tion and to provide assistance and direction to women with specific
27 problems and needs;

28 **h. Act as a search committee for the Governor and other execu-*
29 *tive officers in the State Government for the purpose of discovering*
30 *and recommending women who are talented and qualified to serve*
31 *in the Executive Branch of the State Government;**

32 **[h.]* *i.* Report annually to the Commissioner of the Depart-*
33 *ment of Community Affairs and the Governor on its activities and*
34 *recommendations;*

35 **[i.]* *j.* Do all other things necessary to carry out the powers*
36 *and duties granted under this act.*

1 7. The New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of
2 Women shall consist of 11 citizen members each of whom shall be
3 appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the
4 Senate, for 3 years and until his or her successor is appointed and
5 qualified, except that of those first appointed four each should be
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7 and three each for a term of 1 year. Each vacancy caused by other
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11 occupations, and geographical locations and shall include persons
12 who represent the interests of Statewide women's organizations. A
13 chairperson ***shall be appointed by the Governor.*** ****[and**
14 **other]**** ***Other*** officers of the commission shall be elected from
15 among the members by the members for a term of 2 years.

1 8. The commission, acting jointly and as a body, shall advise
2 the Director of the Division on Women on matters referred to it
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4 the director concerning policies and their implementation. The com-
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6 its affairs.

1 10. The members of the commission shall serve without compen-
2 sation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for their necessary
3 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

1 **[11. There is hereby appropriated *[\$100,000.00]*
2 *\$150,000.00* for fiscal year 1974-75 to carry out the purposes of
3 this act.]**

1 **[12.]** **11.** P. L. 1969, c. 40 (C. 52:27D-43.1 to 52:27D-43.7
2 inclusive) is repealed.

1 **[13.]** **12.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

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STATEMENT

This bill establishes a Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs. It substantially modifies former legislation on this issue to reflect the experience of the operation of both the Commission on Women and the Women's Division.

The new Division on Women, under the guidance of the director and with input from the New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, shall determine objectives, establish priorities and designate policies for the expansion of rights and opportunities available to the women in this State. This will be accomplished through research, investigation, and coordination by the Division on Women. The Division on Women shall also be responsible for liaison and cooperation with the enforcement of laws concerning the status of women in this State.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1518

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MAY 13, 1974

Amend page 1, section 3, line 6, after "successor.", insert a new sentence as follows: "The director shall administer the work of such division under the direction and supervision of the commissioner, and shall perform such other functions of the department as the commissioner may prescribe."

Amend page 3, section 6, after line 27, insert a new subsection "h." as follows:

"h. Act as a search committee for the Governor and other executive officers in the State Government for the purpose of discovering and recommending women who are talented and qualified to serve in the Executive Branch of the State Government;"

Amend page 3, section 6, line 28, omit "h.", insert "i."

Amend page 3, section 6, line 31, omit "i.", insert "j."

Amend page 3, section 7, line 10, after "racial", insert ", ethnic".

Amend page 4, section 11, line 1, omit "\$100,000.00", insert "\$150,000.00".

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1518
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Amend page 1, title, line 3, after "duties", delete "providing an appropriation therefor,".

Amend page 3, section 7, line 13, after "chairperson", insert "shall be appointed by the Governor.".

Amend page 3, section 7, line 13, omit "and other", insert "Other".

Amend page 4, section 11, lines 1 and 2, omit entire section 11.

Amend page 4, section 12, line 1, delete "12", insert "11".

Amend page 4, section 13, line 1, delete "13", insert "12".

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1518
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 1974

It is the purpose of this act to create a Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs, consisting of an operating division and the New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women. It is the further purpose of this act to repeal P. L. 1969, c. 40 (C. 52:27D-43.1 to 52:27D-43.7 inclusive), the current statute supplemental to the "Department of Community Affairs Act of 1966" which created a women's division.

This act establishes the Division on Women at the same level as other operating divisions in the executive branch, with the director an appointment by Governor with advice and consent of the Senate, specific duties and obligations required of the director, and operating under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

In amending the bill to exclude an appropriation clause, the committee observes a line item appropriation in the fiscal year 1974-75 Appropriations Act specifically for the purposes of this act and finds that appropriation sufficient for the purposes of this act. It is the intent of the committee to provide funding for the division, but not in addition to the \$100,000.00 already provided in the fiscal year 1974-75 Appropriations Act.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

AUGUST 26, 1974

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DICK CAMPBELL

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Governor Brendan Byrne signed into law Monday a bill establishing a Division on Women in the state Department of Community Affairs.

The bill, sponsored by Assemblywoman Betty Wilson, D-Union, upgrades the status and authority of the existing Office on Women.

Byrne also signed a proclamation designating today, August 26, as Equal Rights Day in commemoration of the 54th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which extended voting rights to women.

The proclamation noted that in April, 1972, New Jersey became the 13th state to ratify the equal rights amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

In signing the bill into law, Byrne said the new division emphasizes the administration's desire to deal effectively with matters relating to women.

"A major function of the new division is to search out and find qualified and talented women to serve in my administration," he said. "The division will work to ensure that the principle of equal treatment for all citizens becomes a reality."

The Governor said he hopes the Division will provide expanded opportunities for women to fulfill their career, social and educational goals.

The new law also creates a New Jersey Advisory Committee on the Status of Women.