

9:6-8.76

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

Compiled by the NJ State Law Library

LAWS OF: 2009 **CHAPTER:** 29
NJSA: 9:6-8.76 (Revises membership of New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect)
BILL NO: A2901 (Substituted for S1984)

SPONSOR(S): Evans and Oliver

DATE INTRODUCED: June 5, 2008

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Human Services
SENATE:

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** February 5, 2009
SENATE: February 23, 2009

DATE OF APPROVAL: March 21, 2009

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First reprint enacted)

A2901

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill)	Yes
COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY: Yes
	SENATE: No

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	Yes
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	No

S1984

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill)	Yes
COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY: No
	SENATE: Yes
FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	No
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	No

(continued)

VETO MESSAGE: No

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: No

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

To check for circulating copies, contact New Jersey State Government Publications at the State Library (609) 278-2640 ext.103 or <mailto:refdesk@njstatelib.org>

REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: No

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: No

LAW

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2901

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 5, 2008

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman ELEASE EVANS

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblywoman SHEILA Y. OLIVER

District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

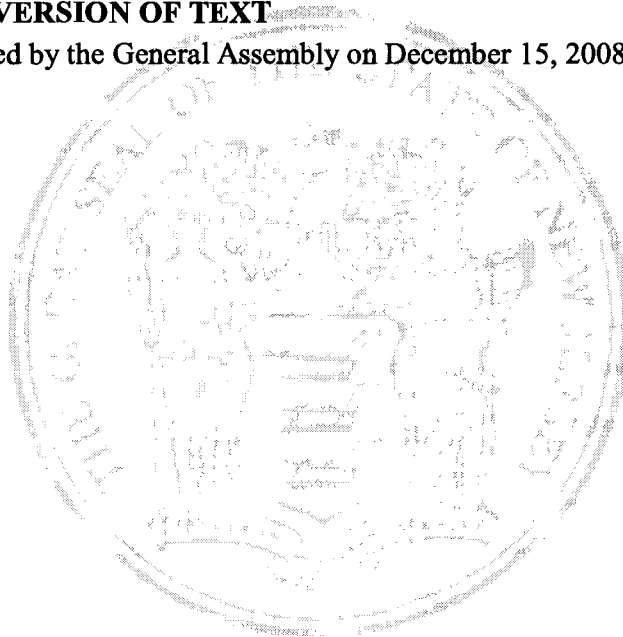
Senators Ruiz and Turner

SYNOPSIS

Revises membership of New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on December 15, 2008.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/24/2009)

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and
2 Neglect and amending P.L.1994, c.119.

3

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

6

7 1. Section 3 of P.L.1994, c.119 (C.9:6-8.76) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. The task force shall consist of **[29]** 30 members as follows:
10 the Commissioners of Human Services, Children and Families,
11 Education, Community Affairs, Corrections, and Health and Senior
12 Services, the Attorney General, ¹[one judge each from the Criminal
13 Division and the Civil Division of the Superior Court] two judges
14 of the Superior Court involved in both civil and criminal court
15 proceedings related to child abuse and neglect as¹ appointed by the
16 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Public Defender, the Child
17 Advocate and the Superintendent of State Police, or their designees,
18 as ex officio members; two members of the Senate and the General
19 Assembly, respectively, no more than one of whom in each case
20 shall be of the same political party; and a county prosecutor
21 appointed by the Attorney General. The 13 public members shall
22 be appointed by the Governor as follows: one member who is a
23 director of a regional diagnostic and treatment center for child
24 abuse and neglect; one member who represents the Association for
25 Children of New Jersey; one member who represents Foster and
26 Adoptive Family Services; one member who represents a faith-
27 based organization; one member who is a director of a county
28 department of human services; one member who is a youth 21 years
29 of age or younger who is or has been placed under the care and
30 custody of the Division of Youth and Family Services because of an
31 allegation of child abuse or neglect; two members who represent
32 service providers under contract with the Division of Youth and
33 Family Services; and five members of the public who have an
34 interest or expertise in issues concerning child welfare. The public
35 members shall reflect the diversity of the residents of the State and
36 the children and families served by the State's child welfare system.

37 The task force membership shall comply with the
38 multidisciplinary requirements set forth in the "Child Abuse
39 Prevention and Treatment Act," Pub.L.93-247 (42 U.S.C. s.5101 et
40 seq.).

41 The task force shall be co-chaired, one co-chair shall be the
42 Commissioner of Children and Families and the other shall be
43 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
44 Senate. The second co-chair shall be selected from among the

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 floor amendments adopted December 15, 2008.

A2901 [IR] EVANS, OLIVER

3

1 public members and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

2 The public members shall serve for a term of three years.

3 (cf. P.L.2006, c.47, s.56)

4

5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2901

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 12, 2008

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2901.

This bill increases and revises the membership of the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, by adding one member for a total of 30 members. The bill specifies that one judge each from the Criminal Division and the Civil Division of the Superior Court, instead of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, would serve on the task force. The Chief Justice, however, would appoint the two judges who will serve on the task force.

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2901

with Assembly Floor Amendmentss
(Proposed By Assemblywoman EVANS)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 15, 2008

This bill increases and revises the membership of the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. Instead of including the Chief Justice as a member of the task force, the bill provides that the Chief Justice would appoint two Superior Court judges to serve. The net increase in membership is one, resulting in a total membership of 30.

This amendment specifies that the two appointed judges shall be involved in civil and criminal court proceedings related to child abuse and neglect.

These revisions to the task force membership are necessary in order to for the State to qualify for federal funding under section 5106 of the federal "Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act," (42 U.S.C. s.5106).

A2901 EVANS, OLIVER

3

1 public members and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
2 The public members shall serve for a term of three years.
3 (cf. P.L. 2006, c.47, s.56)

4

5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

6

7

8 *SPONSOR'S* STATEMENT

9

10 This bill increases and revises the membership of the New Jersey
11 Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, by adding one member for
12 a total of 30 members. The bill specifies that one judge each from
13 the Criminal Division and the Civil Division of the Superior Court,
14 instead of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, would serve on
15 the task force. The Chief Justice, however, would appoint the two
16 judges who will serve on the task force.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1984

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2008

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with amendments Senate Bill No.1984.

As amended by the committee, this bill increases and revises the membership of the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. Instead of including the Chief Justice as a member of the task force, the bill provides that the Chief Justice would appoint two Superior Court judges to serve. The net increase in membership is one, resulting in a total membership of 30. The bill also specifies that the two appointed judges shall be involved in civil and criminal court proceedings related to child abuse and neglect.

These revisions to the task force membership are necessary in order to comply with section 5106 of the federal "Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act," (42 U.S.C. s.5101 et seq.), so that the State can qualify for federal funding.

The amendments clarify that the two appointed judges are to be involved with child abuse and neglect proceedings.

As amended, this bill is similar to Assembly Bill No. 2901 (Evans/Oliver), which is on second reading in the Assembly.

S1984 RUIZ, TURNER

3

1 The public members shall serve for a term of three years.
2 (cf. P.L. 2006, c.47, s.56)

3

4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

5

6

7

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

8

9 This bill increases and revises the membership of the New Jersey
10 Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, by adding one member for
11 a total of 30 members. The bill specifies that one judge each from
12 the Criminal Division and the Civil Division of the Superior Court,
13 instead of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, would serve on
14 the task force. The Chief Justice, however, would appoint the two
15 judges who will serve on the task force.