

# 34:15C-21 to 34:15C-23

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**LAWS OF:** 1999 **CHAPTER:** 223

**NJSA:** 34:15C-21 to 34:15C-23 (Council on Gender Parity)

**BILL NO:** S1448 (Substituted for A2904)

**SPONSOR(S):** Allen

**DATE INTRODUCED:** October 19, 1998

**COMMITTEE:** **ASSEMBLY:** Senior Issues and Community Services

**SENATE:** Women's Issues, Children and Family Services

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:** **ASSEMBLY:** June 24, 1999

**SENATE:** May 24, 1999

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** September 22, 1999

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#### **S1448**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 4 of original bill) [Yes](#)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** [Yes](#)

**SENATE:** [Yes](#)

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

#### **A2904**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 4 of original bill) [Yes](#)

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S1448

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** [Yes](#)

Identical to Senate Statement for S1448

**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

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P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 223, *approved September 22, 1999*  
Senate, No. 1448

1 **AN ACT** establishing a Council on Gender Parity in Labor and  
2 Education and making an appropriation.

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

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7 1. a. There is created, in the New Jersey State Employment and  
8 Training Commission, a council which shall be known as the Council  
9 on Gender Parity in Labor and Education.

10 b. The council shall consist of 13 members who are individuals  
11 with experience in the fields of labor, education, training or gender  
12 equity. The 13 members shall include: four members appointed by the  
13 Director of the Division on Women; four members appointed by the  
14 Executive Director of the State Employment and Training  
15 Commission; and five members who shall serve *ex officio*, one of  
16 whom shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Community Affairs,  
17 one by the Commissioner of Education, one by the Commissioner of  
18 Human Services, one by the Commissioner of Labor and one by the  
19 Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education. Not more than  
20 half of the members appointed by the Director of the Division on  
21 Women and not more than half of the members appointed by the  
22 Executive Director of the State Employment and Training Commission  
23 shall be of the same political party. The members appointed by the  
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37 for cause, after a hearing and may be suspended by the director or the  
38 executive director pending the completion of the hearing.

39 c. Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but  
40 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance  
41 of their duties as members. Action may be taken and motions and  
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1 affirmative vote of a majority of the members. The council shall elect  
2 from its members a chairperson who shall be a nongovernmental  
3 member of the council. Advanced notification for, and copies of the  
4 minutes of, each meeting of the council shall be filed with the  
5 Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General  
6 Assembly.

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8 2. The Council shall:

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10 gender equity in labor, education and training;

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12 Departments of Community Affairs, Education, Human Services and  
13 Labor, and the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education  
14 regarding the needs, priorities, programs and policies related to access  
15 and equity for labor, education and workforce training throughout the  
16 State;

17 c. Review current and proposed legislation and regulations  
18 pertaining to gender equity in labor, education and workforce training  
19 and make recommendations regarding possible legislation and  
20 regulations to the State Employment and Training Commission and the  
21 Division on Women;

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31 events such as conferences and symposia;

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34 Commission which were published in the reports of the task force  
35 entitled, "Leveling the Playing Field: Removing Barriers for Women  
36 in New Jersey's Employment and Training Programs," and "Balancing  
37 the Equation: A Report on Gender Equity in Education"; and

38 h. Submit an annual report to the Governor, the Legislature, the  
39 State Employment and Training Commission and the Division on  
40 Women of its assessments and recommendations made pursuant to this  
41 section.

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43 3. The council is authorized to:

44 a. Hold public hearings;

45 b. Employ staff, responsible to the Executive Director of the State  
46 Employment and Training Commission, to assist the council to

- 1 implement the purposes of this act; and  
2 c. Avail itself of the services of the employees and have access to  
3 the records of any instrumentality of the State, as necessary or useful  
4 to implement the purposes of this act.  
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6 4. There is appropriated \$95,000 from the General Fund to the  
7 Council on Gender Parity in Labor and Education.  
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9 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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12 STATEMENT  
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14 This bill establishes, within the State Employment and Training  
15 Commission (SETC), a permanent Council on Gender Parity in Labor  
16 and Education to oversee the State's efforts to provide gender equity  
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35 7. Make an annual assessment of the implementation of the  
36 published recommendations of the SETC's Gender Equity Task Force;  
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38 8. Make an annual report of its assessments and recommendations  
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40 Women.

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45 Establishes Council on Gender Parity in Labor and Education;  
46 appropriates \$95,000.

**SENATE, No. 1448**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED OCTOBER 19, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator DIANE ALLEN**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Heck, Assemblymen DiGaetano, Greenwald,  
Assemblywomen Previte, Murphy and Assemblyman Arnone**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes Council on Gender Parity in Labor and Education; appropriates \$95,000.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/25/1999)**

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ASSEMBLY SENIOR ISSUES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1448**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 3, 1999

The Assembly Senior Issues and Community Services Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1448.

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SENATE WOMEN'S ISSUES, CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1448**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 23, 1998

The Senate Women's Issues, Children and Family Services Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1448 with committee amendments.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 2904

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 18, 1999

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman ROSE MARIE HECK**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman PAUL DIGAETANO**

**District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

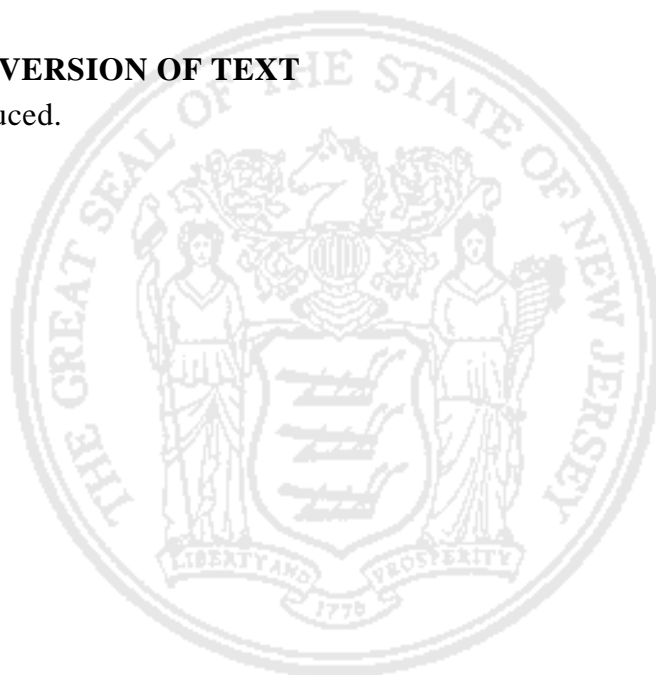
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ASSEMBLY SENIOR ISSUES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2904**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 3, 1999

The Assembly Senior Issues and Community Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2904.

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*Office of the Governor*  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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CONTACT: Gene Herman  
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RELEASE: September 22, 1999

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

**S-1789**, the New Jersey Homeless Youth Act, sponsored by Senators William L. Gormley (R-Atlantic) and Joseph F. Vitale (D-Middlesex) and Assembly Members Kenneth C. LeFevre (R-Atlantic) and Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic), appropriates \$1 million to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish and support a comprehensive program for homeless youth. The Commissioner of the DHS will develop rules and regulations for the licensing of street outreach, basic center shelters and transitional living home programs.

Street outreach will enhance the homeless youth's accessibility to resources by locating, contacting and providing services to the youth through community-based, mobile outreach. Services may include assistance in finding shelter, food, clothing, medical care and counseling.

The basic center shelter program will provide a homeless youth with 24-hour, seven-day-a-week access to a stable out-of-home placement. Services may include family reunification, counseling, food, clothing, medical care, educational services and recreation. The shelter will help reunite the family unless it is not in the youth's best interest.

The transitional living home program will provide residential care and treatment services for up to 18 months to homeless youths between the ages of 16 and 21 who demonstrate the maturity to function with minimal adult supervision. The goal is to prepare the youth for independence and self-sufficiency. The legislation also eliminates the requirement in current law that prohibits homeless youths from obtaining emergency shelter without first obtaining either a court order or a guardian's permission.

**S-160**, sponsored by Senators Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr. (R- Middlesex/Monmouth) and Joseph A. Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Assembly Members Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth), authorizes certain federal law enforcement officers to make arrests for violations of New Jersey law. The bill expands the list of federal law enforcement officers authorized to make arrests when serious state crimes are committed or about to be committed in their presence to include the Department of the Interior special agents, investigators, park police and park rangers and the United States postal police. The power of postal police officers is limited to offenses occurring on postal property while they are on duty.

**S-995**, sponsored by the late Senator Wynona M. Lipman (D- Essex/Union) and Senator Ronald L. Rice (D-Essex) and Assembly Member William D. Payne (D-Essex/Union), allows for the extension of property tax exemptions for certain non-profit housing corporations beyond the 35 year limit set by the 1991 Long Term Tax Exemption Law. The bill applies only to limited-dividend and non-profit housing corporations. This bill would allow a municipality to extend the term of any such tax exemption to coincide with the term of the housing corporation's mortgage financing. The mortgage duration and the

terms of any such extension shall be set forth in an agreement between the developer of the housing corporation and the affected municipality.

**S-1133**, sponsored by Senators Peter A. Inverso (R- Mercer/Middlesex) and Anthony R. Bucco (R-Morris) and Assembly Members Charlotte Vandervalk (R-Bergen), Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth) and Neil M. Cohen (D-Union), provides a tax deduction to self-employers for 100% of the cost of health insurance. Under previous law, self-employers were treated the same as individuals could only deduct premiums in excess of 2% of their income as medical expense. This will change the tax treatment for self-employers to make it analogous to corporations. Under the law, corporations may deduct 100% of the cost of providing employee health insurance from their corporate income for the purpose of calculating the Corporate Business Tax.

**S-585**, sponsored by Senator Bernard F. Kenny, Jr. (D-Hudson) and Assembly Members Raul "Rudy" Garcia (D-Hudson) and Nicholas R. Felice (R-Bergen/Passaic), makes religious organizations, fraternal organizations, and certain educational institutions eligible for funding from the New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1987, in addition to non-profit cultural centers that are currently eligible.

**S-1448**, sponsored by Senator Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Assembly Members Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen) and Jerry Green (D- Middlesex/Somerset/Union), appropriates \$95,000 to establish a permanent Council on Gender Parity in Labor and Education with the State Employment and Training Commission. The new council will help ensure that federal and state gender equity initiatives are implemented effectively in communities, schools and public agencies.

**S-1960**, sponsored by Senators Henry P. McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Robert E. Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Assembly Members E. Scott Garrett (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/ Morris) and Guy R. Gregg (R- Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris), formalizes and makes permanent the municipal financial aid offset formula and program for the loss of property tax revenue as a result of the moratorium on the sale of watershed lands. For the last several years, the offset has been provided for through language inserted in the state annual Appropriations Act.

The amount of aid to be provided annually to every municipality where property is subject to the watershed moratorium is based on a formula of \$68.50 per acre of such lands in the municipality, to be adjusted annually by reference to the Consumer Price Index. The bill also appropriates \$3.4 million from the General Fund to the Department of Community Affairs for the purpose of providing watershed moratorium offset aid to qualifying municipalities for Fiscal Year 2000.

**SCS for A-1983 and S-1237**, sponsored by Assembly Members Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic) and David W. Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Wayne R. Bryant (D-Camden/Gloucester) and John J. Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester), creates the Higher Education Incentive Funding Program Act and appropriates \$5 million for state matching funds. The bill establishes within the Department of Treasury a program under which New Jersey's public and private institutions of higher education that receive substantial gifts of cash or marketable securities would qualify for state funds partially matching those gifts. The amount of matching funds payable would depend upon whether the gifts were endowment contributions or donations, and also upon the type of institution to which the gifts are made.

**S-1074**, sponsored by Senators Donald T. DiFrancesco (R- Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union) and Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr. (R- Middlesex/Monmouth) and Assembly Members Joseph Azzolina (R- Middlesex/Monmouth) and Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson, provides expanded sales and use tax exemptions for the film and video industry. Under current law, film production equipment including cameras, lighting equipment, sound recorders and film are exempt from the sales tax. This legislation expands the list to mirror those exempted in New York by exempting all products used and consumed directly and primarily in the production of a film. Newly tax exempt products include cars, lumber and supplies used in the production of a film. Tangible personal property incidental to the making of a film such as accommodations, prepared foods, and other products used by the film crew and actors and actresses would continue to be taxable.