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ASSEMBLY, No. 1711

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 15, 1984

By Assemblymen SCHWARTZ, KARCHER, Assemblywoman PERUN, Assemblymen HERMAN, WATSON, LARocca, VAINIERI, CHARLES, DORIA, FORTUNATO, PANKOK, THOMPSON, Assemblywoman GARVIN, Assemblyman McENROE, Assemblywoman WALKER, Assemblymen PATERNITI, FOY, Assemblywoman KALIK, Assemblyman BRYANT and Assemblywoman MUHLER.

AN ACT to establish the New Jersey Institute on Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies, prescribing the functions and purposes thereof, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Conflict  
2 Resolution and Peace Studies Act."

1 2. The Legislature finds, determines and declares:

2 a. It is a fundamental aspiration of the people of New Jersey  
3 to live in a peaceful world, in which the threat of war, with its  
4 material destruction and human suffering, is steadily reduced and  
5 ultimately eliminated;

6 b. Accordingly, it is an appropriate act of State government,  
7 in furtherance of this aspiration, to promote the development,  
8 collection and analysis of the best research on, and most advanced  
9 techniques of, conflict resolution and peaceful settlement of dis-  
10 putes; and

11 c. It is the intent and purpose of the Legislature that the  
12 Institute established pursuant to this act shall produce significant  
13 aids to the understanding and implementation of methods for

14 prevention of violent conflict arising from disputes on all levels  
15 of human interaction; and it is reasonably anticipated that, in  
16 addition to its primary benefits aimed at the avoidance of armed  
17 national conflict, the results of the Institute's labors will produce  
18 significant benefits of a domestic nature here in New Jersey—as  
19 in improving labor-management relations, mediating environmental  
20 issue disputes and mitigating landlord tenant conflicts.

1 3. a. There is established in, but not of, the Department of  
2 Higher Education, the New Jersey Institute on Conflict Resolution  
3 and Peace Studies, hereafter referred to as the Institute.

4 b. The Institute shall be under the direct management and  
5 supervision of the Chancellor of Higher Education, who shall,  
6 by rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the "Admin-  
7 istrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.),  
8 provide for its organization and methods of proceeding, so as to  
9 fulfill the purposes prescribed in section 4 of this act.

10 c. The Chancellor may at any time, and from time to time, enter  
11 into agreements with any public or private institution of higher  
12 learning in this State, under which such institution shall undertake  
13 to carry out any of the functions or projects of the Institute pur-  
14 suant to section 4 of this act; and in consideration of such under-  
15 taking the Chancellor may authorize the payment to such insti-  
16 tution of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the  
17 Institute under this act or any other law, or from any other lawful  
18 source, and which are determined by him to be necessary or appro-  
19 priate for the funding of the function or project so undertaken.

1 4. The Institute created by this act shall:

2 a. Foster wide varieties of approaches to conflict resolution by  
3 sponsoring research, seminars, conferences, and other activities  
4 which may contribute to the fulfillment of the goals set forth in  
5 section 2 of this act;

6 b. Facilitate the collection of, and access to, the best available  
7 research relating to the understanding, analysis and techniques  
8 of conflict resolutions; and

9 c. Take steps, through or in cooperation with public and private  
10 institutions of higher learning in the State, to develop courses and  
11 curricula in conflict resolution and peace studies, including a range  
12 of programs and study materials that will offer appropriate  
13 choices for use at all academic levels and for pupils of all age  
14 groups, so that the most advanced and most useful knowledge in  
15 this field shall be widely and effectively disseminated.

1 5. In order to make a concrete and substantial contribution to  
2 peace through understanding, the Institute shall annually, and

3 at such other times as it deems appropriate, transmit its findings  
4 and recommendations to the presiding officers of the United States  
5 Senate and House of Representatives, to each of the members of  
6 the Congress of the United States elected from New Jersey, to  
7 the appropriate officer of the Department of State and the Depart-  
8 ment of Defense, to the Executive Office of the President, to the  
9 Secretary-General of the United Nations, and to other such insti-  
10 tutions which are devoted to the study and advancement of peace.

1 6. To assist him in the organization of the Institute, and in  
2 fulfilling his other duties and responsibilities under this act, the  
3 Chancellor shall appoint an advisory board, which shall be broadly  
4 representative of those organizations and individuals having active  
5 interest in, and academic or practical knowledge and experience  
6 of, the methods and techniques of conflict resolution and the peace-  
7 ful settlement of disputes; including, without limitation, repre-  
8 sentatives of religious, cultural and academic organizations, and  
9 persons actively engaged in the promotion of international and  
10 intercultural understanding, the study or conduct of foreign rela-  
11 tions, and the advancement of world peace.

1 7. There is appropriated to the Department of Higher Education,  
2 for the purposes of the Institute, the sum of \$50,000.00. Disburse-  
3 ments from the amount thus appropriated, or which may hereafter  
4 be appropriated or otherwise made available for the purposes of  
5 the Institute, shall be made upon certification of the Chancellor  
6 pursuant to the terms of this act and rules and regulations made  
7 pursuant thereto, and warrant of the Comptroller.

1 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

This bill provides for the establishment of the New Jersey Institute on Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies in the Department of Higher Education, which is designed to promote better understanding of conflict and its peaceful resolution. The Institute will facilitate ongoing endeavors in this area through the sponsorship of research, seminars, and conferences. Ongoing access to major research in conflict resolution will be provided by the Institute, which also will serve as an informational resource to any interested party in the community. Provision for curricula development in conflict and peace studies in institutions of higher education in the State is designed to spur student interest so that new generations of scholars will develop in this field.

An advisory board, comprised of individuals representing var-

ious organizations interested in conflict and peace studies, will advise the Chancellor of the Department of Higher Education on any aspect of the Institute's functioning.

In order to make a concrete and substantial contribution to national and international conflict resolution and peace, the bill directs the Institute to report its findings and recommendations to the New Jersey Congressional delegation, the Departments of State and Defense, the Executive Office of the President, the United Nations, and other organizations devoted to the study and promotion of peace.

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1711

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 1984

This bill establishes the New Jersey Institute on Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies, under the direct management of the Chancellor of Higher Education.

The chancellor will be assisted by an advisory board consisting of individuals with knowledge and experience in conflict resolution and the peaceful settlement of disputes, and representatives of organizations interested in these matters.

The institute will: (1) sponsor seminars, conferences and similar activities; (2) sponsor, collect and facilitate access to the best available research; and (3) develop courses and curricula in cooperation with institutions of higher education.

The institute will make an annual report to the New Jersey congressional delegation, the Departments of State and Defense, the Executive Office of the President, the United Nations and other appropriate governmental and nongovernmental organizations.

The bill appropriates \$50,000.00.



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SEPTEMBER 10, 1984

A-1711, sponsored by Assemblyman David Schwartz, D-Middlesex, to create the New Jersey Institute on Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies within the Department of Higher Education. The Institute will sponsor research, seminars and conferences on conflict resolution and peaceful settlement of disputes.

AJR-5, sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara Kalik, D-Burlington, to designate the week of October 21 as "Business Women's Week."

AJR-52, sponsored by Assemblywoman Jacqueline Walker, D-Middlesex, to commend the New Jersey State Police and local officials for their response to the serious coastal and inland flooding of March 28 and 29, and April 5 and 6, of 1984.

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