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P.L.2016, CHAPTER 88, *approved January 9, 2017*
Senate, No. 1489 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning pregnancy discrimination in higher education
2 and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. An institution of higher education offering ¹associate,
9 baccalaureate, or¹ graduate degree programs shall be prohibited
10 from requiring a ¹**【graduate】**¹ student to take a leave of absence,
11 withdraw from ¹**【a】** an associate, baccalaureate, or¹ graduate
12 program, or limit ¹**【graduate】** the student's¹ studies solely due to
13 pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues.

14 b. An institution of higher education offering ¹associate,
15 baccalaureate, or¹ graduate degree programs shall provide
16 reasonable accommodations to a pregnant ¹**【graduate】**¹ student to
17 enable the student to complete coursework and research.
18 Reasonable accommodations to a pregnant ¹**【graduate】**¹ student
19 shall include, but need not be limited to, allowances for the
20 student's health and safety, such as allowing the student to maintain
21 a safe distance from hazardous substances, allowing the student to
22 make up tests and assignments that are missed for pregnancy-
23 related reasons, allowing a student to take a leave of absence, and
24 excusing medically-necessary absences.

25 c. An institution of higher education offering ¹associate,
26 baccalaureate, or¹ graduate degree programs shall develop and
27 adopt a written policy for ¹**【graduate】**¹ students on pregnancy
28 discrimination and procedures for addressing pregnancy
29 discrimination complaints under Title IX of the Education
30 Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sec.1681 et seq. or under P.L. ,
31 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). A copy of
32 the policy shall annually be made available to all faculty, staff, and
33 employees. The policy shall be distributed to all ¹**【graduate】**¹
34 students attending orientation sessions at the institution.

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36 2. a. A graduate student who chooses to take a leave of
37 absence because she is pregnant or has recently given birth shall be

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 AWC committee amendments adopted May 19, 2016.

1 allowed a period consistent with the policies of the institution of
2 higher education in which she is enrolled, or a period of 12 months,
3 whichever period is longer, to prepare for and take preliminary and
4 qualifying examinations. The normative time to degree while in
5 candidacy for a graduate degree for a pregnant graduate student
6 shall be increased in an amount equal to the length of the leave of
7 absence, unless a longer extension is medically necessary.

8 b. A graduate student who is not the birth parent and who
9 chooses to take a leave of absence because of the birth of the
10 student's child shall be allowed a period consistent with the policies
11 of the institution of higher education at which the student is
12 enrolled, or a period of one month, whichever period is longer, to
13 prepare for and take preliminary and qualifying examinations, and
14 an extension of at least one month toward normative time to degree
15 while in candidacy for a graduate degree, unless a longer period or
16 extension is medically necessary to care for the student's partner or
17 their child.

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19 3. a. An enrolled **'[graduate]'** student in good academic
20 standing who chooses to take a leave of absence because she is
21 pregnant or has recently given birth shall return to the 'associate,
22 baccalaureate, or' graduate program in good academic standing
23 following a leave period consistent with the policies of the
24 institution of higher education at which the student is enrolled or of
25 up to one academic year, whichever period is longer, subject to the
26 reasonable administrative requirements of the institution, unless
27 there is a medical reason for a longer absence, in which case her
28 standing in the 'associate, baccalaureate, or' graduate program shall
29 be maintained during that period of absence.

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35 institution of higher education at which the student is enrolled, or of
36 up to one month, whichever period is longer, subject to the
37 reasonable administrative requirements of the institution.

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39 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
40 the 2016-2017 academic year.

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46 Ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant students in
institutions of higher education.

SENATE, No. 1489

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Sponsored by:

Senator NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Senator SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM

District 31 (Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Ruiz

SYNOPSIS

Ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant graduate students in institutions of higher education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/15/2016)

1 AN ACT concerning pregnancy discrimination in higher education
2 and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. An institution of higher education offering graduate
9 degree programs shall be prohibited from requiring a graduate
10 student to take a leave of absence, withdraw from a graduate
11 program, or limit graduate studies solely due to pregnancy or
12 pregnancy-related issues.

13 b. An institution of higher education offering graduate degree
14 programs shall provide reasonable accommodations to a pregnant
15 graduate student to enable the student to complete coursework and
16 research. Reasonable accommodations to a pregnant graduate
17 student shall include, but need not be limited to, allowances for the
18 student's health and safety, such as allowing the student to maintain
19 a safe distance from hazardous substances, allowing the student to
20 make up tests and assignments that are missed for pregnancy-
21 related reasons, allowing a student to take a leave of absence, and
22 excusing medically-necessary absences.

23 c. An institution of higher education offering graduate degree
24 programs shall develop and adopt a written policy for graduate
25 students on pregnancy discrimination and procedures for addressing
26 pregnancy discrimination complaints under Title IX of the
27 Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sec.1681 et seq. or
28 under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
29 bill). A copy of the policy shall annually be made available to all
30 faculty, staff, and employees. The policy shall be distributed to all
31 graduate students attending orientation sessions at the institution.

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33 2. a. A graduate student who chooses to take a leave of
34 absence because she is pregnant or has recently given birth shall be
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36 higher education in which she is enrolled, or a period of 12 months,
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38 qualifying examinations. The normative time to degree while in
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46 enrolled, or a period of one month, whichever period is longer, to
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48 an extension of at least one month toward normative time to degree

1 while in candidacy for a graduate degree, unless a longer period or
2 extension is medically necessary to care for the student's partner or
3 their child.

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5 3. a. An enrolled graduate student in good academic standing
6 who chooses to take a leave of absence because she is pregnant or
7 has recently given birth shall return to the graduate program in good
8 academic standing following a leave period consistent with the
9 policies of the institution of higher education at which the student is
10 enrolled or of up to one academic year, whichever period is longer,
11 subject to the reasonable administrative requirements of the
12 institution, unless there is a medical reason for a longer absence, in
13 which case her standing in the graduate program shall be
14 maintained during that period of absence.

15 b. An enrolled graduate student in good academic standing who
16 is not the birth parent and who chooses to take a leave of absence
17 because of the birth of the student's child shall return to the
18 graduate program in good academic standing following a leave
19 period consistent with the policies of the institution of higher
20 education at which the student is enrolled, or of up to one month,
21 whichever period is longer, subject to the reasonable administrative
22 requirements of the institution.

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24 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
25 the 2016-2017 academic year.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant
31 graduate students in institutions of higher education. Under the bill,
32 an institution of higher education offering graduate degree
33 programs:

34 - is prohibited from requiring a graduate student to take a leave
35 of absence, withdraw from a graduate program, or limit graduate
36 studies solely due to pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues;

37 - required to provide reasonable accommodations to a pregnant
38 graduate student to enable the student to complete coursework and
39 research; and

40 - required to develop and adopt a written policy for graduate
41 students on pregnancy discrimination and procedures for addressing
42 pregnancy discrimination complaints under Title IX of the
43 Education Amendments of 1972 or under this bill.

44 The bill also provides that a graduate student who chooses to
45 take a leave of absence because she is pregnant or has recently
46 given birth, or because of the birth of his or her child in the case of
47 a student who is not the birth parent, must be allowed extension
48 periods to prepare for and take preliminary and qualifying

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4 academic standing who chooses to take a leave of absence because
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8 education or of up to one academic year, whichever period is
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10 student's standing in the graduate program will be maintained
11 during that period of absence. The bill provides that an enrolled
12 graduate student in good academic standing who is not the birth
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14 birth of the student's child will return to the graduate program in
15 good academic standing following a leave period consistent with
16 the policies of the institution of higher education, or of up to one
17 month, whichever period is longer.

ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1489

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 2016

The Assembly Women and Children Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments, Senate Bill No. 1489.

As amended by the committee, this bill ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant students in institutions of higher education. Under the bill, an institution of higher education offering associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree programs is: prohibited from requiring a student to take a leave of absence, withdraw from an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate program, or limit associate, baccalaureate, or graduate studies solely due to pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues; required to provide reasonable accommodations to a pregnant student to enable the student to complete coursework and research; and required to develop and adopt a written policy for students on pregnancy discrimination and procedures for addressing pregnancy discrimination complaints under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 or under the provisions of the bill.

The bill also provides that a graduate student who chooses to take a leave of absence because she is pregnant or has recently given birth, or because of the birth of his or her child in the case of a student who is not the birth parent, must be allowed extension periods to prepare for and take preliminary and qualifying examinations and must be granted extensions toward the normative time to degree while in candidacy for a graduate degree.

The bill provides that an enrolled student in good academic standing who chooses to take a leave of absence because she is pregnant or has recently given birth will return to the associate, baccalaureate, or graduate program in good academic standing following a leave period consistent with the policies of the institution of higher education or of up to one academic year, whichever period is longer. If there is a medical reason for a longer absence, the student's standing in the associate, baccalaureate, or graduate program will be maintained during that period of absence.

The bill provides that an enrolled student in good academic standing who is not the birth parent and who chooses to take a leave of absence because of the birth of the student's child will return to the associate, baccalaureate, or graduate program in good academic standing following a leave period consistent with the policies of the

institution of higher education, or of up to one month, whichever period is longer.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1465 (ACA), which was released by the committee on the same day.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to expand certain protections provided in the bill to pregnant graduate students, graduate students that have recently given birth, and in the case of graduate students who are not birth parents, because of the birth of the student's child to students in associate or baccalaureate degree programs.

Specifically, under the amendments, an institution of higher education offering associate or baccalaureate degrees is: prohibited from requiring a pregnant student to take a leave of absence, withdraw from an associate or baccalaureate program, or limit associate or baccalaureate studies solely due to pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues; required to provide reasonable accommodations to a pregnant student to enable the student to complete coursework and research; and required to develop and adopt a written policy for students on pregnancy discrimination.

The committee also amended the bill to allow an enrolled student who is in good standing who chooses to take a leave of absence because the student is pregnant, has recently given birth, or in the case of a student who is not a birth parent, because of the birth of the student's child, to return to the associate or baccalaureate program in good standing following a leave period consistent with the policies of the institution of higher education, or of up to one month, whichever period is longer. If there is a medical reason for a longer absence, the standing of a pregnant student or a student who has recently given birth in an associate or baccalaureate program would be maintained during that absence.

SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1489

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 3, 2016

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1489.

This bill ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant graduate students in institutions of higher education. Under the bill, an institution of higher education offering graduate degree programs:

- is prohibited from requiring a graduate student to take a leave of absence, withdraw from a graduate program, or limit graduate studies solely due to pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues;

- required to provide reasonable accommodations to a pregnant graduate student to enable the student to complete coursework and research; and

- required to develop and adopt a written policy for graduate students on pregnancy discrimination and procedures for addressing pregnancy discrimination complaints under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 or under this bill.

The bill also provides that a graduate student who chooses to take a leave of absence because she is pregnant or has recently given birth, or because of the birth of his or her child in the case of a student who is not the birth parent, must be allowed extension periods to prepare for and take preliminary and qualifying examinations and must be granted extensions toward the normative time to degree while in candidacy for a graduate degree.

The bill provides that an enrolled graduate student in good academic standing who chooses to take a leave of absence because she is pregnant or has recently given birth will return to the graduate program in good academic standing following a leave period consistent with the policies of the institution of higher education or of up to one academic year, whichever period is longer. If there is a medical reason for a longer absence, the student's standing in the graduate program will be maintained during that period of absence. The bill provides that an enrolled graduate student in good academic standing who is not the birth parent and who chooses to take a leave of absence because of the birth of the student's child will return to the graduate program in good academic standing following a leave period consistent with the policies of the institution of higher education, or of up to one month, whichever period is longer.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1465

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblywoman GABRIELA M. MOSQUERA

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblywoman JOANN DOWNEY

District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant graduate students in institutions of higher education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/20/2016)

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17 month, whichever period is longer.

ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1465

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 2016

The Assembly Woman and Children Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments, Assembly Bill No.1465.

As amended by the committee, this bill ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant students in institutions of higher education. Under the bill, an institution of higher education offering associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree programs is: prohibited from requiring a student to take a leave of absence, withdraw from an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate program, or limit associate, baccalaureate, or graduate studies solely due to pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues; required to provide reasonable accommodations to a pregnant student to enable the student to complete coursework and research; and required to develop and adopt a written policy for students on pregnancy discrimination and procedures for addressing pregnancy discrimination complaints under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 or under the provisions of the bill.

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associate, baccalaureate, or graduate program in good academic standing following a leave period consistent with the policies of the institution of higher education, or of up to one month, whichever period is longer.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1489 (ACA), which was released by the committee on the same day.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to expand certain protections provided in the bill to pregnant graduate students, graduate students that have recently given birth, and in the case of graduate students who are not birth parents, because of the birth of the student's child to students in associate or baccalaureate degree programs.

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The committee also amended the bill to allow an enrolled student who is in good standing who chooses to take a leave of absence because the student is pregnant, has recently given birth, or in the case of a student who is not a birth parent, because of the birth of the student's child, to return to the associate or baccalaureate program in good standing following a leave period consistent with the policies of the institution of higher education, or of up to one month, whichever period is longer. If there is a medical reason for a longer absence, the standing of a pregnant student or a student who has recently given birth in an associate or baccalaureate program would be maintained during that absence.

Governor Chris Christie Signs Legislation Enhancing Protections For Domestic Violence Survivors

Monday, January 9, 2017 Tags: [Bill Action](#)



Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today signed legislation to enhance protections for survivors of domestic violence.

This new law will deter domestic violence, partly by increasing criminal penalties for offences including maximums for repeat offenders, as urged in Governor Christie's conditional vetoes of earlier versions of this legislation.

"This new law will help prevent domestic violence in New Jersey by enhancing criminal penalties and ensuring immediate compliance with stronger protective orders," Governor Christie said. "Survivors of domestic violence will be safer than ever before. I am proud we came together to enact this model legislation that is much more than just symbolic and is real reform that fulfills our primary responsibility of improving public safety in New Jersey."

This new law reinforces existing laws by creating a more in-depth process to ensure domestic violence offenders' firearms, identification cards and permits are confiscated as required while they are subject to restraining orders. It forces offenders to immediately upon sentencing – rather than after several days – arrange for the surrender of their firearms, identification cards and permits to a law enforcement officer. It also requires an order for a temporary or final restraining order to include notice to the defendant of the penalties for a violation of any provision of the order, including but not limited to the penalties for contempt of court and unlawful possession of a firearm or other weapon.

In addition to signing S-2483/A-4126 (Weinberg, Beck/Mosquera, Greenwald, Downey, Houghtaling, Munoz, Sumter, Benson, Lampitt, Wimberly) into law, the Governor also took action today on the following legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

S-909/A-2688 (Rice/Spencer, Pintor Marin) - Exempts person who remediates property in environmental opportunity zone from remediation funding source requirement

S-976/A-2332 (Gordon, Beck/Benson, Downey, Eustace) - Requires Public Health Council to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories

S-981/A-2375 (Smith, Bateman, Greenstein/McKeon, Gusciora, Spencer) - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"

S-1489/A-1465 (Cruz-Perez, Cunningham/Lampitt, Mosquera, Wimberly, Downey, McKnight) - Ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant students in institutions of higher education

S-2098/A-3549 (Sacco, Pennacchio/Johnson, Zwicker, Wisniewski, Benson) - Exempts hydrogen fuel cell-powered vehicles from certain labeling requirements

S-2463/A-3892 (Vitale, Rice, Allen/Vainieri Huttie, Lampitt, Mukherji) - Changes the time when child placement review hearings are initiated from 45 days to 60 days

S-2526/A-4105 (Diegnan, Thompson/Dancer, DeCroce, Clifton, Pinkin, Mukherji) - Designates portion of Interstate Highway Route 195 in Upper Freehold Township as "State Trooper Anthony A. Raspa Memorial Highway"

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S-2601/A-4207 (Pou, Beck/Vainieri Huttie, Holley, Downey, Mukherji, Muoio, Jasey) - Modifies scope of "Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015" and enforcement of protective orders under that act

S-2708/A-4064 (Codey/Jasey, McKeon, Mukherji) - Authorizes State Treasurer to convey surplus real property known as Millburn Regional Day School in Millburn Township, Essex County, to Millburn Township Board of Education or to Millburn Township for \$3,550,000

SJR-29/AJR-58 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttie, Jasey, Jones, McKnight, Phoebus, Wimberly) - Designates one night in November of each year as a "Night of Conversation" about drug and alcohol addiction

A-793/S-316 (Andrzejczak, Land, Taliaferro/Van Drew, Connors) - Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects

A-794/S-317 (Andrzejczak, Land, Taliaferro, Van Drew, Connors) - Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to adopt coordinated permit application and review program for aquaculture projects

A-1424/S-1050 (Johnson, Wimberly, Sumter/Weinberg, Stack) - Authorizes Victims of Crime Compensation Office to make payment for relocation expenses of certain witnesses of crimes

A-2106/S-2351 (Mukherji, Chaparro, Holley, Jimenez, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly/Ruiz, Madden) - Permits homeless to receive certified copy of birth certificate without fee

A-2107/S-2350 (Mukherji, Holley, Gusciora, Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Ruiz, Madden) - Exempts homeless from fee for non-driver identification cards

A-2158/S-2241 (Coughlin, Wolfe, Holley, McKnight/Diegnan) - Authorizes use of emergency reserve fund or proceeds from bonds issued by EDA to finance school security improvements

A-2763/S-1933 (Mazzeo, Mosquera, Mukherji, Andrzejczak, Land, Houghtaling/Sweeney, Stack) - Enters NJ in Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

A-3534/S-2086 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton, Webber, Benson, Moriarty/A.R. Bucco, Van Drew) - Permits authorities and local units operating water supply or sewerage facilities to waive, reduce, or defer sewerage and water service fees for deployed military personnel

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S-790/A-3256 (Sarlo, O'Toole/Lagana, Benson, Sumter) – CONDITIONAL - Requires Police Training Commission to develop accelerated training course for certain county corrections officers

A-312/S-2557 (Singleton, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Wimberly, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Stack) – CONDITIONAL - Requires Division of Local Government Services to include certain property tax information on division's web page

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