

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1578**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 10, 2018

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1578.

This bill requires that each State agency prominently display on its Internet homepage a link to any program, services, benefits, or informational resources that are provided by or through that agency and that are intended exclusively or primarily for women. The link is to be clearly identified in such a manner as to facilitate access to information about any such program, services, benefits, or informational resources.

The bill defines "State agency" to mean an executive branch agency of the State, including, but not limited to, any department, board, bureau, commission, division, office, council, agency, or instrumentality thereof, or independent agency, public authority, or public benefit corporation.

The bill takes effect on the first day of the fifth month following enactment, but authorizes each State agency to take prior administrative action as necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.