

ASSEMBLY, No. 2319

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywomen GILL and TURNER

1 AN ACT concerning State colleges and amending N.J.S.18A:64-1.

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

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6 1. N.J.S. 18A:64-1 is amended to read as follows:

7 18A:64-1. The Legislature hereby finds that it is in the best interest  
8 of the State that the State colleges shall be and continue to be given  
9 a high degree of self-government and that the government and conduct  
10 of the colleges shall be free of partisanship. The Legislature finds  
11 further that a decentralization of authority and decision-making to the  
12 boards of trustees and administrators of the State colleges will enhance  
13 the idea of self-government. Such colleges shall be maintained for the  
14 purpose of providing higher education in the liberal arts and sciences  
15 and various professional areas, including the science of education and  
16 the art of teaching, at such places as may be provided by law. The  
17 names of the colleges shall be designated by the board of trustees  
18 subject to regulations of the Commission on Higher Education  
19 concerning university status. The name of each of the existing State  
20 colleges shall continue the same and any State college board of  
21 trustees which seeks to change the name of the institution shall receive  
22 the approval of the Legislature and the Governor prior to the name  
23 change adoption [unless a new name is so designated].

24 (cf: P.L. 1994, c. 48, s. 93)

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires that a State college when seeking to change the  
32 name of the institution, in addition to board of trustee authorization,  
33 must also obtain the approval of the Governor and the Legislature  
34 prior to the adoption of a name change. All three entities must concur

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 in the effort to change the name of a State college. Currently only the  
2 approval of an institution's board of trustees is necessary for a name  
3 change.

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8 Requires State colleges to obtain gubernatorial and legislative  
9 approval prior to a name change.