

2019 Annual Report

**New York State Standing Committee
on Womens' Issues**



Senator Julia Salazar
Chair

NEW YORK
STATE
SENATE



SENATOR JULIA C. SALAZAR
18TH SENATE DISTRICT

December 23, 2019

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Temporary President and Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Women's Issues for the 2019 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction, in particular issues that face women in the continuing process of working for full equality and equity in our society.

During the 2019 session, this committee met three times in session and reported twelve bills. The Committee also held one roundtable this past year.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Salazar'.

Senator Julia Salazar
Chair, Women's Issues Committee

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

Senator Julia Salazar, Chairperson

Majority Conference Members

Senator Gaughran
Senator Kaplan
Senator Mayer
Senator Metzger

Minority Conference Members

Senator Little
Senator Ritchie

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Women's Issues has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning women's rights, equality, equity, and health.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, twelve bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, twelve were reported from the Committee. Eight were passed by the Senate, and seven passed in both houses. As of this writing, five bills reported from the Committee have been signed into law by the Governor. This work was conducted through a series of three committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

In addition to its regular meetings, the Committee held one roundtable meeting, which took place in Brooklyn. The topics discussed at the roundtable were maternal and child health. A second roundtable was scheduled to take place in Syracuse, but was postponed due to a snow storm.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2019

Bill	Summary
748	Provides exemption from jury service for breastfeeding women.
1819	Establishes a maternal morbidity review board and advisory council.
3126	Establishes a women's health education program for women in correctional facilities and requires a study and report on women's health in prison.
S 2387	Requires labeling of ingredients on menstrual products.
S 2888-A	Requires that medical providers share information regarding the risks involved in Cesarean sections with pregnant women.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2019, of the twelve bills referred to the Standing Committee on Women seven passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed five and vetoed two.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
748	Montgomery	Jury exemption for breastfeeding women.	Chapter 380 of 2019
1819	Rivera	Maternal morbidity review board and advisory council.	Chapter 140 of 2019
3125	Biaggi	Free feminine hygiene products in charter schools.	Veto memo 194
3344	Ramos	Doula certification.	Veto memo 195
3387	Kaplan	Authorizes lactation counseling services without physician referral.	Chapter 668 of 2019
4211	Sepulveda	Extends definition of "pregnancy related condition" to include lactation.	Chapter 271 of 2019
2387	Persaud	Requires labeling of ingredients in menstrual products.	Chapter 362 of 2019

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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2888-A	Salazar	Requires that medical providers share information regarding the risks involved in Cesarean sections with pregnant women.	In Rules. (The “same as” bill passed the Assembly.)

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3543	Salazar	Relates to the definition of over the counter contraceptive products and voluntary sterilization procedures.	Passed Senate 3/14/19. No "same as" bill in the Assembly.
2264	Hoylman	Requires certain disclosures by pregnancy crisis centers.	In Rules.
4947	Rivera	Requires healthcare and wellness education on the donation of postnatal tissue and fluids.	In Finance.



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