



Legislative Commission on the Economic Status of Women

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commission will hold public hearings in the next few months. If you are interested in the Commission visiting your community, please contact the Commission office.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY 1992

This issue summarizes the legislation passed related to women during the 1992 legislative session that ended April 17.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The Commission's agenda focused on the prevention of violence against women, including educational programs, funding for existing victim programs and treatment of juvenile offenders. The following provisions are contained in Chapter 571, the omnibus crime bill.

Violence prevention and education

Requires that public and private post-secondary institutions and requests that the University of Minnesota, adopt sexual harassment and anti-violence policies which inform victims of their rights and include provisions relating to sexual assault cases.

Appropriates \$1.5 million to the Dept. of Education to help school districts develop and implement violence prevention programs which can be integrated into the curricula of grades K-12 and for violence prevention in-service training for school staff and board members.

Appropriates \$250,000 to the Dept. of Education for grants for cities, counties and school boards to establish community violence prevention councils to identify community needs and resources.

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