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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 23

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla**

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(Coauthor: Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson)

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 23—Relative to Title IX.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 23, as amended, Bonilla. Title IX: 43rd anniversary.

This measure would, on June 23, 2015, commemorate the 43rd anniversary of the enactment of Title IX, and would urge Californians to continue to work together to achieve the goals set by Title IX, as specified.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is
- 2 a federal law that specifically states that no person in the United

1 States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in,  
2 be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under  
3 any education program or activity receiving federal financial  
4 assistance; and

5 WHEREAS, All public and private elementary schools and  
6 secondary schools, school districts, colleges, and universities  
7 receiving any federal funding must comply with Title IX; and

8 WHEREAS, Title IX requires equal access in recruitment,  
9 admissions, counseling, financial assistance, discipline,  
10 employment, and athletics; protection from sex-based harassment;  
11 and equitable treatment of pregnant and parenting students; and

12 WHEREAS, Prior to the enactment of Title IX, many women  
13 and girls faced discrimination and limited opportunities in athletics,  
14 academics, and extracurricular activities; and

15 WHEREAS, Discrimination on the basis of sex can include  
16 sexual harassment or sexual violence, including rape, sexual  
17 assault, sexual battery, and sexual coercion; and

18 WHEREAS, Title IX has been used as a basis in a number of  
19 complaints alleging sexual violence on college campuses, as sexual  
20 violence interferes with a student's right to receive education free  
21 from discrimination; and

22 WHEREAS, Of the 109 colleges and universities under  
23 investigation by the United States Department of Education for  
24 their handling of sexual violence cases, 11 are located in California;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Title IX, which governs educational equity  
27 generally, is widely known for ensuring equal access to women  
28 and girl athletes; and

29 WHEREAS, The members of the United States Women's  
30 National Soccer Team, which is ranked #2 in the world and  
31 continues to make our nation proud, all played collegiate level  
32 soccer; and

33 WHEREAS, Title IX regulations require that pregnant and  
34 parenting students have equal access to schools and activities, and  
35 that all separate programs for pregnant or parenting students be  
36 completely voluntary; and

37 WHEREAS, Title IX has been the basis for California laws that  
38 protect graduate students from discrimination on the basis of  
39 pregnancy in research projects in California universities, laws

1 requiring affirmative consent, and current legislation requiring  
2 lactation accommodations in California schools; and

3 WHEREAS, The educational equity guaranteed in Title IX does  
4 not solely apply to women. It protects everyone from sex-based  
5 discrimination, regardless of real or perceived sex, gender identity,  
6 or gender expression; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Title IX has increased opportunities for  
8 girls and women in academics, sports, and other educational  
9 activities, it has not yet achieved the goal of full equality; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*  
12 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature urges Californians to  
13 continue to work together to achieve the goals set by Title IX of  
14 increased opportunities for girls and women in academics, sports,  
15 and other educational activities; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of California, on  
17 June 23, 2015, commemorates the 43rd anniversary of Title IX,  
18 and commends the national movement toward increased equality  
19 and fair treatment of all students; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
21 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
22 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each  
23 Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the  
24 United States.