

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 480**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 480.

As amended, the bill provides that a temporary instructional certificate for a nonresident military spouse is to be valid for 365 days, with an option for an extension by the State Board of Examiners for an additional 365 days. The amended bill also prohibits the State board from charging a nonresident military spouse a fee for the issuance of a temporary instructional certificate.

As amended, the bill requires the Department of Education to establish procedures to expedite the processing of an application submitted by a nonresident military spouse for a New Jersey instructional certificate. The amended bill also prohibits the department and the State Board of Examiners from requiring a nonresident military spouse to pay a fee for the issuance of an instructional certificate.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 480(1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3235 (1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

- prohibit the State Board of Examiners from charging a nonresident military spouse a fee for the issuance of a temporary instructional certificate; and
- prohibit the department and State Board of Examiners from requiring a nonresident military spouse to pay a fee for the issuance of an instructional certificate.