

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1841

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 9, 2022

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1841.

This bill revises the definition of “harassment, intimidation or bullying” under the “Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.” Under that law, the term “harassment, intimidation or bullying” is defined as any gesture, action, or electronic communication that is reasonably perceived as being motivated either by any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability, or by any other distinguishing characteristic. This bill revises the definition to mean any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents, that is reasonably perceived as being motivated either by any actual or perceived action, behavior, or characteristic of the aggrieved party.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.