

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2477

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2477.

This bill requires a school district receiving preschool education aid through the “School Funding Reform Act of 2008” to provide no less than 50 percent of preschool pupil placements at licensed child care provider programs. The remaining preschool pupil placements will be provided in district programs and Head Start programs.

The bill permits, upon application, a school district to be granted a waiver by the Department of Education of the bill’s requirements if sufficient preschool pupil placements are not available at licensed child care provider programs within the school district. A school district that requests a waiver is required to provide such information as the Department of Education specifies to justify the request.