

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3175

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 19, 2022

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3175.

This bill would establish the “Revolutionary War Park Study Commission” to evaluate the feasibility of forming a National Historical Park that would include the existing Washington Crossing State Park, Trenton Battle Monument, and Princeton Battlefield State Park. The commission would consist of nine members: the Commissioner of Environmental Protection; two members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate; two members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly; the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission; and three public members appointed by the Governor, all of whom would be required to have expertise in a field essential to preserving historical resources.

The commission would evaluate:

- (1) the feasibility of establishing a National Historical Park;
- (2) the impact, advantages, and disadvantages of creating a National Historical Park; and
- (3) solutions to mitigate any potential issues arising from the establishment of a National Historical Park.

The commission would issue a final report of its findings and conclusions to the Governor and the Legislature no later than one year following the first meeting of the commission. The commission would expire upon the submission of that report.