

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3306

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2023

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 3306.

This bill requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to establish an awards program to be known as the “Career and Technical Education Scholar Awards.” The awards program is required to annually recognize outstanding career and technical education students who:

- demonstrate a high level of achievement in a career and technical education program as exemplified by course grades, industry-recognized technical assessments, and teacher recommendations;
- demonstrate a high level of achievement in at least three academic classes, as exemplified by course grades, end-of-course assessments, and teacher recommendations;
- successfully complete a college-level course or a work-based learning experience including, but not limited to, employment under a cooperative education agreement, an internship, or a work-based structured learning experience; and
- participate in a career and technical education student organization or a community service project that demonstrates the application of career and technical skills.

Under the bill, the department is required to establish an application procedure and criteria and guidelines for the eligibility, nomination, and judging of applications for the awards program. The department is to post the names of the award recipients on its website and will recognize the recipients through the award of a certificate, a press announcement, or other appropriate form of recognition.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1791, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.