

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3405

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2023

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3405 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters. The bill specifies that there should be no out-of-pocket cost to the volunteer firefighter. The bill also specifies that the State is to reimburse a volunteer firefighter for the full examination up to \$1,250 per three-year period, which is to be annually adjusted according to inflation. The bill establishes an occupational existing condition that makes being a volunteer firefighter a condition for reimbursement of costs associated with cancer screening examinations.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to remove language establishing a fund in the Department of Community Affairs that would have been the repository for monies related to a tax increase on fire insurance premiums and removed language increasing that tax. The committee also amended the title and synopsis to reflect this change.