SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3901

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 27, 2023

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 3901 with committee amendments.

The amended bill permits a student who successfully completes a course at a county fire academy to be eligible to receive credit toward meeting the high school graduation requirements for health, safety, and physical education if the student meets certain criteria. The student is required to: be between the ages of 16 and 18 years old; complete an examination, as applicable, to become a junior firefighter, or equivalent; and commit to volunteer at the fire department that serves the municipality in which the student resides for a period of two years.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

- provide a student is to be eligible to receive credit toward meeting the high school graduation requirements for health, safety, and physical education instead of requiring a school district to award credit for a student who successfully completes a course at a county fire academy;
- reference the State Board of Education's regulation permitting the awarding of credit; and
- update the bill's synopsis to reflect these changes.