

**STATEMENT TO**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 3016**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblyman CALABRESE)

ADOPTED: MAY 22, 2025

These floor amendments clarify that a minor who reports being 16 years of age or older and believes that the minor is in need of behavioral health care services for the treatment of mental illness or emotional disorders and places a telephone call to, or is transferred from another hotline to, the New Jersey Suicide Hopeline (hopeline) for counseling and support would be allowed to receive a follow-up call from an operator of the hopeline in response to the minor's original call without the minor's consent, or parental consent or authorization in accordance with the provisions of this bill. A follow-up call authorized pursuant to this bill would be solely for suicide prevention purposes and would not be considered behavioral health treatment, diagnosis, or clinical care. Additionally, the amendments add a findings and declarations section and renumber the sections of the bill.