

# ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4160

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2026

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4160.

This bill establishes a Chief Executive Nurse position within the Department of Health (DOH).

Under the bill, the Commissioner of Health (commissioner) is to appoint a Chief Executive Nurse within the DOH who is to serve at the pleasure of the commissioner during the commissioner's term of office and until the appointment of the chief executive nurse's successor. The Chief Executive Nurse is to devote his or her entire time to the duties of the position. The Chief Executive Nurse is to hold a master's degree in nursing or higher and have significant work experience as a nurse.

The bill provides that the duties of the Chief Executive Nurse will include: assisting the commissioner as necessary on matters pertaining to nursing; collecting data and other information on nursing as determined by the commissioner; consulting with nurses and health care facilities to determine which current or proposed regulations aide or impede nurses' ability to provide adequate health care; and evaluating current trends in nursing.