

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 412

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 412.

This bill directs the Superintendent of State Police to prepare, and regularly update, a catalogue listing every employment title and position in the division with a job description for each, including any special qualifications or skills that are necessary for appointment. The catalogue, as are lists of State and local employment titles and positions, is to be made available to the public at designated locations.

The bill also specifies that whenever the superintendent determines that it is necessary to establish, on either a permanent or temporary basis, a title or position not included in the catalogue, no appointment to that special title or position can be made until a notice has been made available and adequate time has been given to permit those interested to apply. The information shall include a description of the special title or position and the special qualifications or skills that are necessary for appointment.

The bill has been amended to add a new subsection d. to provide that the catalogue and notice requirements shall not apply to titles or positions: (1) established on a temporary basis to respond to an emergency situation in which immediate action is warranted to provide for or maintain the public safety and (2) where public disclosure would jeopardize the safety of any person or any investigation in progress or be otherwise inappropriate based on a bona fide law enforcement purpose or the public safety. The term "enlisted members" is incorporated into the bill to clarify that the bill is not applicable to civilian employees of the Division of State Police, who are in the career service or are unclassified under Title 11A, and references to "officers and troopers" are changed to "enlisted members" for the sake of uniformity. The effective date is delayed for six months instead of four months.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2002 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.