

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 412

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 19, 2000

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

As amended, this bill revises P.L.1981, c.320 (C.26:3D-15 et seq.), a statute controlling smoking on the premises of schools and institutions of higher education, by prohibiting smoking on school grounds. The current statute applies to the school building but not to its grounds.

The committee amended the bill to provide that a person who takes reasonable steps to enforce the prohibition on smoking would not be liable for a fine and to remove a local board of education as a plaintiff.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2000 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.