

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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**SENATE, No. 487**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 487 (1R) with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill encourages boards of education to provide for the instruction of middle school and high school students on the issues of domestic violence and child abuse. The instruction would enable pupils to understand the psychology and dynamics of these problems, along with the relationship of alcohol, drug abuse and animal cruelty to the problems, and to learn methods of non-violent problem-solving.

The committee amended the bill to eliminate the "Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Education Fund" which the bill established in the Department of Human Services and the requirement that the department promulgate regulations.