

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4159**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 30, 2009

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 4159.

This bill would require the State Treasurer to prepare a report detailing various regional impacts caused by the conversion of federal military housing to civilian housing at the Earle Naval Weapons Station located in parts of Colts Neck Township and Middletown Township in Monmouth County. Specifically, the report would examine the economic impact of the military to civilian housing conversion on the local county, municipal, and school district taxpayers, with a cost benefit analysis of the additional housing units related to any increased school district and municipal services costs; the security impact on surrounding municipalities of housing civilians on a military base; and the increased school district and municipal costs that will be required to adequately address any anticipated increased infrastructure requirements. On or before the first day of the seventh month following enactment, the report is to be distributed to the Governor, the Legislature, the Departments of Education, Environmental Protection and Transportation, and various local school and government officials so that these policy makers have sufficient information to properly plan for the conversion. During the period of time that the report is being prepared, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Transportation would be prohibited from issuing any permits or approving any plans associated with the housing conversion. After the report is issued, the decisions of these departments relating to the issuance of permits and approval of plans would have to take into consideration the findings of the report.

This bill is identical to Senate, No. 3017 of 2009.