

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY No. 2794

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2010

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2794.

Pursuant to State Board of Education regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:32-10.2, a school district is prohibited from charging tuition to a student domiciled in the district for a remedial or advanced course offered during the summer session. This bill would allow school districts to charge tuition under certain circumstances for summer school courses. The school district would be allowed to charge full tuition for a remedial or advanced course to a student from a household with a household income that exceeds the household income limit for the reduced price lunch program. If the student is from a household that is at or below the most recent federal poverty guidelines, the district may not charge any tuition. For a student from a household with a household income that exceeds the most recent federal poverty guidelines multiplied by 1.30 (the limit for the free lunch program), but is at or below the federal poverty guidelines multiplied by 1.85 (the limit for the reduced price lunch program), the district may charge 75% of the full tuition. For a student from a household with a household income that exceeds the most recent federal poverty guidelines, but is at or below the limit for the free lunch program, the district may charge 50% of the full tuition.

As is provided under current State Board of Education regulation, N.J.A.C.6A:32-10.3 (b), a board of education may charge tuition to a student who resides in the district for an enrichment course provided during a summer school session. The bill also provides that a board of education may charge tuition for a remedial, advanced, or enrichment course provided to a student who does not reside in the school district, at an amount to be determined by the board.

The bill defines an "advanced course," an "enrichment course," and a "remedial course," as those terms are defined in State board regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1.