

# ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2850

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2010

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 2850.

This bill authorizes the State Treasurer to sell and convey to Woodbridge Township in Middlesex County 15.5 acres of land and improvements now part of East Jersey Prison. The improvements include four former employee residences. At its June 2007 meeting, the State House Commission approved the sale of the property to Woodbridge Township for fair market value based on appraisal. The township subsequently asked to acquire the property as encumbered with deed restrictions for nominal value for the development of a stipulated percentage of the municipality's fair share obligation under the "Fair Housing Act," as determined by the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH). The township intends to build special needs housing on the property. The land and improvements have been declared surplus to the needs of the State. The sale to Woodbridge Township will be in accordance with the terms and conditions approved by the State House Commission. At its October 27, 2009 meeting, the commission approved the sale to the township at nominal value.

Assembly Bill No. 2850 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1929 of 2010.