

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3010

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 24, 2010

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3010.

The bill increases the fee for each application for a civil service open competitive and promotional examination from \$15 to \$25, with the exception of law enforcement officer and firefighter examinations. The fee for veterans will remain at \$15. Persons receiving public assistance benefits are not required to pay the fee. In addition, this bill requires that the \$25 examination fee for non-public safety examinations be reviewed every five years beginning July 1, 2015 and permits modification of the fee as long as the \$25 fee, along with the \$15 fee for veterans, does not exceed the costs of developing, procuring, and administering the examinations. This bill establishes a separate \$20 fee for each appeal filed concerning discipline or termination actions, adverse actions relating to the examination and appointment process, and lay-offs and demotions. Persons who are receiving public assistance or persons who are veterans would not be required to pay the fee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Executive Branch, the increase in examination fees from \$15 to \$25 will provide additional revenues of \$360,000 to fund the program and the establishment of a separate appeal fee of \$20 will provide additional revenues of \$80,000 to process appeals.

Without knowing the total cost of the program, the number of applications and appeals filed, and the number of applications and appeals that are filed by persons receiving public assistance, the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) is not able to substantiate the savings estimated to be generated by the bill.