

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 3274

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 8, 2010

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3274.

Assembly Bill No. 3274 expands the availability of family planning services in State FY2011 by making an appropriation of \$5,000,000 from funds already appropriated but not currently committed for expenditure for specific purposes, otherwise available and appropriated for Women's Health and Family Planning Services in FY2011. The bill strictly prohibits the use of the \$5,000,000 for abortion procedures.

In State FY2010, the State appropriated \$7,590,000 for grants to organizations providing family planning services. The appropriations act for State FY2011 eliminated that funding, impairing New Jerseyans' access to vital health care services. This bill ensures that the State makes adequate resources available to individuals seeking services related to family planning, such as information and counseling on reproductive choices and birth control methods; comprehensive physicals and health screenings; pelvic and breast exams; pregnancy testing; the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; AIDS testing and counseling; prenatal substance abuse programs; colposcopy, cryotherapy, and loop electrosurgical excision procedures; and adolescent risk reduction counseling.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note. The bill transfers and appropriates for Women's Health and Family Planning Services \$5,000,000 from the unexpended balance of the Purchase of Service for Inmates Incarcerated in County Penal Facilities account, making the bill "cost neutral" from a budgeting perspective.