

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 211**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 3, 2010

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 211.

This bill requires the guidance offered by the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs to members of the local governing body of a municipality wherein a casino is located, who are employed by a casino, or regarding the casino employment of an immediate family member thereof, to be issued in the form of a public advisory opinion.

Under current law, a member of the governing body of a municipality wherein a casino is located, other than the mayor, and a member of the immediate family thereof, may hold employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, while serving in that elective office and thereafter, if that member of the governing body, or member of the immediate family thereof, held that specific employment when that member of the governing body took office. Current law also requires such a member to consult with the Local Finance Board regarding any potential conflict of interest that may arise as a result of the employment, and pursuant to the "Local Government Ethics Law," P.L.1991, c.29 (C.40A:9-22.1 et seq.).

This bill would formalize this guidance by requiring it to be issued in the form of advisory opinions. This bill also provides that these opinions are not to be considered confidential, and may therefore be made public by the Local Finance Board.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2010-2011 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.