

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 341

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 21, 2010

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 341.

This bill as amended by the committee, provides that, for the purposes of joining a joint insurance fund, "local unit" means a county, municipality, board of education, county college, county vocational school, and any municipal authority.

Under current law, a board of education is permitted to participate in a county insurance fund under N.J.S.A.18A:18A-42 and a municipal insurance fund under N.J.S.A.40A:10-6.1 and N.J.S.A.40A:10-52. A county vocational school district is permitted to participate in a county insurance fund under N.J.S.A.40A:10-56 and N.J.S.A.40A:10-57. A county college is permitted to participate in a county insurance fund under N.J.S.A.18A:64A-25.40; however, there is no current statutory authority for a county college or independent municipal authority to participate in a joint insurance fund. This amended bill would collect all such local units under a single statute and provide the authority for participation in such insurance funds.

The committee amended the bill to include a new amendatory section providing a reference to the definition of local unit found in N.J.S.A.40A:10-6 in the section of law authorizing the establishment of joint insurance funds by the governing body of the local unit.

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.