

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 351**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JULY 15, 2010

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 351.

The purpose of this bill is to require the Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission to review all legislation relating to the pension and health care plans or programs for public employees in this State.

At present most, but not all, pension and health care legislation concerning public employees is reviewed by the commission. Under the bill, the commission would review all legislation that affects the financing, procedures, or operations of pension or health care plans or programs, including all defined benefit retirement plans or systems, defined contribution retirement plans or programs, or deferred compensation or other individual retirement account-type plans for public employees in this State, or legislation that mandates or permits public entities to pay for employee health care benefits in active service or in retirement.

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.