

# SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 1141**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 4, 2010

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1141.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides that a board of fire commissioners may, with the approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, approve the insertion of an additional appropriation into a fire district budget. The amended bill permits the new appropriation to have been made available by any public or private funding source and requires that the amount of the item was not included in adopted budget. The amended bill makes the protocol for the insertion of a new appropriation in fire district budgets parallel to the protocol for budgets of local governing bodies.

The committee amended the bill to require the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs approve any special item of revenue authorized by the board of fire commissioners. Additionally, the committee amended the bill to amend P.L.1979, c.453, which concerns the operations of fire districts, rather than supplement Title 40A with an entirely new section of law.