

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1974

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 21, 2010

The Senate Education committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1974.

Pursuant to State Board of Education regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:32-10.2, a school district is prohibited from charging tuition to a student domiciled in the district for a remedial or advanced course offered during the summer session. Under the provisions of this bill a school district will be permitted to charge tuition to students domiciled in the district for remedial or advanced summer school courses based on the following sliding scale:

- Full tuition for students with a household income that exceeds the limit that qualifies the student for the reduced price lunch program (the federal poverty guidelines multiplied by 1.85);
- 75% of full tuition for students with a household income that exceeds the limit for the free lunch program (the federal poverty guidelines multiplied by 1.30) but is at or below the amount that qualifies the student for the reduced price lunch program;
- 50% of full tuition for students with a household income that exceeds the federal poverty guidelines but is at or below the amount that qualifies the student for the free lunch program; and
- No tuition for students with a household income that is below the federal poverty guidelines.

As is provided under current State Board of Education regulation N.J.A.C.6A:32-10.3 (b), under this bill a board of education may charge tuition to a student who resides in the district for an enrichment course provided during a summer school session. The bill also provides that a board of education may charge tuition for a remedial, advanced, or enrichment course provided to a student who does not reside in the school district, at an amount to be determined by the board.

The bill defines an “advanced course,” an “enrichment course,” and a “remedial course,” as those terms are defined in State board regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1.