

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2020**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 14, 2010

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with amendments Senate Bill No. 2020.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires that the board of trustees of a licensed general hospital in the State that accepts State or federal funds hold quarterly meetings and provide a period of time during each meeting for the public to raise issues of concern.

Notice of meetings shall be provided at least 14 days in advance by a written notice posted in a conspicuous public location of the hospital and on the hospital's Internet website.

The bill takes effect on the 60th day following the date of enactment.

The committee amended the bill to require that the meetings be held on a quarterly, rather than monthly, basis.

As amended, this bill is similar to Assembly Bill No. 2919 (Ramos), which is pending in the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.