

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2208

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 19, 2010

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2208.

This bill allows the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Association of Counties, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, the Garden State Coalition of Schools, or the New Jersey Association of Fire Districts to file a complaint with the Council on Local Mandates concerning a potential unfunded mandate. Complaints filed by these organizations shall be on behalf of at least two constituent members of the organization, which constituent members shall be identified in the complaint. Currently, only the governing body or directly elected chief executive of a county or a municipality or a local board of education may file complaints with the Council.

The bill also allows complaints to be filed by local fire districts, as they are creations of a municipality authorized to perform traditional municipal public safety functions of firefighting and rescue funded through a property tax, and may face circumstances constituting a State unfunded mandate.

This bill implements recommendation number 21 of Governor Chris Christie's 33-bill package of reforms aimed at solving New Jersey's property tax crisis.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as requiring a Fiscal Note.