

ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 147

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 2012

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 147.

This concurrent resolution urges the Governor to transfer the Special Response Unit (SRU) from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to the Office of the Attorney General in the Department of Law and Public Safety in order for the State to provide more diligent oversight of the community programs, facilities, community care residences, and living arrangements licensed, contracted, or regulated by DHS; ensure the appearance of impartiality in the investigations conducted by the SRU; further improve the collaborative relationship between SRU and law enforcement agencies; and guarantee that persons with developmental disabilities receiving services from DHS are protected from abuse, neglect, or exploitation and are provided services that maximize their developmental potential.