SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3115

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 11, 2021

The Senate Labor Committee reports favorably, with committee amendments, Senate Bill No. 3115.

This bill provides that in a state of emergency or public health emergency, the requirement for physical presence for a minor to obtain working papers is waived. Instead, the requirement may be fulfilled through the use of audio-visual technology. The school district shall develop a process for documentation to be transferred electronically, and for a live video conference to be conducted. If the state of emergency does not apply to the entire State, a minor shall be regarded as covered only if the minor resides in the area subject to the state of emergency.

The amendments adopted by the committee:

- 1. Provide that all changes made by the bill apply only during the emergencies;
- 2. Prohibit a school district from charging for physical for the working papers;
- 3. Provide that a physical performed while at a high school is valid for the entire time that the student is enrolled at the school, unless school district policy specifies more frequent physicals.
- 4. Extend the provisions of the bill to apply to working papers for theatrical employment.