SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 356

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 18, 1996

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 356.

This bill provides that a simple assault committed against a judge while clearly identifiable as being engaged in the performance of judicial duties or because of status as a member of the judiciary shall be graded to aggravated assault. The crime of assault on a judge would be graded as a crime of the third degree if the victim suffers bodily injury, otherwise it is a crime of the fourth degree. Present law upgrades simple assault in a similar manner when the victim is a law enforcement official, a fireman, a person engaged in emergency first-aid or medical services or a school board member or school board employee.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1996 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.