

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2175

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2175.

P.L.1994, c.136 requires persons convicted and incarcerated for certain sexual offenses to provide blood samples for DNA profiling. The results of tests are then entered into both State and federal data banks for use in connection with subsequent criminal investigations. S-2175 and A-353 would amend P.L.1994, c.136 to include juvenile offenders. This bill provides authority for the taking of DNA samples from any juvenile adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, constitute aggravated sexual assault or sexual assault under N.J.S.2C:14-2 or aggravated criminal sexual contact or criminal sexual contact under N.J.S.2C:14-3 or any attempt to commit any of these crimes. The committee adopted amendments to the bill further expanding the provisions of the DNA testing statute to include persons, both adults and juveniles, found not guilty of sexual offenses by reason of insanity. The amendments also made a number of technical changes.