

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 13

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 22, 2021

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 13.

This bill establishes the "New Jersey Debt Defeasance and Prevention Fund" for the purposes of: retiring and defeasing State debt, including general obligation bonds and appropriations-backed bonds, and the costs thereof; and funding capital projects on a pay-as-you-go basis rather than issuing additional State debt, including general obligation bonds or appropriations-backed bonds.

The bill requires a \$3.7 billion credit from the General Fund to the "New Jersey Debt Defeasance and Prevention Fund," which is to be appropriated as follows: \$2.5 billion for the purpose of retiring and defeasing State debt; and \$1.2 billion for the purpose of funding certain capital construction projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.