SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 330

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 2024

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 330.

This bill requires the Department of Health (department) to develop a mobile cancer screening program.

The bill provides that, within 180 days following the bill's effective date, the department will partner with community organizations to operate a mobile cancer screening program, which will consist of staffed mobile vehicles deployed to the northern, central, and southern regions of the State. Each vehicle is to be staffed by at least one health care professional who is qualified to perform a cancer screening. The types of cancers which are to be screened and the manner in which the screenings are to be performed will be determined by the particular medical expertise of the health care professional assigned to the mobile vehicle and the medical devices and supplies which are made available to the health care professional.

Under the bill, no later than two years after the bill's effective date, the department is to submit a written report to the Governor and the Legislature summarizing the program and the results therefrom and providing recommendations for legislative action if legislation action is deemed necessary.

The bill appropriates from the State's General Fund to the department the sum of \$100,000 to effectuate the purposes of the bill.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments provide that the Department of Health (department) will partner with community organizations to operate a mobile cancer screening, which will consist of staffed mobile vehicles deployed to the northern, central, and southern regions of the State. As introduced, the bill required the department to develop and implement the program and did not specify the locations where the staffed mobile vehicles were to be deployed.

The committee amendments revise the bill's synopsis to reflect these changes.