

# ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 1309

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 9, 2022

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1309.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1309 requires law enforcement agencies to provide a crime victim with a copy of the victim's police report.

Specifically, under the bill, every law enforcement agency in this State, upon the request of a victim, or the victim's next-of-kin if the victim is deceased or unable to make the request, is required to provide, free of charge, an electronic or hard copy of the police report concerning or in connection with the crime against the victim. The law enforcement agency is prohibited from requiring a victim or victim's next-of-kin to complete a formal written open public records act request to receive a copy of the police report.

A law enforcement agency is required to include with any police report provided to a victim or victim's next-of-kin under the bill, written information relating to the availability of crime victims' compensation. This information is to be to be supplied to law enforcement agencies by the Victims of Crime Compensation Office.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.