

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 3772

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 2023

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3772.

This bill establishes a unit within the Office of the Public Defender (the OPD) responsible to provide legal representation of any person on parole from a correctional institution of this State or otherwise under the parole supervision of this State who is charged with violation of that parole or who is under consideration for revocation of parole.

This legislation complies with Recommendation “E” from the March 2023 Criminal Sentencing and Disposition Commission report, which proposed the end of reliance on court-appointed attorneys for parole violation cases and the restoration of that service through the OPD.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that requiring the Office of the Public Defender to provide representation at parole revocation proceedings would result in indeterminate annual cost increases to the State.

The OLS notes that in response to an FY 2024 OLS discussion point, the Office of the Public Defender indicated that the estimated annual cost of a fully reconstituted Parole Revocation Unit would be \$1.1 million.