SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2688

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 10, 2024

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2688.

This bill will enter New Jersey into the Social Work Licensure Compact. The compact establishes a multistate license system in which an individual licensed at the clinical, master's or bachelor's level in social work needs only to obtain licensure in one state that is a party to the compact in order to practice as a social worker in another member state to the compact, so long as certain requirements established under the compact are met by the individual. Under the bill, provisions are established regarding, among other items, the authority of a member state's licensing authority; how an adverse action against a multistate licensee is managed; the set-up of the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission and its Executive Committee; the collection of data on member states; and how to withdraw from the compact, if sought by a member state.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2688 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2813, which was also reported by the committee on this date.