

SENATE BILL NO. 3282

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Senate Bill No. 3282 with my recommendations for reconsideration.

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives ("NOBLE") is a nationally recognized organization that engages in civic leadership and outreach to address critical issues within the law enforcement profession and to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Locally, the organization has been influential in advising the State on relevant and timely law enforcement issues through its participation on the New Jersey Attorney General's Body Worn Camera Advisory Committee and the Use of Force Advisory Committee.

This bill would include NOBLE on the Police Training Commission ("PTC"), which is the State's sole authority on the curriculum in law enforcement academies and training programs at the State, county and local level. The nineteen-member committee consists of public members, State officials and representatives of various organizations, most of which are law enforcement associations, including the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association, Inc., and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, to name a few.

I wholeheartedly support NOBLE's membership on the PTC, and believe that the organization will be an invaluable member in ensuring the State's law enforcement officers continue to receive the most effective training. However, this bill assigns NOBLE two representatives to the PTC, while the ten other law enforcement organizations are only afforded one. Therefore, I

propose certain modest amendments to put NOBLE on equal footing with the other organizations currently serving on the PTC.

Accordingly, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 3282 and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 2, Section 1, Line 27: Delete "the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the National"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 28: Delete "Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives;"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 28: Delete "the South"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 29: Delete "Jersey Chapter of"

Respectfully,

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/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor