

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 134

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 134 with committee amendments.

As amended, this concurrent resolution expresses the Legislature's intent that school districts and public institutions of higher education continue to serve as safe zones and resource centers for students and families threatened by immigration or discrimination; and that school districts and public institutions of higher education continue to protect the data and identities of undocumented students, family members, and school employees who may be adversely affected by future federal policies or executive action that results in the collection of personally identifiable information.

Since the conclusion of the 2016 presidential election, school districts, public institutions of higher education, and the students and families they serve have raised increased concerns about the possibility of impending action by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that may impact undocumented students and their families. As a result of this heightened concern, school districts and institutions of higher education across the country have adopted resolutions and policies reaffirming their intent to continue