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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 304, *approved January 16, 2024*
Assembly, No. 3980 (*Third Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning children in resource family care and amending
2 P.L.1991, c.290.

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5 of New Jersey:

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8 as follows:

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10 rights, consistent with the health, safety and physical and
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13 development:

14 a. To placement outside his home only after the applicable
15 department has made every reasonable effort, including the
16 provision or arrangement of financial or other assistance and
17 services as necessary, to enable the child to remain in his home;

18 b. To the best efforts of the applicable department, including
19 the provision or arrangement of financial or other assistance and
20 services as necessary, to place the child with a relative;

21 c. To the best efforts of the applicable department, including
22 the provision or arrangement of financial or other assistance and
23 services as necessary, to place the child in an appropriate setting in
24 his own community;

25 d. To the best efforts of the applicable department to place the
26 child in the same setting with the child's sibling if the sibling is also
27 being placed outside his home;

28 e. To visit with the child's parents or legal guardian
29 immediately after the child has been placed outside his home and on
30 a regular basis thereafter, and to otherwise maintain contact with
31 the child's parents or legal guardian, and to receive assistance from
32 the applicable department to facilitate that contact, including the
33 provision or arrangement of transportation as necessary;

34 f. To visit with the child's sibling on a regular basis and to
35 otherwise maintain contact with the child's sibling if the child was
36 separated from his sibling upon placement outside his home,
37 including the provision or arrangement of transportation as
38 necessary;

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AWC committee amendments adopted May 11, 2023.

²Senate SHH committee amendments adopted December 14, 2023.

³Assembly floor amendments adopted January 8, 2024.

1 g. To placement in the least restrictive setting appropriate to
2 the child's needs and conducive to the health and safety of the child;

3 h. To be free from physical or psychological abuse and from
4 repeated changes in placement before the permanent placement or
5 return home of the child;

6 i. To have regular contact with any caseworker assigned to the
7 child's case who is employed by the applicable department or any
8 agency or organization with which the applicable department
9 contracts to provide services and the opportunity, as appropriate to
10 the age of the child, to participate in the planning and regular
11 review of the child's case, and to be informed on a timely basis of
12 changes in any placement plan which is prepared pursuant to law or
13 regulation and the reasons therefor in terms and language
14 appropriate to the child's ability to understand;

15 j. To have a placement plan, as required by law or regulation,
16 that reflects the child's best interests and is designed to facilitate the
17 permanent placement or return home of the child in a timely manner
18 that is appropriate to the needs of the child;

19 k. To services of a high quality that are designed to maintain
20 and advance the child's mental and physical well-being;

21 l. To be represented in the planning and regular review of the
22 child's case, including the placement and development of, or
23 revisions to, any placement plan which is required by law or
24 regulation and the provision of services to the child, the child's
25 parents or legal guardian and the temporary caretaker, by a person
26 other than the child's parent or legal guardian or temporary
27 caretaker who will advocate for the best interests of the child and
28 the enforcement of the rights established pursuant to this act, which
29 person may be the caseworker, as appropriate, or a person appointed
30 by the court for this purpose;

31 m. To receive an educational program which will maximize the
32 child's potential;

33 n. To receive adequate, safe and appropriate food, clothing and
34 housing;

35 o. To receive adequate and appropriate medical care; **and**

36 p. To be free from unwarranted physical restraint and isolation;
37 **¹and¹**

38 q. To be promptly notified when a new caseworker is assigned
39 to the child and to receive the contact information of the new
40 caseworker; ¹and

41 r. To have their resource family be promptly notified when a
42 new caseworker is assigned to the child and to receive the contact
43 information of the new caseworker¹.

44 (cf: P.L.1991, c.290, s.4)**¹**

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11 the provision or arrangement of financial or other assistance and
12 services as necessary, to place the child with a relative;
- 13 c. To the best efforts of the applicable department, including
14 the provision or arrangement of financial or other assistance and
15 services as necessary, to place the child in an appropriate setting in
16 his own community;
- 17 d. To the best efforts of the applicable department to place the
18 child in the same setting with the child's sibling if the sibling is also
19 being placed outside his home;
- 20 e. To visit with the child's parents or legal guardian
21 immediately after the child has been placed outside his home and on
22 a regular basis thereafter, and to otherwise maintain contact with
23 the child's parents or legal guardian, and to receive assistance from
24 the applicable department to facilitate that contact, including the
25 provision or arrangement of transportation as necessary;
- 26 f. To visit with the child's sibling on a regular basis and to
27 otherwise maintain contact with the child's sibling if the child was
28 separated from his sibling upon placement outside his home,
29 including the provision or arrangement of transportation as
30 necessary, and to have access to a phone number or computer that
31 allows for virtual visits between face-to-face visits or when face-to-
32 face visits are not feasible;
- 33 g. To placement in the least restrictive setting appropriate to
34 the child's needs and conducive to the health and safety of the child;
- 35 h. To be free from physical or psychological abuse and from
36 repeated changes in placement before the permanent placement or
37 return home of the child;
- 38 i. To have regular contact with any caseworker assigned to the
39 child's case who is employed by the applicable department or any
40 agency or organization with which the applicable department
41 contracts to provide services and the opportunity, as appropriate to
42 the age of the child, to participate in the planning and regular
43 review of the child's case, and to be informed on a timely basis of
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45 regulation and the reasons therefor in terms and language
46 appropriate to the child's ability to understand;
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48 that reflects the child's best interests and is designed to facilitate the

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6 child's case, including the placement and development of, or
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9 parents or legal guardian and the temporary caretaker, by a person
10 other than the child's parent or legal guardian or temporary
11 caretaker who will advocate for the best interests of the child and
12 the enforcement of the rights established pursuant to this act, which
13 person may be the caseworker, as appropriate, or a person appointed
14 by the court for this purpose;
- 15 m. To receive an educational program which will maximize the
16 child's potential;
- 17 n. To receive adequate, safe and appropriate food, clothing and
18 housing;
- 19 o. To receive adequate and appropriate medical care;
- 20 p. To be free from unwarranted physical restraint and isolation;
- 21 q. To be placed in the closest proximity possible to other
22 siblings who are not in out-of-home placement or if placement
23 together is not possible, when it is in the best interests of the child;
- 24 r. To be allowed to participate in the permanency planning
25 decisions of the child's siblings, whenever appropriate; to invite any
26 other siblings of the child who is the subject of the permanency
27 planning to participate in the permanency planning decision, which
28 other siblings shall be allowed to participate in the permanency
29 planning decision, whenever appropriate; and to have the
30 recommendations and wishes of the child and of each sibling who
31 participates in the permanency planning decision documented in the
32 case record of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency in
33 the Department of Children and Families and provided to the court,
34 which recommendations and wishes shall be documented in the
35 words written, or otherwise expressed by the child or other sibling,
36 to the extent possible;
- 37 s. To know, or be made aware by the Department of Children
38 and Families, of expectations for continued contact with the child's
39 siblings after an adoption or transfer of permanent physical and
40 legal custody to a caregiver as defined in section 2 of P.L.2001,
41 c.250 (C.3B:12A-2), which continued contact shall be subject to the
42 approval of the adoptive parents or caregiver, as applicable;
- 43 t. To be promptly informed about changes in sibling
44 placements or permanency planning goals;
- 45 u. To be actively involved in the lives of the child's siblings,
46 including planning and attending celebrations, birthdays, holidays,
47 graduations, and other meaningful milestones, to the greatest extent
48 possible;

- 1 v. To not have sibling visits, including phone calls and virtual
2 visits, be denied as a result of behavioral consequences when
3 residing in a resource family home or congregate care setting;
4 **[and]**
- 5 w. To be provided updated contact information for all siblings
6 at least annually, including a current telephone number, address,
7 and email address, unless not in the best interests of one or more
8 siblings;
- 9 x. To be promptly notified of the identity and contact
10 information of the child's case manager ³[or] and³ supervisor, and
11 if a new case manager or supervisor is assigned to the child;
- 12 y. To have the child's resource family be promptly notified of
13 the identity and contact information of the child's case manager
14 ³[or] and³ supervisor, and if a new case manager or supervisor is
15 assigned to the child; and
- 16 z. To be ³[promptly]³ notified of property and benefits to
17 which the child is the owner or beneficiary at the time of the child's
18 placement outside of the child's home, ³if known by the
19 Department of Children and Families at the time of the child's
20 placement, or to be promptly notified upon the Department of
21 Children and Families becoming aware of such property and
22 benefits,³ including but not limited to federal Social Security
23 benefits; to be informed of the department's intent to file for federal
24 benefits on the child's behalf; and to have an opportunity to review
25 the contents of any application form for federal benefits filed on the
26 child's behalf prior to submission.²

27 (cf: P.L.2023, c.1, s.3)

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 Grants child placed in resource family care and resource family
35 parents the right to be notified when case manager or supervisor is
36 assigned to child; grants child in resource family care right to be
37 notified of certain property and benefits.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3980

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 12, 2022

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman SHANIQUE SPEIGHT

District 29 (Essex)

Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT

District 31 (Hudson)

Assemblyman REGINALD W. ATKINS

District 20 (Union)

SYNOPSIS

Grants child placed in resource family care right to be notified when new caseworker is assigned to child.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/11/2023)

A3980 SPEIGHT, MCKNIGHT

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17 services as necessary, to enable the child to remain in his home;

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19 the provision or arrangement of financial or other assistance and
20 services as necessary, to place the child with a relative;

21 c. To the best efforts of the applicable department, including
22 the provision or arrangement of financial or other assistance and
23 services as necessary, to place the child in an appropriate setting in
24 his own community;

25 d. To the best efforts of the applicable department to place the
26 child in the same setting with the child's sibling if the sibling is also
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29 immediately after the child has been placed outside his home and on
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31 the child's parents or legal guardian, and to receive assistance from
32 the applicable department to facilitate that contact, including the
33 provision or arrangement of transportation as necessary;

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35 otherwise maintain contact with the child's sibling if the child was
36 separated from his sibling upon placement outside his home,
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40 the child's needs and conducive to the health and safety of the child;

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42 repeated changes in placement before the permanent placement or
43 return home of the child;

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45 child's case who is employed by the applicable department or any

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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4 review of the child's case, and to be informed on a timely basis of
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6 regulation and the reasons therefor in terms and language
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17 regulation and the provision of services to the child, the child's
18 parents or legal guardian and the temporary caretaker, by a person
19 other than the child's parent or legal guardian or temporary
20 caretaker who will advocate for the best interests of the child and
21 the enforcement of the rights established pursuant to this act, which
22 person may be the caseworker, as appropriate, or a person appointed
23 by the court for this purpose;
- 24 m. To receive an educational program which will maximize the
25 child's potential;
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27 housing;
- 28 o. To receive adequate and appropriate medical care; **[and]**
- 29 p. To be free from unwarranted physical restraint and isolation;
30 and
- 31 q. To be promptly notified when a new caseworker is assigned
32 to the child and to receive the contact information of the new
33 caseworker.

34 (cf: P.L.1991, c.290, s.4)

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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39 STATEMENT
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41 This bill amends the "Child Placement Bill of Rights Act" to
42 grant a child placed in resource family care the right to: (1) be
43 notified when a new caseworker is assigned to the child; and (2) to
44 receive the contact information of the new caseworker.

ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3980

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2023

The Assembly Women and Children Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3980.

As amended by the committee, this bill amends the “Child Placement Bill of Rights Act” to grant a child placed in resource family care and resource family parents the right to: (1) be promptly notified when a new caseworker is assigned to the child; and (2) to receive the contact information of the new caseworker.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to grant resource family parents to be promptly notified when a new caseworker is assigned to the child placed in resource family care and to receive the contact information of the new caseworker.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3980

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3980 (1R).

As amended by the committee, this bill amends the “Child Placement Bill of Rights Act” to grant a child placed in resource family care and the child’s resource family parents the right to be promptly notified of the identity and contact information of the child’s case manager or supervisor, and if a new case manager or supervisor is assigned to the child. The bill, as amended, further amends the “Child Placement Bill of Rights Act” to grant a child placed in resource family care the right to be promptly notified of property and benefits to which the child is the owner or beneficiary at the time of the child’s placement outside of the child’s home, including but not limited to federal Social Security benefits; to be informed of the department’s intent to file for federal benefits on the child’s behalf; and to have an opportunity to review the contents of any application form for federal benefits filed on the child’s behalf prior to submission.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 3980 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 2706, which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments clarify that a child placed in resource family care and a child’s resource family are to be promptly notified of the identity and contact information of the child’s case manager or supervisor, and if a new case manager or supervisor is assigned to the child. As introduced, the bill: utilized the terms case worker, opposed to case manager or supervisor; only required prompt notification when a new case manager or supervisor was assigned; and did not require the notification of identity, only of contact information.

The committee amends add a provision to the bill that requires a child placed in resource family care to be promptly notified of

property and benefits to which the child is the owner or beneficiary at the time of the child's placement outside of the child's home, including but not limited to federal Social Security benefits; to be informed of the department's intent to file for federal benefits on the child's behalf; and to have an opportunity to review the contents of any application form for federal benefits filed on the child's behalf prior to submission.

The committee amendments update the bill's synopsis to reflect these changes and make technical changes to the bill to update the underlying law amended by the bill in order to reflect the current statutory language.

STATEMENT TO
[Second Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 3980

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblywoman SPEIGHT)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 8, 2024

This floor amendment clarifies that if a new case manager or supervisor is assigned to a child placed outside of the child's home, the child and the child's resource family parent are to be promptly notified of the identity and contact information of both the case manager and supervisor, instead of notifying the child and the child's resource family parent of the identify and contact information of either the new case manager or supervisor, as originally provided in the bill.

The floor amendment also mandates that the Department of Children and Families: (1) notify the child of property and benefits to which the child is the owner or beneficiary at the time of the child's placement outside of the home, if known by the department at the time of the placement; or (2) promptly notify the child upon the department becoming aware of such property and benefits.

SENATE, No. 2706

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 19, 2022

Sponsored by:

Senator ANDREW ZWICKER

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Grants child placed in resource family care right to be notified when new caseworker is assigned to child.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S2706 ZWICKER

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21 c. To the best efforts of the applicable department, including
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25 d. To the best efforts of the applicable department to place the
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29 immediately after the child has been placed outside his home and on
30 a regular basis thereafter, and to otherwise maintain contact with
31 the child's parents or legal guardian, and to receive assistance from
32 the applicable department to facilitate that contact, including the
33 provision or arrangement of transportation as necessary;

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35 otherwise maintain contact with the child's sibling if the child was
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S2706 ZWICKER

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18 parents or legal guardian and the temporary caretaker, by a person
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20 caretaker who will advocate for the best interests of the child and
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32 to the child and to receive the contact information of the new
33 caseworker.

34 (cf: P.L.1991, c.290, s.4)

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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43 notified when a new caseworker is assigned to the child; and (2) to
44 receive the contact information of the new caseworker.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2706

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2706.

As amended by the committee, this bill amends the “Child Placement Bill of Rights Act” to grant a child placed in resource family care and the child’s resource family parents the right to be promptly notified of the identity and contact information of the child’s case manager or supervisor, and if a new case manager or supervisor is assigned to the child. The bill, as amended, further amends the “Child Placement Bill of Rights Act” to grant a child placed in resource family care the right to be promptly notified of property and benefits to which the child is the owner or beneficiary at the time of the child’s placement outside of the child’s home, including but not limited to federal Social Security benefits; to be informed of the department’s intent to file for federal benefits on the child’s behalf; and to have an opportunity to review the contents of any application form for federal benefits filed on the child’s behalf prior to submission.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2706 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3980 (1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments clarify that a child placed in resource family care and a child’s resource family are to be promptly notified of the identity and contact information of the child’s case manager or supervisor, and if a new case manager or supervisor is assigned to the child. As introduced, the bill: did not apply to a child’s resource family; utilized the terms case worker, opposed to case manager or supervisor; only required prompt notification when a new case manager or supervisor was assigned; and did not require the notification of identity, only of contact information.

The committee amends add a provision to the bill that requires a child placed in resource family care to be promptly notified of property and benefits to which the child is the owner or beneficiary at the time of the child’s placement outside of the child’s home,

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The committee amendments update the bill's synopsis to reflect these changes and make technical changes to the bill to update the underlying law amended by the bill in order to reflect the current statutory language.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/16/2024

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

SCS for S-281/ACS for A-3791 (Greenstein, Turner/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – w/STATEMENT - Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses

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S-539wGR/A-2140 (Ruiz, Pou/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mosquera) - Permits online purchase of eligible foods using WIC funds and use of WIC funds for grocery delivery charges

S-659/A-2014 (Oroho, Greenstein/Conaway, Wirths, Umba) - “Manufacturing in Higher Education Act”; requires various State entities to promote manufacturing career pathways for students and provides assistance to manufacturing industry

S-1110/A-3936 (Polistina, Singleton/Guardian, Swift, McClellan) - Authorizes CRDA to finance transportation projects between Atlantic City Airport and Atlantic City Tourism District

S-1662/A-3526 (Ruiz, Codey/Lampitt, Benson, Saucikie) - Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in public schools

S-1680wGR/A-2257 (Pou, Ruiz/Murphy, Quijano, Wimberly) - Designates each community college in State as provider of allowable services under SNAP employment and training program

S-2076/ACS for A-3319 (Zwicker, Greenstein/McKnight, Lampitt) - Establishes “Twelfth Grade Postsecondary Transition Year Pilot Program” in Department of Education

S-2535wGR/A-4048 (Polistina, Pou/Benson, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter) - Requires health benefits coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants

S-2841/A-4292 (Scutari, Bramnick/Carter) - Raises minimum amount of liability coverage for commercial motor vehicles and autocabs

SCS for S-3080/ACS for-398 (Ruiz, Burgess/Caputo, Giblin, Tucker) - Establishes position of Youth Disconnection Prevention and Recovery Ombudsperson; establishes “School Disconnection Prevention Task Force”; appropriates \$200,000

S-3102/A-4715 (Smith, Singleton/Stanley, Benson) - Establishes uptime requirement for electric vehicle charging station incentive programs

S-3176/A-4760 (Greenstein, Smith/Swain, Haider, Tully) - Requires DEP and Drinking Water Quality Institute to perform study concerning regulation and treatment of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

SCS for S-3632 and 3649w/GR/ACS for A-1948 (Johnson, Cryan/Haider, Conaway, Quijano) - Requires labeling of non-flushable disposable wipes

S-3758/A-5343 (Cryan/Karabinchak) - Changes deadline for unaffiliated mail-in voters to declare their political party before primary election

S-3837/A-5438 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Pintor Marin, Wimberly) - Clarifies process for administrative appropriations to UEZs

S-3897/A-5578 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Jasey, Carter, Reynolds-Jackson) - Authorizes Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award annual summer tuition aid grants

S-4040/A-5881 (Polistina, Lagana/Tully, Guardian, Swift) - Concerns jurisdiction and operations of regional municipal courts

S-4084/A-5851 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Moriarty, Calabrese, Moen) - Concerns temporary registration certificates and license plates

S-4130/A-5849 (Codey/Jasey, Tucker) - Special legislation to change name of “Township of South Orange Village” to “South Orange Village”; changes titles of certain municipal officials; permits nonpartisan municipal elections to be moved to November; permits stipend for governing body members

S-4206/A-5856 (Sarlo/Calabrese) - Changes number of signatures required on primary election petition to nominate certain municipal candidates in certain municipalities

S-4209/A-5879 (Sarlo/Pintor Marin) - Eliminates vote on school budgets for Type II school districts in April elections, except for separate proposals to spend above cap

S-4268/A-5911 (Scutari/Danielsen) - Permits certain special State officers to represent cannabis businesses

A-203/S-2884 (Rooney, Benson, Caputo/A.M. Bucco) - Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating horse as State animal

A-1100/S-995 (Calabrese, Mukherji, McKnight/Ruiz, Stack) - Requires entities to remove abandoned lines and mark information on certain lines

A-1107/S-770 (Chaparro, Murphy, Mukherji/Pou, Beach) - Directs Chief Technology Officer to conduct study on impacts of redacting handwritten signatures published on State websites; allows for protocols for such redactions to be established by rules and regulations

ACS for A-1255/SS for S-1794 (Stanley, Conaway, Benson/Gopal, Singer) - Updates requirements and standards for authorization and prior authorization of health care services

A-1727/S-3300 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Stanfield, Ruiz) - Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain circumstances

A-1729/S-3550 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, McKnight/Greenstein, Ruiz) - Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities

A-1755/S-2505 (McKeon, Calabrese, Conaway/Smith, Greenstein) - Requires installation of operational automatic rain sensor or smart sprinkler as condition of sale of certain real properties, and on certain commercial, retail, and industrial properties and common interest communities within specified timeframes

A-2146wGR/S-855 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Sumter/Singleton, Beach) - Creates State business assistance program to establish contracting agency procurement goals for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises

A-2581/S-2503 (Lampitt, Park/Beach) - Provides that certain cosmetology and hairstyling courses may be taught using distance learning technology

A-3142/S-1564 (Moen, Moriarty, Benson/Singleton, Corrado) - Authorizes grants to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans

A-3211/S-2302 (Speight, Haider, Swain/Gopal, Ruiz) - Establishes “New Jersey Feminine Hygiene Products for the Homeless Act”

A-3980/S-2706 (Speight, McKnight, Atkins/Zwicker, Turner) - Grants child placed in resource family care and resource family parents the right to be notified when case manager or supervisor is assigned to child; grants child in resource family care right to be notified of certain property and benefits

A-4033wGR/S-2657 (Coughlin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Ruiz) - Extends deadline for completion of school district’s annual audit

A-4049/S-3495 (McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Benson/Vitale, Johnson) - Provides for presumptive eligibility for home and community-based services and services provided through program of all-inclusive care for the elderly under Medicaid

A-4105/S-4202 (Lopez, Jimenez, Quijano/Vitale, Turner) - Establishes Interagency Council on Homelessness

A-4183/S-4264 (Haider/Singleton) - Concerns local unit filing requirement for certain shared services agreements

A-4212/S-2762 (Pintor Marin, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Ruiz, Cunningham) - Establishes Center for Career Relevant Education and Talent Evaluation of New Jersey at Thomas Edison State University

A-4337/S-4156 (Conaway, Atkins, Rooney/Singleton, Pou) - Requires Department of Health to provide information to Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system regarding the location of safe disposal sites for hypodermic syringes and needles and prescription drugs

ACS for A-4496/SCS for S-3247 (Coughlin, Lampitt, Karabinchak, Wimberly/Zwicker, Greenstein) - Revises various provisions of law governing construction of school facilities projects and operations of New Jersey Schools Development Authority; establishes "Charter School and Renaissance School Project Facilities Loan Program" in EDA

A-4522/S-3234 (Moen, McKnight, Quijano/Singer, Singleton) - Requires certain disclosures by sellers of single-family homes with solar panels installed

A-4691/S-1530 (Swain, DeAngelo, Speight/Greenstein, Zwicker) - Requires hazard mitigation plans to include climate change-related threat assessments and hazard prevention and mitigation strategies

A-4723/S-2740 (McKeon, Moriarty, Rooney/Codey, Scutari) - Requires motor vehicle dealer to offer to delete personal information in motor vehicles in certain situations

A-4791/S-3184 (Kennedy, Haider, McKeon/Diegnan, Sarlo) - Establishes "Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge Program"

ACS for A-4794/S-3224 (Benson, Mukherji/Singleton, Turner) - Requires request for proposal to establish demonstration projects to develop electric vehicle charging depots serviced by distributed energy resource charging centers for certain electric vehicle use

A-4814/S-1023 (Moen, Wimberly/Singleton, Gopal) - Removes expected family contribution from calculation of financial need under circumstances in which public institutions of higher education may reduce student's institutional financial aid

ACS for A-4821 and 4823wGR/S-3283 (Karabinchak, Conaway, Schaer/Greenstein, Zwicker) - Directs DEP to take certain actions concerning identification and testing of microplastics in drinking water, and requires DEP and BPU to study and promote use of microplastics removal technologies

A-4955/S-3531 (S. Kean, Thomson/Singer, Gopal) - Designates portion of State Highway Route 71 as "John Tarantino Highway"

A-5094/S-3476 (Spearman/Beach, Greenstein) - Concerns licensing of security officer companies

A-5227/S-3662 (Danielsen, Space/Smith, Oroho) - Expands eligibility for "fishing buddy license" fee

A-5285/SCS for S-3708 (Greenwald, Haider, Lopez/Greenstein, A.M. Bucco) - Requires copies of certain law enforcement records to be provided to victims of domestic violence upon request

A-5293/S-3746 (Greenwald, McKnight, Rooney/Gopal, Ruiz) - Concerns New Jersey Civic Information Consortium

A-5311/S-3061 (Verrelli, McKnight, Matsikoudis/Stanfield, Turner) - Enters New Jersey into Counseling Compact

A-5391/S-3765 (DeAngelo/Diegnan, Corrado) - Imposes conditions on drivers approaching disabled vehicles

A-5412/S-3850 (Greenwald, Swain, Jasey/Gopal, Singer) - Establishes nonpublic school transportation program to provide funding to consortiums of nonpublic schools that will assume responsibility for mandated nonpublic school busing

A-5416wGR/S-3883 (Wimberly, Giblin, Haider/Greenstein, Turner) - Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts

A-5442/S-3793 (Karabinchak, Conaway, McKeon/Smith, Greenstein) - Directs BPU to conduct study to determine feasibility, marketability, and costs of implementing large-scale geothermal heat pump systems in State

A-5462/S-3867 (Coughlin, McKnight, Speight/Vitale, Turner) - Revises law establishing Office of Food Security Advocate, and establishes certain conditions for use of monies appropriated to emergency food organizations

ACS for A-5495/SCS for S-3846 (Danielsen/Scutari, A.M. Bucco) - Clarifies types of firearms allowed to be carried or transported while hunting

A-5516/S-4047 (Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli, Conaway/Burgess, Turner) - Requires certain health care professionals to undergo bias training

A-5565/S-3971 (S. Kean, Thomson/Gopal) - Provides that 10-year term does not apply to lease of certain municipal properties unless they are waterfront properties or related to waterfront concessions

A-5567/S-3807 (Torrissi, Calabrese/A.M. Bucco, Sarlo) - Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons

A-5582/S-3781 (Swain, Simonsen/Lagana, Cryan) - Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation

A-5610wGR/S-3954 (Greenwald, Spearman, Chaparro/Beach, A.M. Bucco) - Revises penalties for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons

A-5748/S-4166 (Spearman, Moen, Moriarty/Cruz-Perez, Madden) - Amends definition of "participating county" under County Option Hospital Fee Program

A-5755/S-4183 (Carter, Sumter, Wimberly, Quijano/Scutari, Singleton) - Enhances notice requirements and occupancy restrictions for hotels and multiple dwellings following determination of potentially hazardous condition

A-5799/S-1472 (Moen, Moriarty/Beach, Stack) - Authorizes DOT to establish and administer toll collection and enforcement system on behalf of NJ toll authorities and to enter into reciprocal agreements for enforcement of toll violations with toll authorities from other states

A-5806/S-4165 (Moriarty, Sauickie/Greenstein, Oroho) - Appropriates \$48 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

A-5807/S-4138 (Freiman/Johnson, Schepisi) - Appropriates \$58 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-5808/S-4135 (Park, Freiman, Lopez/Beach, Turner) - Appropriates \$15,564,293 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

A-5809/S-4097 (Swain, Lopez, Sauickie/Zwicker, Gopal) - Amends lists of projects eligible to receive loans for environmental infrastructure projects from NJ Infrastructure Bank for FY 2024

A-5810/S-4098 (Sampson, Sauickie, Lopez/Greenstein, Stanfield) - Amends lists of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding by DEP under FY 2024 environmental infrastructure funding program

A-5828/S-4201 (Lopez/Vitale) - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell as surplus certain real property and improvements in Township of Woodbridge in Middlesex County

A-5835/S-4134 (Greenwald, Lampitt/Beach, Turner) - Authorizes regional authority to develop and operate regional rehabilitation and reentry center

A-5836/S-4212 (DeAngelo, Sumter, Wimberly/Gopal, Greenstein) - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$650,000 to New Jersey Division of State Police for trooper recruitment and retention

A-5910/S-4266 (Egan/Codey) - Increases annual salary of certain public employees and officers

AJR-200/SJR-138 (Park, Freiman, Calabrese/Lagana) - Designates November 22 of each year as Kimchi Day

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

S-2989/A-1739 (Pou, Singer/McKeon, Quijano, Flynn) - Makes certain for-profit debt adjusters eligible for licensing to conduct business in State

S-3172/A-4689 (Gopal, Turner/Lampitt, Matsikoudis, McKnight) - Establishes teacher certification route for candidates with Montessori teaching credentials

- S-3287/ACS for A-4852 and 1170 (Turner/Reynolds-Jackson, Jasey, Dunn, Wimberly, Calabrese, Spearman, Verrilli)** - Requires institutions of higher education to maintain supply and develop policy governing use of naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray for opioid overdose emergencies
- A-1476/S-930 (Benson, Dancer/Holzapfel, Diegnan)** - Exempts certain motor vehicles that are owned by certain nutrition programs and certain nonprofit organizations that offer social services from motor vehicle registration fees
- A-3642/S-665 (Wirths, Murphy, Benson, Oroho/Greenstein)** - Requires MVC to place designation on motor vehicle's registration information indicating registrant is deaf
- A-3945/S-1660 (Quijano, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter/Ruiz, Singleton)** - Establishes "Male Teachers of Color Mentorship Pilot Program"; appropriates \$95,000
- A-4177/S-2478 (Mosquera, Swain, McKnight, Tucker, Dunn/Ruiz, Vitale)** - Extends duration of law requiring certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment
- A-4396/S-2927 (Lampitt, Jasey, Caputo/Codey)** - Establishes timelines for review and approval by Commissioner of Education of annual certified audits submitted by approved private schools for students with disabilities
- A-4621/S-3156 (Mosquera, Greenwald, Swain/Madden)** - Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.
- A-4740/S-2970 (Mukherji, DeAngelo, McKnight/Cruz-Perez, Turner)** - Provides employee access to employee's employment records on file with DOLWD
- A-5294/S-1825 (Greenwald, Swain, Rooney/Steinhardt, Sarlo, Doherty)** - Exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax
- A-5893/S-4228 (Karabinchak, Calabrese, Sauckie/Gopal, Sarlo)** - Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029