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Senate, No. 4233 (*First Reprint*)

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Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted January 10, 2022.

1 provided under 45 C.F.R. 164.524(b) with respect to the time
2 required to respond to such requests and the applicable fees shall
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21 (cf: P.L.2019, c.217, s.1)

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INTRODUCED DECEMBER 6, 2021

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill would limit fees charged to patients, patients’ legally
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30 is stored electronically, on microfilm or microfiche, or on paper, are
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32 charged by the hospital or health care professional for reproducing
33 the requested records.

34 The bill additionally prohibits hospitals and health care
35 professionals from assessing a fee for copies of a patient’s billing
36 record if the record is requested by the patient himself, the patient’s
37 legally authorized representative, or an authorized third party.

38 Current statute, pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019, c.217
39 (C.26:2H-5n), limits fees charged by general, special, and
40 psychiatric hospitals for copies of patient medical or billing records
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45 administrative fees for copies of patients’ medical and billing
46 records, such as a \$10 records search fee, a surcharge for
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48 reproduce on a commercial photocopy machine, a \$10 fee per

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1 certified copy of a medical or billing record, and any postage and
2 delivery charges.

3 It is the intent of the bill's sponsor to facilitate access to patient
4 medical and medical billing records for New Jersey residents and
5 their authorized representatives. Although low-income patients
6 may access copies of their medical records free-of-charge, the
7 exorbitant copying and administrative fees charged by some New
8 Jersey hospitals for patient records prove to be a financial burden
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25 Medicaid program established pursuant to the "New Jersey Medical
26 Assistance and Health Services Act," P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-
27 1 et seq.); the NJ FamilyCare Program established pursuant to the
28 "Family Health Care Coverage Act," P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-
29 8 et al.); the Work First New Jersey program established pursuant to
30 the "Work First New Jersey Act," P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-
31 55 et seq.); the New Jersey Supplementary Food Stamp Program
32 established pursuant to the "New Jersey Supplementary Food Stamp
33 Program Act," P.L.1998, c.32 (C.44:10-79 et seq.); any successor
34 program; or any other State or federal assistance program now or
35 hereafter established by law;

36 (2) A not-for-profit corporation indicating in writing that it is
37 representing a patient; or

38 (3) An attorney representing a patient on a pro bono basis,
39 provided that the attorney submits with the request a certification
40 that the attorney is representing the patient on a pro bono basis. An
41 attorney representing a patient on a contingency fee basis shall be
42 assessed the ordinary fees to obtain a copy of the patient's medical
43 **【and billing】** records.

44 e. As used in this section:

45 "Authorized third party" means a third party with a valid
46 authorization, subpoena, legal process, or court order granting
47 access to a patient's medical or billing records.

1 “Health care professional” means an individual who, acting
2 within the scope of the individual’s licensure or certification,
3 provides health care services, and includes, but is not limited to, a
4 physician, dentist, nurse, pharmacist, or other health care
5 professional whose professional practice is regulated pursuant to
6 Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

7 "Legally authorized representative" means: the patient's spouse,
8 domestic partner, or civil union partner; the patient's immediate
9 next of kin; the patient's legal guardian; the patient's attorney; the
10 patient's third party insurer; or the patient's worker's compensation
11 carrier, if the carrier is authorized to access to the patient's
12 treatment or billing records by contract or law, provided that access
13 by a worker's compensation carrier shall be limited only to that
14 portion of the treatment or billing record that is relevant to the
15 specific work-related incident at issue in the worker's compensation
16 claim.

17 (cf: P.L.2019, c.217, s.1)

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19 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
20 next following the date of enactment.

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25 This bill would limit fees charged to patients, patients’ legally
26 authorized representatives, and other authorized third parties by
27 hospitals and health care professionals for electronic or paper
28 reproductions of medical or billing records. Pursuant to the bill,
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30 is stored electronically, on microfilm or microfiche, or on paper, are
31 capped at \$50, inclusive of any additional administrative fees
32 charged by the hospital or health care professional for reproducing
33 the requested records.

34 The bill additionally prohibits hospitals and health care
35 professionals from assessing a fee for copies of a patient’s billing
36 record if the record is requested by the patient himself, the patient’s
37 legally authorized representative, or an authorized third party.

38 Current statute, pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019, c.217
39 (C.26:2H-5n), limits fees charged by general, special, and
40 psychiatric hospitals for copies of patient medical or billing records
41 at \$200 per request. These fee limits, however, do not extend to
42 medical records requested from health care professionals, such as a
43 physician practice, a psychotherapist or a dentist. Pursuant to
44 current statute, hospitals may additionally assess a variety of
45 administrative fees for copies of patients’ medical and billing
46 records, such as a \$10 records search fee, a surcharge for
47 reproductions of x-rays or other materials that are difficult to
48 reproduce on a commercial photocopy machine, a \$10 fee per

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1 certified copy of a medical or billing record, and any postage and
2 delivery charges.

3 It is the intent of the bill's sponsor to facilitate access to patient
4 medical and medical billing records for New Jersey residents and
5 their authorized representatives. Although low-income patients
6 may access copies of their medical records free-of-charge, the
7 exorbitant copying and administrative fees charged by some New
8 Jersey hospitals for patient records prove to be a financial burden
9 for many moderate-income patients.

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 4233

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblyman MUKHERJI)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 10, 2022

The Assembly amendments include health care practitioners among the individuals and entities exempted from the fees that licensed hospitals and health care professionals may charge for copies of patient medical records and medical billing records.

ASSEMBLY, No. 6229

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 13, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

District 33 (Hudson)

Assemblywoman ANGELICA M. JIMENEZ

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Limits fees charged to patients and authorized third parties for copies of medical and billing records.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/6/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning access to patient medical and billing records,
2 and amending P.L.2019, c.217.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2019, c.217 (C.26:2H-5n) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. Except as provided in subsection d. of this section, if a
10 patient of a general, special, or psychiatric hospital licensed
11 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) or of a State-
12 licensed health care professional, the patient's legally authorized
13 representative, or an authorized third party requests, in writing, a
14 copy of the patient's medical **【or billing】** records**【, or both】**, the
15 hospital or the health care professional shall provide a legible paper
16 or electronic reproduction of the requested records within the dates
17 requested to the patient, the patient's legally authorized
18 representative, or the authorized third party within 30 days of the
19 request, in accordance with the following:

20 (1) (a) For a request by a patient or the patient's legally
21 authorized representative for a medical **【or billing】** record **【that is**
22 **not】**, whether such record is stored electronically, on microfilm or
23 microfiche, or on paper, the fee for reproducing the record shall not
24 exceed \$1 per page or **【\$10】**\$50 per individual admission record **【for**
25 **the first 100 pages】**, whichever is less. **【For medical and billing**
26 **records that are not stored on microfilm or microfiche that contain**
27 **more than 100 pages, a reproduction fee of no more than \$0.25 per**
28 **page may be charged for pages in excess of the first 100 pages, up**
29 **to a maximum of \$200 for each request. For medical and billing**
30 **records stored on microfilm or microfiche, the fee for reproducing**
31 **the record shall be \$1.50 per image, up to a maximum of \$200 for**
32 **each request.】** The fee for reproducing a medical record shall not
33 exceed \$50 per individual admission or patient record, inclusive of
34 any additional fees specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection;

35 (b) **【For a request by an authorized third party, the fee for**
36 **reproducing medical and billing records that are not stored on**
37 **microfilm or microfiche shall be no more than \$1 per page, and the**
38 **fee for reproducing records stored on microfilm or microfiche shall**
39 **be \$1.50 per image; and**

40 (c) **】** If a patient requests a copy of the patient's own medical
41 records in accordance with the federal "Health Insurance Portability
42 and Accountability Act of 1996," Pub.L.104-191, the requirements
43 provided under 45 C.F.R. 164.524(b) with respect to the time
44 required to respond to such requests and the applicable fees shall
45 apply; and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】 in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (c) A hospital or a health care professional shall not charge any
2 fee to provide an electronic or paper reproduction of a billing record
3 requested by a patient, a patient's legally authorized representative,
4 or an authorized third party.

5 (2) Delivery of an electronic reproduction of a patient's medical
6 or billing record shall be required only if:

7 (a) the entire request can be reproduced from an electronic
8 health record system;

9 (b) the record is specifically requested to be delivered in
10 electronic format; and

11 (c) the record can be delivered electronically.

12 (3) In addition to per-page fees, a hospital or a health care
13 professional shall apply the following charges, provided that the
14 total fees charged per individual admission record or patient record
15 do not exceed \$50:

16 (a) a search fee of no more than \$10 per request; provided that
17 no search fee shall be charged to a patient who is requesting the
18 patient's own record. If a search fee may be charged under this
19 subparagraph, the fee shall apply even if no medical **【or billing】**
20 records are found as a result of the search;

21 (b) a fee for the reproduction of x-rays or any other material that
22 cannot be routinely copied or duplicated on a commercial
23 photocopy machine, which shall be no more than \$15 per printed
24 image or \$30 per compact disc (CD) or digital video disc (DVD),
25 plus an administrative fee of \$10;

26 (c) a fee for certification of a copy of a medical **【and billing】**
27 record of no more than \$10 per certification; and

28 (d) costs for delivering records in any medium, plus sales tax, if
29 applicable.

30 (4) The fees established in this subsection shall be charged for
31 electronic reproductions as well as paper copies of medical **【and**
32 **billing】** records.

33 (5) The hospital or the health care professional shall establish a
34 policy assuring access to copies of medical **【and billing】** records
35 for patients who do not have the ability to pay for the copies.

36 (6) The hospital or the health care professional shall establish a
37 fee policy providing an incentive for the use of abstracts or
38 summaries of medical records; however, a patient, a patient's
39 legally authorized representative, or an authorized third party shall
40 have the right to receive a full or certified copy of the medical
41 record.

42 b. Access to a copy of a patient's medical record shall be
43 limited only to the extent necessary to protect the patient. The
44 patient's attending physician shall provide a verbal explanation for
45 any denial of access to the patient, legally authorized representative,
46 or authorized third party, and shall document the denial and
47 explanation in the medical record. In the event that direct access to

1 a copy by the patient is medically contraindicated, as documented
2 by a physician in the patient's medical record, the hospital or the
3 health care professional shall not limit access to the record to a
4 legally authorized representative of the patient, an authorized third
5 party, or the patient's attending physician.

6 c. A hospital or a health care professional shall not assess any
7 fees or charges for a copy of a patient's medical **【and billing】**
8 records as provided herein other than those provided for in this
9 section.

10 d. The fees authorized by this section shall not be imposed on:

11 (1) A patient who does not have the ability to pay and who
12 presents either: (a) a statement certifying to annual income at or
13 below 250 percent of the federal poverty level; or (b) proof of
14 eligibility for, or enrollment in, a State or federal assistance
15 program including, but not limited to: the federal Supplemental
16 Nutrition Assistance Program established pursuant to the "Food and
17 Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.);
18 the federal Supplemental Security Income program established
19 pursuant to Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, Pub.L.92-
20 603 (42 U.S.C. s.1381 et seq.); the National School Lunch Program
21 established pursuant to the "Richard B. Russell National School
22 Lunch Act," Pub.L.79-396 (42 U.S.C. s.1751 et seq.); the federal
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28 "Family Health Care Coverage Act," P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et
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ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 6229

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 3, 2022

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 6229.

This bill would limit fees charged to patients, patients' legally authorized representatives, and other authorized third parties by hospitals and health care professionals for electronic or paper reproductions of medical or billing records. Pursuant to the bill, total costs for reproductions of a medical record, whether the record is stored electronically, on microfilm or microfiche, or on paper, are capped at \$50, inclusive of any additional administrative fees charged by the hospital or health care professional for reproducing the requested records.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 6229

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2022

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 6229, with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill would limit fees charged to patients, patients' legally authorized representatives, and other authorized third parties by hospitals and health care professionals for electronic or paper reproductions of medical or billing records. Pursuant to the bill, total costs for reproductions of a medical record, whether the record is stored electronically, on microfilm or microfiche, or on paper, are capped at \$50, inclusive of any additional administrative fees charged by the hospital or health care professional for reproducing the requested records.

The bill additionally prohibits hospitals and health care professionals from assessing a fee for copies of a patient's billing record if the record is requested by the patient himself, the patient's legally authorized representative, or an authorized third party.

As amended, the bill would exempt the following individuals and entities from the copying or administrative fees permitted under the bill: certain low-income patients; non-profit corporations that represent the patient in question; health care practitioners; and attorneys that represent the patient in question.

Current statute, pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019, c.217 (C.26:2H-5n), limits fees charged by general, special, and psychiatric hospitals for copies of patient medical or billing records at \$200 per request. These fee limits, however, do not extend to medical records requested from health care professionals, such as a physician practice, a psychotherapist or a dentist. Pursuant to current statute, hospitals may additionally assess a variety of administrative fees for copies of patients' medical and billing records, such as a \$10 records search fee, a surcharge for reproductions of x-rays or other materials that are difficult to reproduce on a commercial photocopy machine, a \$10 fee per certified copy of a medical or billing record, and any postage and delivery charges.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments include health care practitioners among the individuals and entities exempted from the fees that licensed hospitals and health care professionals may charge for copies of patient medical records and medical billing records.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal information for this bill is currently unavailable.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/18/2022

TRENTON – Governor Murphy today signed the following bills:

S-384/A-1964 (Weinberg, Singleton/Stanley, Munoz, McKeon, Sumter, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Wimberly, Mosquera, Downey, Chiaravalloti) – Expands training for judges, law enforcement officers and assistant county prosecutors concerning handling of domestic violence cases

S-386/A-1763 (Weinberg, Singleton/Munoz, Vainieri Huttle, Downey, Mosquera, Lampitt, Benson) - Establishes mandatory domestic violence training for municipal prosecutors

S-396/A-4903 (Weinberg, Addiego/Johnson, Mukherji) – Adjusts statute of limitations on damage claim for construction defect in common interest communities

S-705/A-1077 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Speight, Vainieri Huttle, Downey) – Requires DOH to develop and implement plan to improve access to perinatal mood and anxiety disorder screening

SCS for S-844 and 2533/ACS for A-4635 (Pou, Greenstein/Zwicker, Lopez) – Revises reporting requirements for charitable organizations and non-profit corporations

S-867/A-2316 (Pou/Jimenez, Giblin, Johnson) – Permits physical therapists to perform dry needling under certain circumstances

S-896/A-2396 (Pou, Turner/Wimberly, Timberlake, Murphy) – Expands Office of Public Defender representation of juveniles; repeals section 4 of P.L.1968, c.371

S-969WGR/ACS for A-2687 (Ruiz, Turner/Mazzeo, Lampitt, Moen) – Establishes loan redemption program for certain teachers to redeem loan amounts received under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students Loan Program through employment in certain schools; makes annual appropriation of \$1 million

S-994/A-6248 (Sweeney, Singleton/Lopez) – Requires State agencies and political subdivisions to make good faith effort to purchase five percent of goods and services from Central Nonprofit Agency

SCS for S-1016/ACS for A-2070 (Smith, Bateman/Calabrese, Mukherji, Benson) – Restricts use of neonicotinoid pesticides

S-1020/AS for ACS for A-1184 and 4414 (Ruiz, Gopal/Zwicker, Conaway, Verrelli, Caputo) – Requires School Report Card to include demographic breakdown of students who receive disciplinary actions; requires Commissioner of Education to establish Statewide database concerning certain disciplinary actions

S-1559/A-1659 (Scutari, Diegnan/Quijano, Bramnick, Mukherji, Sumter, Downey, Dancer) – “New Jersey Insurance Fair Conduct Act”

S-1771/A-1489 (Madden, Turner/Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle) – Expressly prohibits invasive examination of unconscious patient by health care practitioner without patient’s prior informed written consent

S-2160wGR/A-5701 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singer/Carter, Lampitt, Jasey) – Creates special education unit within the Office of Administrative Law; requires annual report

SCS for S-2515/ACS for A-4676 (Smith, Greenstein/Quijano, Jasey, McKeon) – Establishes postconsumer recycled content requirements for rigid plastic containers, glass containers, paper and plastic carryout bags, and plastic trash bags; prohibits sale of polystyrene loose fill packaging

S-2723/A-2614 (Sweeney, Turner/Murphy, Benson, Timberlake) – “21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act”

S-2830/A-5291 (Ruiz, Singleton/Quijano) – Requires educator preparation program to report passing rates of students who complete certain tests and to disseminate information on test fee waiver programs, and permits collection of student fee for certain testing costs

S-2835/A-5292 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Lampitt, Jasey) – Requires compilation of data and issuance of annual reports on New Jersey teacher workforce

S-2921/A-5554 (Gopal, Greenstein/Houghtaling, Downey, Mukherji) – Allows municipalities to designate outdoor areas upon which people may consume alcoholic beverages

S-3009/A-4847 (Vitale, Gopal, Gill/Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Verrelli) – Authorizes expanded provision of harm reduction services to distribute sterile syringes and provide certain support services to persons who use drugs intravenously

S-3081/A-5219 (Singleton/McKeon, Dunn) – Repeals law concerning excess rates and charges for title insurance; makes agreement to use services of title or settlement service company subject to attorney review

S-3164/A-4987 (Gopal, Singleton/Houghtaling, Vainieri Huttle, Giblin) – Creates NJ Legislative Youth Council

S-3265/A-5074 (Diegnan, Greenstein/DeAngelo, Dancer, Mukherji) – Permits members of SPRS to purchase service credit for prior public employment with federal government or another state

S-3342/A-5463 (Codey, Singleton/Jasey, Giblin, Timberlake) – Directs NJT to erect statue in honor of A. Philip Randolph; appropriates \$90,000

S-3465/A-4336 (Oroho, Sweeney/Houghtaling, Space) – Directs Department of Agriculture to pay annual premiums to enrolled dairy farmers for certain coverage under the federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program; appropriates \$125,000

S-3488wGR/A-5537 (Sweeney, Gopal, O'Scanlon/Burzichelli, Dancer, Spearman) – Modifies certain procedures pertaining to school district regionalization; establishes grant program for cost reimbursement of conducting regionalization feasibility studies; and provides financial incentives for regionalization

S-3493/A-5458 (Vitale, Gill/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, McKnight) – Permits expungement of possession or distribution of hypodermic syringe or needle offense in cases of previous expungement; repeals criminal offense of possession of syringe

S-3539/A5409 (T. Kean, Gopal/Houghtaling) – Directs DEP to establish grant program for local governments to support development of community gardens

S-3594/A-5509 (Singleton, Scutari/Zwicker, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli) – Provides that in personal

injury or wrongful death lawsuits, calculations of lost or impaired earnings capacity not be reduced because of race, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, or affectional or sexual orientation

S-3672/A-6009 (Singleton, Turner, Moen, Johnson, McKnight) – Permits exemption from civil service examination requirement for entry-level law enforcement officers, sheriff's officers, and State and county correctional police officers; permits hiring or appointment of such officers under certain conditions, and makes appropriation

S-3673/A-6219 (Gopal, Greenstein/Burzichelli) – Authorizes limited breweries and craft distilleries to sell at retail and offer for sampling purposes product bottled and stored off-site under certain circumstances

S-3685/A-5576 (Ruiz, Codey/Jasey, Lampitt, Mukherji) – Permits teacher and professional staff member who provides special services retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF if employment commences during 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years

S-3707/A-5673 (Vitale, Ruiz/Vainieri Huttle, Downey, Zwicker) – Repeals statute criminalizing sexual penetration while infected with venereal disease or HIV under certain circumstances; requires that in prosecutions for endangering another by creating substantial risk of transmitting infectious disease, name of defendant and other person be kept confidential

S-3764/A-3369 (Gopal, Weinberg/Johnson, Stanley, Karabinchak) – Establishes Commission on Asian American Heritage in DOE

S-3810/ACS for A-5862 (Sweeney, Addiego, Greenstein/Benson, Quijano) – "Responsible Collective Negotiations Act"

S-3968/A-5930 (Singleton, Beach/Sumter, Karabinchak) – Increases purchasing threshold permitting Director of Division of Purchase and Property to delegate authority to agencies; increases bid advertising threshold on certain contracts by same scale

S-3975/A-5963 (Greenstein, Oroho/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, DeAngelo) – Establishes requirements to commence screening newborn infants for congenital cytomegalovirus infection; establishes public awareness campaign

S-4004wGR/A-5950 (Weinberg, Greenstein/Sumter, Benson, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database of certain appointed positions and elected offices

S-4020/A-5867 (Gopal, Cunningham/Chiaravalloti, Jasey, Carter) – Expands bonding authority of New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority to permit financing for general funding needs at New Jersey's institutions of higher education

S-4021/A-6100 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Jasey, Timberlake, Stanley) – Requires school districts to provide instruction on history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies

S-4043/A-6005 (Cunningham/Jasey, Greenwald) – Raises statutory threshold for certain public bidding, permits bidder disqualification due to prior negative experience, adds exemptions to public bidding requirement under "State College Contracts Law," and establishes process for cooperative pricing system

S-4063/A-6220 (Sweeney/Giblin, Egan) – Removes New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission from appropriations act provision that limits compensation and health benefits; clarifies PERS and SHBP eligibility for members of commission

S-4068/ACS for A-6110 and 6185 (Sarlo, Oroho/Benson, Mukherji, Bramnick) – Revises elective pass-through entity business alternative income tax

S-4074wGR/A-6000 (Ruiz, Beach/Verrelli, Lampitt, Carter) – Allows alternative evaluation in place of basic skills testing requirements for certain teacher certification

SCS for S-4102/A-6230 (Sweeney, Ruiz/Benson, Mejia, Zwicker) – Establishes Direct Support Professional Career Development Program; appropriates \$1,000,000

S-4128/A-6231 (Sweeney, Pou/Houghtaling, Conaway, Dancer) – Requires that only fruits and vegetables grown and packaged in NJ may be labeled by food retailers as local to State

S-4207/A-6119 (Sweeney, Beach/Mukherji, Egan, Pintor Marin) – Concerns apprenticeship programs of public works contractors

S-4210/A-6062 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Greenwald, McKnight, Mukherji) – Requires EDA to establish loan program to assist certain businesses with funding to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities

S-4211/A-6228 (Sweeney, Corrado/Benson, Speight, Zwicker) – Establishes county college-based adult centers for transition for individuals with developmental disabilities; makes annual appropriation of \$4.5 million

S-4218/A-6256 (Scutari/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mukherji) – Appropriates \$2 million to CRDA to support costs associated with hosting NAACP National Convention in Atlantic City

S-4233/A-6229 (Scutari, Gopal/Mukherji, Jimenez) – Limits fees charged to patients and authorized third parties for copies of medical and billing records

S-4252/A-6182 (Madden/Murphy, Chaparro) – Limits extension of mandatory retirement to 90 days from State Police Retirement System during emergencies

A-259/S-2224 (DeAngelo, Mukherji, Benson/Gopal, Pennacchio) – Provides civil service preference to military service members who did not serve in theater of operation but received campaign or expedition medal

A-798/S-52 (Verrelli, Vainieri Huttel, Armato/Singer, Greenstein) – Establishes local drug overdose fatality review teams

A-802/S-1352 (Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Murphy/Turner, Pou) – Requires certain retailers to train employees on gift card fraud

A-862wGR/S-962 (Chiaravalloti, Karabinchak/Pennacchio, Pou) – Permits municipalities to refund excess property taxes paid by a taxpayer who wins an assessment appeal as a property tax credit

A-953/S-4031 (Karabinchak, Houghtaling/Pou) – Requires architects disclose insurance coverage

ACS for A-998 and 2349/S-4312 (Moen, Downey, Houghtaling, Benson, Vainieri Huttel/Ruiz, Beach, Singleton) – The “New Jersey Social Innovation Act”; establishes social innovation loan pilot program and study commission within EDA

A-1121/S-1871 (Murphy, Dancer, Stanley/Lagana, Pennacchio) – Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia

A-1219wGR/S-1054 (Chaparro, McKnight/Stack) – Requires owner notification of rabies testing protocol prior to testing of owner’s animal for rabies

A-1229wGR/S-2161 (Schaer, Mosquera, Tucker, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Wimberly, Pintor Marin, Jasey/Turner, Singleton) – Requires DCA to make information on homeless prevention programs and services available on its Internet website

A-1293/S-3977 (Greenwald, Burzichelli, Mukherji/Greenstein, Gopal) – Establishes advisory council for the brewery, cidery, meadery, and distillery industries in NJ and provides for funding through certain alcoholic beverage tax receipts

A-1663/S-1842 (Quijano, Vainieri Huttle, Karabinchak/Cryan, Scutari) – Establishes “New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Program”

A-2186/S-1599 (Mukherji, Chaparro, McKnight/Codey, Pou) – Establishes Statewide database of beds in shelters for the homeless

A-2360/S-3285 (Chaparro, Karabinchak, Johnson/Greenstein, Stack) – Requires electric public utility to charge residential rate for service used by residential customer for electric vehicle charging at charging stations within certain designated parking spaces

A-2685wGR/S-4209 (Armato, Mazzeo, Mukherji/Stack) – Concerns information on property condition disclosure statement

A-2772/S-1040 (Downey, Houghtaling, Benson/Gopal) – Authorizes certain Medicaid recipients residing on post-secondary school campus to participate remotely in meetings of non-medical nature regarding Medicaid benefits

A-2877/S-1149 (Dancer, Vainieri Huttle, Reynolds-Jackson/Ruiz) – Requires registration of certain vacant and abandoned properties with municipalities and provides enforcement tools related to maintenance of these properties

A-3007/S-3127 (Lampitt, Dunn, Benson/Lagana, Gopal) – Requires institutions of higher education to provide students with access to mental health care programs and services and to establish a hotline to provide information concerning the availability of those services

A-3392/S-1219 (Reynolds-Jackson, Timberlake, Jasey/Turner, Beach) – Requires student representative be appointed to each board of education of school district and board of trustees of charter school that includes grades nine through 12

A-3804/S-1590 (Armato, Murphy, S. Kean/Beach, A.M. Bucco) – Designates 9-1-1 operators or dispatchers as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers

A-3870/S-2807 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Pou) – “Defense Against Porch Pirates Act”; amends theft statute

A-3950wGR/S-3180 (Verrelli, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Turner) – Prohibits employer use of tracking device in vehicle operated by employee under certain circumstances

A-4002wGR/S-2257 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Sarlo) – Allows deduction of promotional gaming credit from gross revenue on sports wagering

A-4232/S-4231 (Houghtaling, Dancer, Wirths/Oroho, Smith) – Creates program in Department of Agriculture for deer fencing on certain farmland

A-4238/S-2561 (Chiaravalloti, Schaer, Benson/Gopal, Singer) – Establishes minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for adult medical day care services

A-4241/S-2894 (Downey, Vainieri Huttle, Murphy/Pou) – Requires DHS to conduct biennial survey of SNAP experience

ACS for A-4253/S-3233 (Conaway, Pinkin, Jimenez/Cryan) – Requires certain electronic medical programs to include demographic data entry feature; requires laboratories to record certain patients' demographic information; requires certain hospitals and laboratories to implement cultural competency training program

A-4366/S-2801 (Taliaferro, Sumter, Mukherji/Pou, Greenstein) – Requires Police Training Commission to contract with crisis intervention training center to provide mental health training to police officers and establish curriculum specific to persons experiencing economic crisis or substance use disorder

A-4434wGR/S-2716 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Mukherji/Beach, Ruiz) – Establishes Student Wellness Grant Program in DOE

A-4478/S2759 (Vainieri Huttle, Speight, Schepisi, DeCroce/Vitale, Madden) – Establishes additional requirements for DOH to assess sanctions and impose penalties on nursing homes; revises reporting requirements for nursing homes

A-4569/S-3535 (Reynolds-Jackson, Benson, Karabinchak/Turner) – Requires BPU, electric power suppliers, and gas suppliers to publish certain information related to filing of customer complaints

ACS for A-4655/S-3595 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Carter/Turner) – Limits police presence at polling places and ballot drop boxes; prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of ballot drop box

A-4771/S-2951 (Downey, Armato, Mukherji/Gopal, Singleton) – Expands offenses eligible for expungement upon successful discharge from drug court

A-4856/S-3094 (Lampitt, Benson, Caputo/Ruiz, Beach) – Requires Internet websites and web services of school districts, charter schools, renaissance schools, and the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf to be accessible to persons with disabilities

A-5033wGR/S-3279 (Benson, Dancer, Verrelli/Gopal) – Authorizes motor vehicle dealers to sell motor vehicles online and obtain electronic signatures for motor vehicle transactions

ACS for A-5075wGR/S-4001 (Burzichelli, Dancer, Johnson/Sweeney, A.M. Bucco) – Removes Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial from auspices of DEP and establishes museum as independent organization; makes \$200,000 supplemental appropriation

A-5160/S-3324 (DeAngelo, Conaway, Zwicker/Smith, Bateman) – Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold, offered for sale, or leased in the State

A-5294/S-3418 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, Verrelli/Gopal, Madden) – Provides fast track hiring and advancement employment opportunities by State for persons with significant disabilities

A-5296/S-3426 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, McKnight/T. Kean, Schepisi) – Provides for employment by State of certain persons with disabilities

A-5322/S-3433 (Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, DePhillips/Cruz-Perez, T. Kean) – Provides for process to vacate and expunge certain arrests, charges, complaints, convictions, other dispositions, and DNA

records, associated with violations by certain human trafficking victims

A-5336wGR/S-3441 (Benson, Freiman, Vainieri Huttie/Diegnan, Madden) – Requires DHS to establish payment programs for purchase of transportation services from private sector and government transportation service providers

A-5439/S-3760 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Beach) – Changes deadline for New Jersey Racing Commission's annual report from end of calendar year to end of State fiscal year

A-5694/S-3783 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Madden) – Permits dependents of military member to enroll in school district in advance of military member's relocation to district

A-5814/S-3851 (Swain, Tully, Benson/Lagana, Diegnan) – Creates Office of School Bus Safety in Department of Education; appropriates \$200,000

A-5864wGR/S-3939 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Chaparro, McKnight, DeAngelo, Bergen/Gopal, Cryan) – Allows law enforcement officers to review body worn camera recordings prior to creating initial report

A-5997/S-4084 (Coughlin, Lopez/Sweeney, O'Scanlon) – Removes requirement for Legislature, DOE, free public libraries, and historical societies to purchase "Manual of the Legislature of New Jersey"

A-6012/S-4076 (Moen, Murphy, Freiman/Sarlo, Gopal) – Appropriates \$500,000 for USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee to support commissioning of boat and assigned personnel

A-6020/S-4114 (Conaway, Jimenez, Vainieri Huttie/Codey) – Establishes requirements for certain tobacco product retailers to stock and sell nicotine replacement therapy products

A-6060/S-4272 (Tucker, Caputo, Mukherji/Cunningham) – Makes supplemental appropriation of \$8 million to DHS to increase reimbursement for funeral, burial, and crematory services provided to certain beneficiaries of Work First New Jersey and Supplemental Security Income programs

A-6073/S-4140 (Verrelli/Vitale) – Temporarily waives certain basic life support services crewmember requirements

A-6093/S-4201 (Stanley, Benson, Timberlake/Greenstein, Gopal) – Mandates periodic cancer screening examinations for firefighters enrolled in SHBP

A-6108wGR/S-4247 (DeAngelo, Egan, Houghtaling/Madden) – Updates licenses offered by and certain licensure requirements from Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors

A-6132/S-4235 (Schaer, Greenwald, Conaway/Singer, Gopal) – Permits volunteer paramedics to operate within mobile intensive care units

A-6133/S-4251 (Bramnick, Mukherji, Downey/Scutari) – Allows certain persons not yet appointed as administrator of estate to pursue lawsuit for damages for wrongful death on behalf of deceased's survivors

A-6150/S-4119 (DeAngelo, Karabinchak, Wirths/Oroho, Pou) – Revises penalties for transfer of certain professional and occupational licenses

A-6159/S-4236 (Coughlin, McKnight/Vitale, Ruiz) – Revises and renames Office of Food Insecurity Advocate

A-6162/S-4246 (Benson, Stanley/Gopal) – Requires certain motor vehicle dealers to maintain certain

requirements for business premises

A-6205/S-4270 (Coughlin, McKeon/Pou) – Amends certain requirements concerning insurance holding companies

A-6206wGR/S-4260 (Wimberly/Diegnan, Oroho) – Codifies right of real estate broker-salespersons and salespersons to define relationship with broker as one between broker and independent contractor or employee and enforces current and previous written agreements addressing relationship

A-6207/S-4222 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Benson/Sweeney) – Eliminates requirement for DOE to set certain tuition rates for approved private schools for students with disabilities in certain cases

A-6208/S-4151 (Mosquera, DeAngelo, Armato/Greenstein, Cruz-Perez) – Appropriates \$60,940,361 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for farmland preservation purposes

A-6209/S-4154 (Freiman, Spearman, Egan/Turner, Oroho) – Appropriates \$18 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

A-6210/S-4150 (Taliaferro, Moriarty, Burzichelli/Cruz-Perez, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$4.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

A-6211/S-4149 (Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$440,240 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

A-6212/S-4148 (Jimenez, Swain, Timberlake/Codey, Corrado) – Appropriates \$54.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-6213/S-4155 (Kennedy, Carter, Tully/Bateman, Smith) – Appropriates \$49.932 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-6214/S-4153 (Danielsen, Zwicker, Conaway/Greenstein, Smith) – Appropriates \$80,539,578 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

A-6215/S-4152 (Stanley, Murphy, Jasey/Smith, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$14,687,510 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

A-6246/S-4295 (Karabinchak/Sweeney) – Concerns changes in control of hotels and disruptions of hotel services

A-6257/S-4311 (McKnight/Sweeney, Singleton) – Imposes surcharge on casino hotel occupancies to fund public safety services

A-6262/S-4314 (Burzichelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji/Sweeney, Oroho, T. Kean) – Permits PERS retiree to return to employment in NJ Legislature after retirement under certain circumstances

A-6263/S-4315 (Burzichelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji/Sweeney, Oroho, T. Kean) – Appropriates \$2 million to Legislative Services Commission

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

S-73/A-4580 (Bateman, Sarlo/Zwicker, Thomson, McKnight) – Establishes requirements for sale of cottage food products

S-995/A-6172 (Sweeney, A.M. Bucco/Downey, McKnight) – Requires DOLWD and DHS to conduct assessment of community rehabilitation programs and community businesses

S-1934/A-1158 (Sweeney, Pou, Cryan/Freiman, Lopez, Murphy) – Authorizes use of disability benefits for transportation provided by transportation network companies

S-2679/A-1979 (Beach, Smith/Stanley, Lopez, Kennedy) – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

S-2768/A-4664 (Singleton, Ruiz/Reynolds-Jackson, Stanley, Sumter) – Authorizes State Chief Diversity Officer to conduct disparity study concerning utilization of minority-owned and women-owned businesses in State procurement process

S-3458/A-6245 (Lagana, Gopal/Coughlin, Jimenez, Mukherji) – Revises out-of-network arbitration process

S-3529/A-5442 (Addiego, Diegnan/DeAngelo, Dancer, Dunn) – Clarifies that member of SPRS may receive accidental disability benefit under certain circumstances

S-3715/A-5804 (Cryan/Quijano, Mukherji) – Modifies certain definitions related to transient accommodation taxes and fees

S-4189/A-6112 (Vitale, Cruz-Perez/Lopez) – Permits PERS retiree to return to elective public office after retirement under certain circumstances

A-1073/S-3432 (Speight, Pintor Marin, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz, O'Scanlon) – Establishes requirements to screen certain people who are pregnant and who have given birth for preeclampsia

A-1269/S-3490 (Greenwald, Giblin, Calabrese/Cruz-Perez, Beach) – Eliminates one percent tax on purchasers of Class 4A commercial property transferred for consideration in excess of \$1 million

A-4958/S-3740 (Tully, Armato, Zwicker/Lagana, Oroho) – Provides temporary exemption under sales and use tax for winterizing certain small business operations

A-5334/S-3442 (Lopez, Mazzeo, Stanley/Diegnan, T. Kean) – Requires DOT, NJT, and DHS to study and implement transportation mobility and accessibility improvements for persons with autism and developmental disabilities

A-5484/S-3817 (Dancer, Caputo, Houghtaling/Lagana) – Requires New Jersey Racing Commission to adopt procedures to enforce internal controls; requires annual audit

A-6033/S-4194 (Bramnick/Sweeney, T. Kean) – Classifies golf caddies as independent contractors for purposes of State employment laws

A-6157/S-4202 (Speight, Moen/Ruiz, Beach) – Prohibits circumventing intergovernmental transfer process for law enforcement officers in certain circumstances

