

18A:3B-45a, 18A:3B-53.3a
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2025 **CHAPTER:** 161

NJSA: 18A:3B-45a, 18A:3B-53.3a, Requires public institution of higher education to post certain information on institution's website.

BILL NO: S2038 (Substituted for A3581 (1R))

SPONSOR(S) Gopal, Vin and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 1/9/2024

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Higher Education

SENATE: Higher Education

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: 12/08/2025

SENATE: 02/12/2024

DATE OF APPROVAL: 12/19/2025

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (S2038 Sca (1R) enacted)

ADVANCE LAW Yes

PAMPHLET LAW Yes

S2038

INTRODUCED BILL: (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

REPRINT(S): Yes SHI 2/5/24 1R

TECHNICAL REVIEW OF BILL: No

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, ***may possibly*** be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A3581 (1R)

INTRODUCED BILL: (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

REPRINT(S): Yes AHI 2/10/25 1R

TECHNICAL REVIEW OF BILL: No

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: No

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

VETO MESSAGE: No

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: Yes

LEGISLATOR STATEMENT: No

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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Note

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 161, *approved December 19, 2025*
Senate, No. 2038 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning public institutions of higher education and
2 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.
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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. a. As used in this section, “time-to-degree completion”
8 means the time elapsed between the student’s initial enrollment in a
9 ¹four-year¹ public institution of higher education and the degree
10 conferral date.
11 b. A ¹four-year¹ public institution of higher education shall
12 provide for inspection on its website the average time-to-degree
13 completion for each ¹**【associate and】**¹ baccalaureate degree
14 awarded by the institution.
15 ¹c. A county college shall provide for inspection on its website an
16 appropriate measure of student outcomes, as determined by the
17 Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the New Jersey
18 Council of County Colleges, for each associate degree awarded by the
19 institution.¹
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21 2. a. A public institution of higher education shall provide for
22 public inspection on its website a copy of the institution’s annual
23 fiscal monitoring report submitted pursuant to section ¹**【1 of**
24 **P.L. , c. (C.)** (pending before the Legislature as Assembly
25 Bill No. 4970 of 2022/2023, and) ¹**】 2 of P.L.2023, c.115 (C.18A:3B-**
26 **53.2); a copy of any comprehensive audit completed pursuant to**
27 **section 3 of P.L.2023, c.115 (C.18A:3B-53.3); and, as applicable,**¹ a
28 copy of the institution’s annual audit submitted pursuant to section
29 6 of P.L.2009, c.308 (C.18A:3B-51).
30 b. An institution shall annually submit a direct website link of
31 the information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section to
32 the Secretary of Higher Education.
33 c. An institution shall post on its website a summary of the
34 information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section for the
35 public that is clear, simple, and understandable.

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.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹Senate SHI committee amendments adopted February 5, 2024.

1 3. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to
2 the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1
3 et seq.), as necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.
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5 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
6 the first full academic year following enactment.
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11 _____
12 Requires public institution of higher education to post certain
information on institution’s website.

CHAPTER 161

AN ACT concerning public institutions of higher education and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:3B-45a Time-to-degree completion reported on website, student outcomes, higher education.

1. a. As used in this section, “time-to-degree completion” means the time elapsed between the student’s initial enrollment in a four-year public institution of higher education and the degree conferral date.

b. A four-year public institution of higher education shall provide for inspection on its website the average time-to-degree completion for each baccalaureate degree awarded by the institution.

c. A county college shall provide for inspection on its website an appropriate measure of student outcomes, as determined by the Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, for each associate degree awarded by the institution.

C.18A:3B-53.3a Annual fiscal monitoring report, audit published on website, higher education.

2. a. A public institution of higher education shall provide for public inspection on its website a copy of the institution’s annual fiscal monitoring report submitted pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2023, c.115 (C.18A:3B-53.2); a copy of any comprehensive audit completed pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023, c.115 (C.18A:3B-53.3); and, as applicable, a copy of the institution’s annual audit submitted pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2009, c.308 (C.18A:3B-51).

b. An institution shall annually submit a direct website link of the information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section to the Secretary of Higher Education.

c. An institution shall post on its website a summary of the information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section for the public that is clear, simple, and understandable.

3. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to the first full academic year following enactment.

Approved December 19, 2025.

SENATE, No. 2038

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:
Senator VIN GOPAL
District 11 (Monmouth)
Senator JOSEPH P. CRYAN
District 20 (Union)

SYNOPSIS

Requires public institution of higher education to post certain information on institution’s website.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



- 1 institution is required to annually submit the link to this website to
- 2 the Secretary of Higher Education and post a summary of this
- 3 information on the institution's website for the public that is clear,
- 4 simple, and understandable.

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2038

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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District 22 (Somerset and Union)

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

District 20 (Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

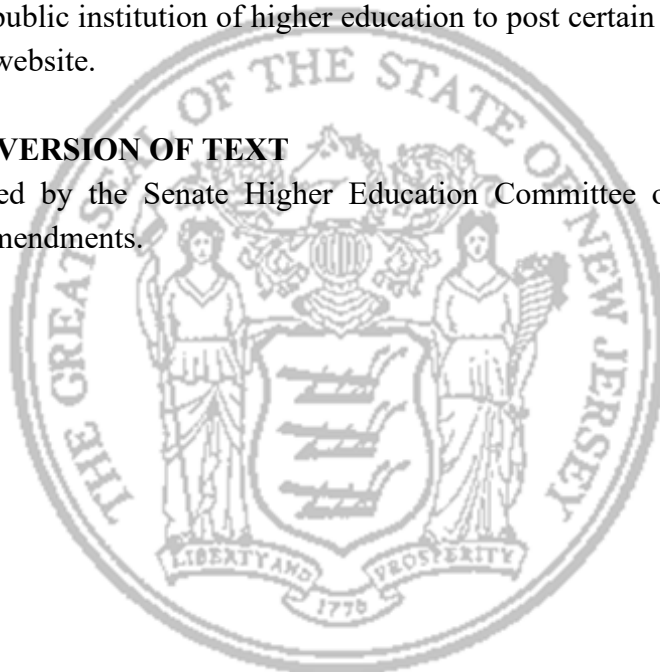
Senator Moriarty and Assemblywoman McCoy

SYNOPSIS

Requires public institution of higher education to post certain information on institution's website.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Higher Education Committee on February 5, 2024, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/8/2025)

1 AN ACT concerning public institutions of higher education and
2 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3
4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

6
7 1. a. As used in this section, “time-to-degree completion”
8 means the time elapsed between the student’s initial enrollment in a
9 ¹four-year¹ public institution of higher education and the degree
10 conferral date.

11 b. A ¹four-year¹ public institution of higher education shall
12 provide for inspection on its website the average time-to-degree
13 completion for each ¹**[associate and]**¹ baccalaureate degree
14 awarded by the institution.

15 ¹c. A county college shall provide for inspection on its website an
16 appropriate measure of student outcomes, as determined by the
17 Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the New Jersey
18 Council of County Colleges, for each associate degree awarded by the
19 institution.¹

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21 2. a. A public institution of higher education shall provide for
22 public inspection on its website a copy of the institution’s annual
23 fiscal monitoring report submitted pursuant to section ¹**[1** of
24 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly
25 Bill No. 4970 of 2022/2023, and) **]** 2 of P.L.2023, c.115 (C.18A:3B-
26 53.2); a copy of any comprehensive audit completed pursuant to
27 section 3 of P.L.2023, c.115 (C.18A:3B-53.3); and, as applicable,¹ a
28 copy of the institution’s annual audit submitted pursuant to section
29 6 of P.L.2009, c.308 (C.18A:3B-51).

30 b. An institution shall annually submit a direct website link of
31 the information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section to
32 the Secretary of Higher Education.

33 c. An institution shall post on its website a summary of the
34 information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section for the
35 public that is clear, simple, and understandable.

36
37 3. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to
38 the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1
39 et seq.), as necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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41 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
42 the first full academic year following enactment.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHI committee amendments adopted February 5, 2024.

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2038

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2038 (1R).

This bill requires a public institution of higher education to post certain information on the institution's website.

The bill requires a four-year public institution of higher education to post on its website the average time-to-degree completion, defined in the bill as the time elapsed between the student's initial enrollment in the institution and the degree conferral date, for each baccalaureate degree awarded by the institution.

The bill requires a county college to post on its website an appropriate measure of student outcomes, as determined by the Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, for each associate degree awarded by the institution.

Additionally, the bill requires a public institution of higher education to post on its website a copy of the institution's annual fiscal monitoring report and any comprehensive audit required by pursuant to State law. The institution is required to annually submit a direct website link of this information to the Secretary of Higher Education and post a summary of the information on the institution's website for the public that is clear, simple, and understandable.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2038 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3581, which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2038

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2024

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2038, with committee amendments.

This amended bill requires a public institution of higher education to post certain information on the institution's website.

The amended bill requires a four-year public institution of higher education to post on its website the average time-to-degree completion, defined in the amended bill as the time elapsed between the student's initial enrollment in the institution and the degree conferral date for each baccalaureate degree awarded by the institution.

The amended bill requires a county college to post on its website an appropriate measure of student outcomes, as determined by the Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, for each associate degree awarded by the institution.

Additionally, the amended bill requires a public institution of higher education to post a copy of the institution's annual fiscal monitoring report and any audit required by the Secretary of Higher Education pursuant to the requirements of State law. The institution is required to annually submit the link to this website to the Secretary of Higher Education and post a summary of this information on the institution's website for the public that is clear, simple, and understandable.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

- stipulate that only four-year public institutions of higher education are required to post the average time-to-degree completion for each baccalaureate degree awarded by the institution;
- require county colleges to post an appropriate measure of student outcomes on the institution's website for each associate degree awarded by the institution;

- make a technical correction to reflect the enactment of P.L.2023, c.115;
- clarify that the bill's provision requiring the posting of the annual audit submitted to the Secretary of Higher Education only applies to those institutions already required to prepare the annual audit; and
- include in the bill's requirements the posting of certain additional comprehensive audits completed pursuant to current State law.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3581

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LINDA S. CARTER

District 22 (Somerset and Union)

Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

District 20 (Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman McCoy

SYNOPSIS

Requires public institution of higher education to post certain information on institution's website.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/22/2024)

1 AN ACT concerning public institutions of higher education and
2 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3
4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6
7 1. a. As used in this section, “time-to-degree completion”
8 means the time elapsed between the student’s initial enrollment in a
9 four-year public institution of higher education and the degree
10 conferral date.

11 b. A four-year public institution of higher education shall
12 provide for inspection on its website the average time-to-degree
13 completion for each baccalaureate degree awarded by the
14 institution.

15 c. A county college shall provide for inspection on its website an
16 appropriate measure of student outcomes, as determined by the
17 Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the New Jersey
18 Council of County Colleges, for each associate degree awarded by the
19 institution.

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21 2. a. A public institution of higher education shall provide for
22 public inspection on its website a copy of the institution’s annual
23 fiscal monitoring report submitted pursuant to section 2 of
24 P.L.2023, c.115 (C.18A:3B-53.2) and, as applicable, a copy of the
25 institution’s annual audit submitted pursuant to section 6 of
26 P.L.2009, c.308 (C.18A:3B-51).

27 b. An institution shall annually submit a direct website link of
28 the information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section to
29 the Secretary of Higher Education.

30 c. An institution shall post on its website a summary of the
31 information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section for the
32 public that is clear, simple, and understandable.

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34 3. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to
35 the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1
36 et seq.), as necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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38 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
39 the first full academic year following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill requires a public institution of higher education to post
45 certain information on the institution’s website.

46 The bill requires a four-year public institution of higher education
47 to post on its website the average time-to-degree completion, defined
48 in the bill as the time elapsed between the student’s initial enrollment

1 in the institution and the degree conferral date for each baccalaureate
2 degree awarded by the institution.

3 The bill requires a county college to post on its website an
4 appropriate measure of student outcomes, as determined by the
5 Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the New Jersey
6 Council of County Colleges, for each associate degree awarded by the
7 institution.

8 Additionally, the bill requires a public institution of higher
9 education to post a copy of the institution's annual fiscal monitoring
10 report and the institution's annual audit on their website. The
11 institution is required to annually submit the link to this website to the
12 Secretary of Higher Education and post a summary of this information
13 on the institution's website for the public that is clear, simple, and
14 understandable.

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3581

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LINDA S. CARTER

District 22 (Somerset and Union)

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

District 20 (Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman McCoy

SYNOPSIS

Requires public institution of higher education to post certain information on institution's website.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on February 10, 2025, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/22/2024)

1 AN ACT concerning public institutions of higher education and
2 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3

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

6

7 1. a. As used in this section, “time-to-degree completion”
8 means the time elapsed between the student’s initial enrollment in a
9 four-year public institution of higher education and the degree
10 conferral date.

11 b. A four-year public institution of higher education shall
12 provide for inspection on its website the average time-to-degree
13 completion for each baccalaureate degree awarded by the
14 institution.

15 c. A county college shall provide for inspection on its website an
16 appropriate measure of student outcomes, as determined by the
17 Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the New Jersey
18 Council of County Colleges, for each associate degree awarded by the
19 institution.

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21 2. a. A public institution of higher education shall provide for
22 public inspection on its website a copy of the institution’s annual
23 fiscal monitoring report submitted pursuant to section 2 of
24 P.L.2023, c.115 (C.18A:3B-53.2)¹; a copy of any comprehensive
25 audit completed pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023, c.115 (C.18A:3B-
26 53.3;¹ and, as applicable, a copy of the institution’s annual audit
27 submitted pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2009, c.308 (C.18A:3B-51).

28 b. An institution shall annually submit a direct website link of
29 the information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section to
30 the Secretary of Higher Education.

31 c. An institution shall post on its website a summary of the
32 information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section for the
33 public that is clear, simple, and understandable.

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35 3. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to
36 the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1
37 et seq.), as necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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39 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
40 the first full academic year following enactment.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted February 10, 2025.

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3581

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3581.

As amended, this bill requires a public institution of higher education to post certain information on the institution's website.

The amended bill requires a four-year public institution of higher education to post on its website the average time-to-degree completion, defined in the amended bill as the time elapsed between the student's initial enrollment in the institution and the degree conferral date, for each baccalaureate degree awarded by the institution.

The amended bill requires a county college to post on its website an appropriate measure of student outcomes, as determined by the Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, for each associate degree awarded by the institution.

Additionally, the amended bill requires a public institution of higher education to post on its website a copy of the institution's annual fiscal monitoring report and any comprehensive audit required pursuant to State law. The institution is required to annually submit a direct website link of this information to the Secretary of Higher Education and post a summary of the information on the institution's website for the public that is clear, simple, and understandable.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 3581 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2038 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to include in the bill's requirements the posting of certain additional comprehensive audits completed pursuant to current State law.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

Posted on - 12/19/2025

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law, with the Governor's recommendation following concurrences by the legislature:

S-1447/A-4053 (Singleton/Lopez, Speight) - Transfers New Jersey Historic Trust from Department of State to DCA and makes certain changes related to trustees and powers

S-2038/A-3581 (Gopal, Cryan/Carter, Quijano) - Requires public institution of higher education to post certain information on institution's website

S-3153/A-4543 (Ruiz, Cryan/Haider, Speight, Sumter) - Prohibits DCF from using federal benefits received by a child in out of home placement to reimburse State for cost of child's care, except under certain circumstances

S-4400/A-5547 (Johnson, Turner/Verrelli) - Extends hours that minor employed by national sports association, league, or team may work under certain circumstances

S-4472/A-5859 (Lagana, Wimberly/Abdelaziz, Tully, Collazos-Gill) - Eliminates five percent down payment requirement for local bond ordinances involving hazard mitigation and resilience projects

S-4524/A-5862 (Turner, Testa/Bailey, Miller, Freiman) - Appropriates \$34 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4531/A-5861 (Burzichelli, Testa/Egan, Katz, Donlon) - Appropriates \$52,798,268 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and other farmland preservation funds to State Agriculture Development Committee for farmland preservation purposes

S-4551/A-5865 (Beach, Space/Bagolie, Calabrese, Spearman) - Appropriates \$3,750,990 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

S-4566/A-5863 (Cruz-Perez/Hutchison, Park, Bailey) - Appropriates \$500,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4569/A-5864 (Smith, Singleton/Drulis, Reynolds-Jackson, Moen) - Appropriates \$13,640,000 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities for open space acquisition, park development, and planning projects, and for certain administrative expenses

SJR-100/AJR-150 (Singleton/Venezia, Sumter) - Designates July of each year as "Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month" in NJ

A-3802wGR/S-3061 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Freiman/Burgess, Pennacchio) - Differentiates certain legal services from traditional insurance products

A-4331wGR/S-3227 (Speight, Atkins, Bagolie/McKnight, Turner) - Establishes licensure for cosmetic retail services

A-4712wGR/S-3504 (Tucker, Marengo/Cryan, Vitale, Johnson) - Establishes Office of Veteran Advocate and ombudsman for DMVA; appropriates funds

A-5130wGR/S-4128 (Schnall, Karabinchak, Calabrese/Moriarty, Wimberly) - Requires enforcing agency to conduct inspection of construction in specified time window

A-5264wGR/S-4100 (Karabinchak, Haider, Spearman/McKeon, Greenstein) - Requires establishment of automated platform to expedite construction code approval of applications to install residential solar energy systems

A-5309wGR/S-4147 (Simmons, Freiman, Donlon/Burzichelli, McKnight) - Permits up to three credits of continuing medical education on menopause to be used by nurses and physicians for license renewal

A-5854wGR/S-4614 (Azzariti/Schepisi, Sarlo) - Allows certain motor vehicle franchisors to sell, lease, or assign vehicles to employees