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Assembly, No. 3142

1 AN ACT authorizing grants to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned
2 homes for homeless veterans and amending P.L.2017, c.258.

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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 2 of P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-517) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. As used in this act:

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11 Community Resources in the Department of Community Affairs.

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13 **definition of having a "disability"]** the same as that term is defined
14 pursuant to section 3 of the "Americans with Disabilities Act of
15 1990," 42 U.S.C. s.12102.

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17 Resources in the Department of Community Affairs.

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19 who is low-income or has a disability, or both.

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22 amount of electricity used to heat, cool, or ventilate the residence,
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26 uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin, grandparent, grandchild, father-
27 in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent,
28 stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister, whether
29 the individual is related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

30 "Homeless veteran" means a veteran who is living outside, or in
31 a building not meant for human habitation or which the veteran has
32 no legal right to occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary
33 housing program which may include a transitional and supportive
34 housing program if habitation time limits exist, or temporarily in
35 the home of another household, or in a motel.

36 "Low-income veteran" means a veteran occupying a household
37 with a gross household income equal to 50 percent or less of the
38 median gross household income for households of the same size,
39 and within the same housing region, as defined by subsection b. of
40 section 4 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-304).

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 "Primary residence" means a dwelling unit that is owned by the
2 eligible veteran or by a family member of the eligible veteran, and
3 occupied by the eligible veteran as his or her principal residence.

4 "Qualified organization" means a nonprofit veterans'
5 organization that qualifies as a section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax
6 exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

7 "Rehabilitation" means the repair, renovation, alteration, or
8 reconstruction of any building or structure.

9 "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who
10 has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
11 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
12 or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
13 or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109
14 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American
15 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared
16 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for
17 federal veterans' benefits
18 (cf: P.L.2019, c.500, s.12.)
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20 2. Section 3 of P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-518) is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 3. The director shall establish a pilot program to award grants
23 to qualified organizations to rehabilitate **【and modify】** the primary
24 residences of eligible veterans, and to purchase and rehabilitate
25 abandoned homes for occupancy by homeless veterans. The
26 director shall manage the pilot program in consultation with the
27 Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'
28 Affairs to most effectively advance the needs of eligible veterans.
29 The director shall administer the pilot program for five years
30 following the operative date of P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-
31 516 et seq.). Grant awards totaling \$1 million shall be awarded
32 during each year the pilot program is in operation.

33 a. In addition to any additional information required by the
34 director, a qualified organization seeking a grant under the pilot
35 program shall submit an application to the division that shall
36 include the following information:

37 (1) the approximate number of veterans the qualified
38 organization has the capacity to serve through grant funding; and

39 (2) a description of the type of work to be completed, such as
40 interior home modifications, energy efficiency improvements, and
41 other similar categories of work.

42 b. In order to receive a grant award under the pilot program, a
43 qualified organization shall:

44 (1) demonstrate expertise in providing housing rehabilitation
45 **【and modification】** services for the purpose of making homes
46 accessible, functional, and safe;

- 1 (2) have experience in successfully carrying out accountability
2 and reporting requirements involved in the proper administration of
3 grant funds; and
- 4 (3) commit to paying workers employed through the pilot
5 program no less than the prevailing wage rate for the worker's craft
6 or trade, as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and
7 Workforce Development pursuant to P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-
8 56.25 et seq.).
- 9 c. In awarding grants under the pilot program,
- 10 (1) the director shall give preference to:
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12 apprenticeable trade participating in the Helmets to Hardhats
13 Program, as certified by the New Jersey State Building and
14 Construction Trades Council, such that not less than five percent of
15 projected labor hours shall be completed by such participating
16 organizations; and
- 17 (b) qualified organizations that serve communities that the
18 director determines have the greatest need for homeless services;
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- 20 (2) the director may give preference to qualified organizations
21 to achieve a fair distribution, as determined by the director, among
22 homeless veterans in different geographical regions.
- 23 d. Low income veterans who **[are]** also **[disabled]** have a
24 disability shall receive preference over other eligible veterans in
25 selection for assistance under the pilot program.
- 26 e. Grant awards under the pilot program shall be used to
27 **[modify and]** rehabilitate the primary residences of eligible
28 veterans, to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes, including
29 homes that have been foreclosed, and for other purposes necessary
30 to advance **[this goal]** these goals, as permitted by the director.
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32 limited to:
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34 doors, reconfiguring and re-equipping bathrooms to enhance
35 accessibility, removing doorway thresholds, and installing
36 appropriate floor coverings to accommodate the functional
37 limitations that result from having a disability;
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39 disrepair; and
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41 eligible veteran's monthly residential utility costs are greater than
42 five percent of monthly household income, and an energy audit of
43 the residence indicates that the installation of energy efficient
44 features or equipment would reduce utility costs by 10 percent or
45 more.
- 46 f. No qualified organization shall be awarded more than
47 \$400,000 through the pilot program in any one fiscal year. A
48 qualified organization receiving a grant shall contribute a matching

1 contribution in an amount not less than 50 percent of the grant
2 award. This matching requirement may be met through cash
3 contributions, or in-kind contributions, as permitted by the director.
4 Eligible veterans benefitting from the pilot program shall not pay an
5 application fee or any other cost for the work completed on their
6 residence, unless a modest fee can be charged, as permitted by the
7 director, without forcing the veteran's total monthly housing costs
8 to exceed 30 percent of total household income.

9 g. (1) The director shall provide an annual report to the
10 Governor, and the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,
11 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), presenting the following information with
12 respect to the associated year of the pilot program:

13 (a) the number of eligible veterans provided assistance under
14 the pilot program;

15 (b) the socioeconomic characteristics of the benefited veterans;

16 (c) the total number, types, and locations of qualified
17 organizations offered grant funding under the pilot program;

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19 contributions raised with each grant;

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21 modification] services provided, costs saved, and actions taken
22 under the pilot program;

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24 educate the general public and qualified organizations about the
25 pilot program, and to identify eligible veterans and their families;
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27 (g) a description of compensation offered to workers employed
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29 been paid less than the prevailing wage rate for the worker's craft or
30 trade, as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce
31 Development pursuant to P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.).

32 (h) any other information that the director considers relevant in
33 assessing the pilot program.

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35 program, the director shall provide another report to the Governor,
36 and the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
37 (C.52:14-19.1), presenting information necessary to assess the
38 success of the pilot program as a whole.

39 (cf: P.L.2017, c.258, s.3)

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41 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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44 STATEMENT

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46 This bill would amend the "New Jersey Housing Assistance for
47 Veterans Act," P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-516 et seq.) to expand
48 the purposes of the pilot program established by that act to include

1 the purchase and rehabilitation of abandoned homes for homeless
2 veterans. Currently, the pilot program established by this law
3 authorizes grants to eligible nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate
4 existing primary residences of disabled or low-income veterans.

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7 others, would be eligible to receive a grant to purchase and
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12 program to give preferences in awarding grants in order to achieve a
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14 regions of the State.

15 Finally, this bill adjusts the existing law, through defining
16 "rehabilitation" and other language changes, to clarify that pilot
17 program funds may be expended for a broad range of project types,
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19 installation of appropriate new fixtures and other alterations.

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24 Authorizes grants to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes
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ASSEMBLY, No. 3142

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 2022

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SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2024)

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33 success of the pilot program as a whole.

34 (cf: P.L.2017, c.258, s.3)

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3142

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 23, 2023

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3142.

This bill would amend the "New Jersey Housing Assistance for Veterans Act," P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-516 et seq.) to expand the purposes of the pilot program established by that act to include the purchase and rehabilitation of abandoned homes for homeless veterans. Currently, the pilot program established by this law authorizes grants to eligible nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate existing primary residences of disabled or low-income veterans.

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3142

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 21, 2023

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3142.

This bill expands the purpose of the pilot program established to award grants to qualified organizations to rehabilitate the primary residence of eligible veterans to include the purchase and rehabilitation of abandoned homes for homeless veterans.

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As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 3142 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1564, which was also reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE, No. 1564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Sponsored by:

Senator TROY SINGLETON

District 7 (Burlington)

Senator KRISTIN M. CORRADO

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11 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American
12 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared
13 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for
14 federal veterans' benefits.

15 (cf: P.L.2019, c.500, s.12.)

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17 2. Section 3 of P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-518) is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 3. The director shall establish a pilot program to award grants
20 to qualified organizations to rehabilitate **【and modify】** the primary
21 residences of eligible veterans, and to purchase and rehabilitate
22 abandoned homes for occupancy by homeless veterans. The
23 director shall manage the pilot program in consultation with the
24 Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'
25 Affairs to most effectively advance the needs of eligible veterans.
26 The director shall administer the pilot program for five years
27 following the operative date of P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-
28 516 et seq.). Grant awards totaling \$1 million shall be awarded
29 during each year the pilot program is in operation.

30 a. In addition to any additional information required by the
31 director, a qualified organization seeking a grant under the pilot
32 program shall submit an application to the division that shall
33 include the following information:

34 (1) the approximate number of veterans the qualified
35 organization has the capacity to serve through grant funding; and

36 (2) a description of the type of work to be completed, such as
37 interior home modifications, energy efficiency improvements, and
38 other similar categories of work.

39 b. In order to receive a grant award under the pilot program, a
40 qualified organization shall:

41 (1) demonstrate expertise in providing housing rehabilitation
42 **【and modification】** services for the purpose of making homes
43 accessible, functional, and safe;

44 (2) have experience in successfully carrying out accountability
45 and reporting requirements involved in the proper administration of
46 grant funds; and

47 (3) commit to paying workers employed through the pilot
48 program no less than the prevailing wage rate for the worker's craft

1 or trade, as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and
2 Workforce Development pursuant to P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-
3 56.25 et seq.).

4 c. In awarding grants under the pilot program,

5 (1) the director shall give preference to:

6 (a) qualified organizations that employ workers from an
7 apprenticeable trade participating in the Helmets to Hardhats
8 Program, as certified by the New Jersey State Building and
9 Construction Trades Council, such that not less than five percent of
10 projected labor hours shall be completed by such participating
11 organizations; and

12 (b) qualified organizations that serve communities that the
13 director determines have the greatest need for homeless services;
14 and

15 (2) the director may give preference to qualified organizations
16 to achieve a fair distribution, as determined by the director, among
17 homeless veterans in different geographical regions.

18 d. Low income veterans who **[are]** also **[disabled]** have a
19 disability shall receive preference over other eligible veterans in
20 selection for assistance under the pilot program.

21 e. Grant awards under the pilot program shall be used to
22 **[modify and]** rehabilitate the primary residences of eligible
23 veterans, to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes, including
24 homes that have been foreclosed, and for other purposes necessary
25 to advance **[this goal]** these goals, as permitted by the director.
26 Permitted uses of grant funding shall include, but shall not be
27 limited to:

28 (1) installing wheelchair ramps, widening exterior and interior
29 doors, reconfiguring and re-equipping bathrooms to enhance
30 accessibility, removing doorway thresholds, and installing
31 appropriate floor coverings to accommodate the functional
32 limitations that result from having a disability;

33 (2) rehabilitating homes that are in a state of interior or exterior
34 disrepair; and

35 (3) installing energy efficient features or equipment if the
36 eligible veteran's monthly residential utility costs are greater than
37 five percent of monthly household income, and an energy audit of
38 the residence indicates that the installation of energy efficient
39 features or equipment would reduce utility costs by 10 percent or
40 more.

41 f. No qualified organization shall be awarded more than
42 \$400,000 through the pilot program in any one fiscal year. A
43 qualified organization receiving a grant shall contribute a matching
44 contribution in an amount not less than 50 percent of the grant
45 award. This matching requirement may be met through cash
46 contributions, or in-kind contributions, as permitted by the director.
47 Eligible veterans benefitting from the pilot program shall not pay an
48 application fee or any other cost for the work completed on their

1 residence, unless a modest fee can be charged, as permitted by the
2 director, without forcing the veteran's total monthly housing costs
3 to exceed 30 percent of total household income.

4 g. (1) The director shall provide an annual report to the
5 Governor, and the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of
6 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), presenting the following
7 information with respect to the associated year of the pilot program:

8 (a) the number of eligible veterans provided assistance under
9 the pilot program;

10 (b) the socioeconomic characteristics of the benefited veterans;

11 (c) the total number, types, and locations of qualified
12 organizations offered grant funding under the pilot program;

13 (d) the amount of matching funds, and form of in-kind
14 contributions raised with each grant;

15 (e) a description of the housing rehabilitation [and
16 modification] services provided, costs saved, and actions taken
17 under the pilot program;

18 (f) a description of the outreach initiatives implemented to
19 educate the general public and qualified organizations about the
20 pilot program, and to identify eligible veterans and their families;
21 and

22 (g) a description of compensation offered to workers employed
23 through the pilot program, and a certification that workers have not
24 been paid less than the prevailing wage rate for the worker's craft or
25 trade, as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce
26 Development pursuant to P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.).

27 (h) any other information that the director considers relevant in
28 assessing the pilot program.

29 (2) Not later than six months following completion of the pilot
30 program, the director shall provide another report to the Governor,
31 and the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
32 (C.52:14-19.1), presenting information necessary to assess the
33 success of the pilot program as a whole.

34 (cf: P.L.2017, c.258, s.3)

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36 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill would amend the "New Jersey Housing Assistance for
42 Veterans Act," P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-516 et seq.) to expand
43 the purposes of the pilot program established by that act to include
44 the purchase and rehabilitation of abandoned homes for homeless
45 veterans. Currently, the pilot program established by this law
46 authorizes grants to eligible nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate
47 existing primary residences of disabled or low-income veterans.

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1 Under the bill, a nonprofit veterans' organization that has
2 experience in rehabilitating housing for homeless veterans, or
3 others, would be eligible to receive a grant to purchase and
4 rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans. The bill
5 would afford a preference in awarding grants to nonprofit
6 organizations that serve communities that are in the greatest need of
7 homeless services. The bill would allow the administrator of the
8 current pilot program to give preferences in awarding grants in
9 order to achieve a fair distribution among homeless veterans in
10 different geographical regions of the State.

11 Finally, this bill adjusts the existing law, through defining
12 "rehabilitation" and other language changes, to clarify that pilot
13 program funds may be expended for a broad range of project types,
14 including repairs, renovations, reconstruction, as well as the
15 installation of appropriate new fixtures and other alterations.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 27, 2022

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1564.

This bill expands the purpose of the pilot program established to award grants to qualified organizations to rehabilitate the primary residence of eligible veterans to include the purchase and rehabilitation of abandoned homes for homeless veterans.

Under the bill, a nonprofit veterans' organization that has experience in rehabilitating housing for homeless veterans, or others, is to be eligible to receive a grant to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans. The bill affords a preference in awarding grants to nonprofit organizations that serve communities that are in the greatest need of homeless services. The bill allows the administrator of the current pilot program to give preferences in awarding grants in order to achieve a fair distribution among homeless veterans in different geographical regions of the State.

Finally, this bill adjusts the existing law, through defining "rehabilitation" and other language changes, to clarify that pilot program funds may be expended for a broad range of project types, including repairs, renovations, reconstruction, as well as the installation of appropriate new fixtures and other alterations.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 21, 2023

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1564.

This bill expands the purpose of the pilot program established to award grants to qualified organizations to rehabilitate the primary residence of eligible veterans to include the purchase and rehabilitation of abandoned homes for homeless veterans.

Under the bill, a nonprofit veterans' organization that has experience in rehabilitating housing for homeless veterans, or others, is to be eligible to receive a grant to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans. The bill affords a preference in awarding grants to nonprofit organizations that serve communities that are in the greatest need of homeless services. The bill allows the administrator of the current pilot program to give preferences in awarding grants in order to achieve a fair distribution among homeless veterans in different geographical regions of the State.

Finally, this bill adjusts the existing law, through defining “rehabilitation” and other language changes, to clarify that pilot program funds may be expended for a broad range of project types, including repairs, renovations, reconstruction, as well as the installation of appropriate new fixtures and other alterations.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 1564 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3142, which was also reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

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 (Wirhths, 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