

18A:26-2.32
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LAWS OF: 2023 **CHAPTER:** 327

NJSA: 18A:26-2.32 Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts.

BILL NO: A5416 (Substituted for S3883 (2R))

SPONSOR(S) Wimberly, Benjie E. and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 5/8/2023

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Education

SENATE: Education

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: 01/08/2024

SENATE: 01/08/2024

DATE OF APPROVAL: 1/16/2024

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (A5416 AcaScaSa w/GR (4R) enacted) Yes

A5416

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

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: Yes

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S3883 (2R)

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

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: Yes

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: Yes

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Matthew Fazelpoor, 'Murphy takes action on slew of legislation', *NJBIZ*, 17 Jan 2024

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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 327, *approved January 16, 2024*
Assembly, No. 5416 (*Fourth Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning teacher certification and supplementing chapter
2 26 of 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. The State Board of Education shall authorize ⁴**[an alternate**
8 **route]** a paraprofessional educator pathway⁴ to expedite the teacher
9 certification of persons who are employed ⁴**[or have been employed**
10 **by]** to work in⁴ a school district as a paraprofessional or an
11 instructional assistant ⁴pursuing a certificate of eligibility with
12 advanced standing in a specific endorsement area⁴.

13 b. The Commissioner of Education shall develop
14 recommendations for the ⁴**[alternate route program]**
15 paraprofessional educator preparation pathway⁴ authorized pursuant
16 to subsection a. of this section and shall submit the
17 recommendations to the State Board of Education. In developing
18 the recommendations, the commissioner shall consult with
19 representatives of the education community including, but not
20 limited to, the New Jersey Education Association, the New Jersey
21 School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals and
22 Supervisors Association, the New Jersey Association of School
23 Administrators, ¹the New Jersey Public Charter Schools
24 Association, ¹ ³the American Federation of Teachers New Jersey, ³
25 ⁴the New Jersey Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the
26 Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped
27 (ASAH),⁴ and the State Professional Learning Committee.

28 c. In addition to any other requirements established by the State
29 Board of Education, the ⁴**[alternate route program]** pathway⁴
30 authorized pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall include the
31 following:

32 (1) ⁴**[a formula for applying]**⁴ a candidate's direct classroom
33 service ⁴**[to any student teaching requirements]** while employed in
34 a school district as a paraprofessional or instructional assistant,

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:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted May 11, 2023.

²Senate SED committee amendments adopted November 27, 2023.

³Senate floor amendments adopted December 11, 2023.

⁴Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's
recommendations January 8, 2024.

1 which shall meet the clinical practice requirements for the
2 certificate of eligibility with advanced standing in the endorsement
3 area they are pursuing⁴, provided that the candidate is currently
4 employed ⁴**["by"]** to work in⁴ a school district ⁴as a paraprofessional
5 or instructional assistant⁴ and is providing direct classroom service,
6 including tutoring ⁴, under the supervision of a mentor cooperating
7 teacher who is teaching in the endorsement area being sought by the
8 paraprofessional⁴. Under ⁴**["the formula"]** these conditions⁴, the
9 direct classroom service shall earn the candidate full credit, if
10 appropriate ⁴towards the clinical practice requirements found in
11 N.J.A.C. 6A:9A et seq.⁴;

12 (2) a requirement that the school district in which the candidate
13 is currently ⁴**["employed"]** authorized to work as a paraprofessional
14 or instructional assistant⁴ ²make every reasonable effort to²
15 ⁴**["permit"]** place⁴ the candidate ⁴**["to"]** in a classroom setting in the
16 endorsement area the paraprofessional is seeking and with a
17 certified educator who meets the requirements for a cooperating
18 teacher at N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-4.4, so the paraprofessional may⁴
19 perform any required student teaching in the school district while, if
20 possible, continuing employment as a paraprofessional or an
21 instructional assistant; and

22 (3) ⁴**["a formula to allow a grade point average waiver for**
23 **candidates who otherwise demonstrate qualification for the**
24 **expedited teacher certification"]** allow educator preparation program
25 providers to submit for approval by the Department of Education,
26 preparation programs specifically for the paraprofessional educator
27 preparation pathway⁴.

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29 2. ⁴**["This"]** Section 1.b. of this⁴ act shall take effect
30 immediately. ⁴Sections 1.a. and 1.c. shall take effect upon the
31 promulgation of regulations by the State Board of Education,
32 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
33 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the provisions of these
34 sections.⁴

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39 Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to
40 expedite teacher certification of persons employed as
41 paraprofessionals in school districts.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5416

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 8, 2023

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman THOMAS P. GIBLIN

District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

Assemblywoman SHAMA A. HAIDER

District 37 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 the commissioner is to consult with representatives of the education
2 community, including the New Jersey Education Association, the
3 New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals
4 and Supervisors Association, the New Jersey Association of School
5 Administrators, and the State Professional Learning Committee.

6 The bill provides that in addition to any other requirements
7 established by the State Board of Education, the alternate route
8 program is required to include:

9 (1) a formula for applying a candidate's direct classroom service
10 to any student teaching requirements, provided that the candidate is
11 currently employed by a school district and is providing direct
12 classroom service, including tutoring. Under the formula, the direct
13 classroom service shall earn the candidate full credit, if appropriate;

14 (2) a requirement that the school district in which the candidate
15 is currently employed permit the candidate to perform any required
16 student teaching in the school district while, if possible, continuing
17 employment as a paraprofessional or an instructional assistant; and

18 (3) a formula to allow a grade point average waiver for
19 candidates who otherwise demonstrate qualification for the
20 expedited teacher certification.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5416

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2023

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No 5416 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the State Board of Education to authorize an alternate route to expedite the teacher certification of persons who are employed or have been employed by a school district as a paraprofessional or an instructional assistant.

As amended, the Commissioner of Education is to develop recommendations for the alternate route and those recommendations are required to be submitted to the State board. Under the provisions of the amended bill, in developing the recommendations, the commissioner is to consult with representatives of the education community, including the New Jersey Education Association, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association, and the State Professional Learning Committee.

As amended, the bill provides that in addition to any other requirements established by the State Board of Education, the alternate route program is required to include:

(1) a formula for applying a candidate's direct classroom service to any student teaching requirements, provided that the candidate is currently employed by a school district and is providing direct classroom service, including tutoring. Under the formula, the direct classroom service is to earn the candidate full credit, if appropriate;

(2) a requirement that the school district in which the candidate is currently employed permit the candidate to perform any required student teaching in the school district while, if possible, continuing employment as a paraprofessional or an instructional assistant; and

(3) a formula to allow a grade point average waiver for candidates who otherwise demonstrate qualification for the expedited teacher certification.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

- include the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association as one of the representatives of the education community that the Commissioner of Education is to consult when developing the recommendations that are required under the bill.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 5416

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 27, 2023

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 5416 (1R) with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the State Board of Education to authorize an alternate route to expedite the teacher certification of persons who are employed or have been employed by a school district as a paraprofessional or an instructional assistant.

The amended bill requires the Commissioner of Education to develop recommendations for the alternate route and those recommendations are required to be submitted to the State board. Under the provisions of the amended bill, in developing the recommendations, the commissioner is to consult with representatives of the education community, including the New Jersey Education Association, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association, and the State Professional Learning Committee.

Also, as amended, the bill provides that in addition to any other requirements established by the State Board of Education, the alternate route program is required to include:

(1) a formula for applying a candidate's direct classroom service to any student teaching requirements, provided that the candidate is currently employed by a school district and is providing direct classroom service, including tutoring. Under the formula, the direct classroom service is to earn the candidate full credit, if appropriate;

(2) a requirement that the school district in which the candidate is currently employed make every reasonable effort to permit the candidate to perform any required student teaching in the school district while, if possible, continuing employment as a paraprofessional or an instructional assistant; and

(3) a formula to allow a grade point average waiver for candidates who otherwise demonstrate qualification for the expedited teacher certification.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 5416 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3883, which was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

- require the school district make every reasonable effort to permit the candidate to perform any required student teaching in the school district where the candidate is currently employed.

STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 5416

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator GREENSTEIN)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 11, 2023

Assembly Bill No. 5416 (2R) requires the State Board of Education to authorize an alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts.

These Senate floor amendments include the American Federation of Teachers New Jersey as one of the representatives of the education community that the Commissioner of Education is to consult when developing the recommendations for the alternate route program.

SENATE, No. 3883

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 22, 2023

Sponsored by:

Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Diegnan and Stanfield

SYNOPSIS

Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/2023)

1 AN ACT concerning teacher certification and supplementing chapter
2 26 of 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. The State Board of Education shall authorize an alternate
8 route to expedite the teacher certification of persons who are
9 employed or have been employed by a school district as a
10 paraprofessional or an instructional assistant.

11 b. The Commissioner of Education shall develop
12 recommendations for the alternate route program authorized
13 pursuant to subsection a. of this section and shall submit the
14 recommendations to the State Board of Education. In developing
15 the recommendations, the commissioner shall consult with
16 representatives of the education community including, but not
17 limited to, the New Jersey Education Association, the New Jersey
18 School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals and
19 Supervisors Association, the New Jersey Association of School
20 Administrators, and the State Professional Learning Committee.

21 c. In addition to any other requirements established by the State
22 Board of Education, the alternate route program authorized pursuant
23 to subsection a. of this section shall include the following:

24 (1) a formula for applying a candidate's direct classroom service
25 to any student teaching requirements, provided that the candidate is
26 currently employed by a school district and is providing direct
27 classroom service, including tutoring. Under the formula, the direct
28 classroom service shall earn the candidate full credit, if appropriate;

29 (2) a requirement that the school district in which the candidate
30 is currently employed permit the candidate to perform any required
31 student teaching in the school district while, if possible, continuing
32 employment as a paraprofessional or an instructional assistant; and

33 (3) a formula to allow a grade point average waiver for
34 candidates who otherwise demonstrate qualification for the
35 expedited teacher certification.

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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40 STATEMENT

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42 This bill requires the State Board of Education to authorize an
43 alternate route to expedite the teacher certification of persons who
44 are employed or have been employed by a school district as a
45 paraprofessional or an instructional assistant.

46 The Commissioner of Education is to develop recommendations
47 for the alternate route and those recommendations are required to be
48 submitted to the State board. In developing the recommendations,

1 the commissioner is to consult with representatives of the education
2 community, including the New Jersey Education Association, the
3 New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals
4 and Supervisors Association, the New Jersey Association of School
5 Administrators, and the State Professional Learning Committee.

6 The bill provides that in addition to any other requirements
7 established by the State Board of Education, the alternate route
8 program is required to include:

9 (1) a formula for applying a candidate's direct classroom service
10 to any student teaching requirements, provided that the candidate is
11 currently employed by a school district and is providing direct
12 classroom service, including tutoring. Under the formula, the direct
13 classroom service shall earn the candidate full credit, if appropriate;

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15 is currently employed permit the candidate to perform any required
16 student teaching in the school district while, if possible, continuing
17 employment as a paraprofessional or an instructional assistant; and

18 (3) a formula to allow a grade point average waiver for
19 candidates who otherwise demonstrate qualification for the
20 expedited teacher certification.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3883

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 27, 2023

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 3883 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the State Board of Education to authorize an alternate route to expedite the teacher certification of persons who are employed or have been employed by a school district as a paraprofessional or an instructional assistant.

The amended bill requires the Commissioner of Education to develop recommendations for the alternate route and those recommendations are required to be submitted to the State board. Under the provisions of the amended bill, in developing the recommendations, the commissioner is to consult with representatives of the education community, including the New Jersey Education Association, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association, and the State Professional Learning Committee.

Also, as amended, the bill provides that in addition to any other requirements established by the State Board of Education, the alternate route program is required to include:

(1) a formula for applying a candidate's direct classroom service to any student teaching requirements, provided that the candidate is currently employed by a school district and is providing direct classroom service, including tutoring. Under the formula, the direct classroom service is to earn the candidate full credit, if appropriate;

(2) a requirement that the school district in which the candidate is currently employed make every reasonable effort to permit the candidate to perform any required student teaching in the school district while, if possible, continuing employment as a paraprofessional or an instructional assistant; and

(3) a formula to allow a grade point average waiver for candidates who otherwise demonstrate qualification for the expedited teacher certification.

As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3883 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 5416 (1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

- include the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association as one of the representatives of the education community that the Commissioner of Education is to consult when developing the recommendations that are required under the bill; and
- require the school district make every reasonable effort to permit the candidate to perform any required student teaching in the school district where the candidate is currently employed.

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3883

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator GREENSTEIN)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 11, 2023

Senate Bill No. 3883 (1R) requires the State Board of Education to authorize an alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts.

These Senate floor amendments include the American Federation of Teachers New Jersey as one of the representatives of the education community that the Commissioner of Education is to consult when developing the recommendations for the alternate route program.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 5416
(Third Reprint)

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 5416 (Third Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This bill would require the State Board of Education to authorize an alternate route to expedite the teacher certification of persons who are employed or have been employed by a school district as a paraprofessional or an instructional assistant. Under the bill, the Commissioner of Education is to develop recommendations for the alternate route program after consulting with representatives of the education community. The bill further specifies certain minimum criteria for the alternate route program, including, but not limited to, a formula for applying a candidate's direct classroom service to any student teaching requirements.

I commend the bill's sponsors for recognizing the great potential in recruiting paraprofessionals and instructional assistants to the teaching profession. They serve critical roles in our schools and make positive impacts on the lives of our students, and many of them consider becoming a certified teacher as the next step in their career. I am concerned, however, that this bill may be counterproductive in achieving the bill's intended objective which is to encourage and make it simpler for these individuals to obtain a teaching certificate. The Department of Education currently provides an expedited certification review process for paraprofessionals and instructional assistants. Creating an alternate route as contemplated under this bill may cause significant confusion to prospective candidates in the application process.

Instead, efforts should focus on addressing obstacles facing education support professionals when seeking teaching certification, including by providing supports towards degree attainment. My recommendations will change the creation of an alternate route for paraprofessionals and instructional assistants into the creation of a paraprofessional educator pathway, which would apply to paraprofessionals and instructional assistants pursuing a Certificate of Eligibility with Advance Standing ("CEAS") in a specific endorsement area. The pathway will include counting a candidate's direct classroom service that meets the clinical practice requirements for the CEAS as credit towards the clinical practice requirements found in N.J.A.C. 6A:9A et seq. Furthermore, the pathway will include a requirement that the school district in which the candidate is currently authorized to work make every reasonable effort to place the candidate in a classroom setting in the endorsement area the paraprofessional is seeking. Finally, my recommendations will allow educator preparation programs to be approved as preparation programs specifically for the paraprofessional educator pathway.

Therefore, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 5416 (Third Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

<u>Page 2, Section 1, Lines 7-8:</u>	Delete "an alternate route" and insert "a paraprofessional educator pathway"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 9:</u>	Delete "or have been employed by" and insert "to work in"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 10:</u>	After "assistant" insert "pursuing a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing in a specific endorsement area"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 12:</u>	Delete "alternate route program" and insert "paraprofessional educator preparation pathway"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 21:</u>	After "Jersey," insert "the New Jersey Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped (ASAH),"

<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 23:</u>	Delete "alternate route program" and insert "pathway"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 25:</u>	Delete "a formula for applying"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Lines 25-26:</u>	Delete "to any student teaching requirements," and insert "while employed in a school district as a paraprofessional or instructional assistant, which shall meet the clinical practice requirements for the Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing in the endorsement area they are pursuing,"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 27:</u>	Delete "by" and insert "to work in"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 27:</u>	After "district" insert "as a paraprofessional or instructional assistant"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 28:</u>	After "tutoring" insert ", under the supervision of a mentor cooperating teacher who is teaching in the endorsement area being sought by the paraprofessional"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 28:</u>	Delete "the formula" and insert "these conditions"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 29:</u>	After "appropriate" insert "towards the clinical practice requirements found in N.J.A.C. 6A:9A et seq."
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 31:</u>	Delete "employed" and insert "authorized to work as a paraprofessional or instructional assistant"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 31:</u>	Delete "permit" and insert "place"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 32:</u>	Delete "to" and insert "in a classroom setting in the endorsement area the paraprofessional is seeking and with a certified educator who meets the requirements for a cooperating teacher at N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-4.4, so the paraprofessional may"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Lines 35-36:</u>	Delete in their entirety
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 37:</u>	Delete "certification" and insert "(3) Allow educator preparation program providers to submit for approval by the Department of Education, preparation programs specifically for the paraprofessional educator preparation pathway"

Page 2, Section 2, Line 39:

Delete "This" and insert
"Section 1.b. of this"

Page 2, Section 2, Line 39:

After "." Insert "Sections
1.a. and 1.c. shall take effect
upon the promulgation of
regulations by the State Board
of Education, pursuant to the
"Administrative Procedure
Act," P.L.1968, c.410
(C.52:14B-1 et seq.),
necessary to effectuate the
provisions of these sections."

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Respectfully,

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

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

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

S-3287/ACS for A-4852 and 1170 (Turner/Reynolds-Jackson, Jasey, Dunn, Wimberly, Calabrese, Spearman, Verrilli) - Requires institutions of higher education to maintain supply and develop policy governing use of naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray for opioid overdose emergencies

A-1476/S-930 (Benson, Dancer/Holzapfel, Diegnan) - Exempts certain motor vehicles that are owned by certain nutrition programs and certain nonprofit organizations that offer social services from motor vehicle registration fees

A-3642/S-665 (Wirths, Murphy, Benson, Oroho/Greenstein) - Requires MVC to place designation on motor vehicle's registration information indicating registrant is deaf

A-3945/S-1660 (Quijano, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter/Ruiz, Singleton) - Establishes "Male Teachers of Color Mentorship Pilot Program"; appropriates \$95,000

A-4177/S-2478 (Mosquera, Swain, McKnight, Tucker, Dunn/Ruiz, Vitale) - Extends duration of law requiring certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment

A-4396/S-2927 (Lampitt, Jasey, Caputo/Codey) - Establishes timelines for review and approval by Commissioner of Education of annual certified audits submitted by approved private schools for students with disabilities

A-4621/S-3156 (Mosquera, Greenwald, Swain/Madden) - Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.

A-4740/S-2970 (Mukherji, DeAngelo, McKnight/Cruz-Perez, Turner) - Provides employee access to employee's employment records on file with DOLWD

A-5294/S-1825 (Greenwald, Swain, Rooney/Steinhardt, Sarlo, Doherty) - Exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax

A-5893/S-4228 (Karabinchak, Calabrese, Sauckie/Gopal, Sarlo) - Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029