

**18A:7G-5.2**  
**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**  
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**LAWS OF:** 2016                    **CHAPTER:** 79

**NJSA:** 18A:7G-5.2            (Requires certain school security measures to be incorporated in architectural design of new school construction and certain school security measures for existing buildings.)

**BILL NO:** A3348                    (Substituted for S2439)

**SPONSOR(S)** Diegnan Jr. and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** February 22, 2016

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Education

**SENATE:** Education

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** April 7, 2016

**SENATE:** October 20, 2016

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** December 5, 2016

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (First Reprint enacted)

**A3348**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill) 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](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us))

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**S2439**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

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**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:** Yes

"Diegnan bills focusing on school security policies now law," myCentralJersey.com, December 6, 2016

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P.L.2016, CHAPTER 79, *approved December 5, 2016*  
Assembly, No. 3348 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning public school facilities and supplementing  
2 P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.).

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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. In the case of new school construction undertaken by a  
8 district or the development authority, in addition to the Best  
9 Practices Standards for Schools under Construction or Being  
10 Planned for Construction set forth by the Department of Community  
11 Affairs, the district or the development authority, as applicable,  
12 shall provide in the architectural design for the new construction  
13 that:

14 (1) wherever possible, a building site shall be chosen with  
15 adequate space to accommodate bus and vehicular traffic separately  
16 and permit additional space for the proper evacuation of occupants;

17 (2) wherever possible, bus drop-off/pick-up areas shall be  
18 separated from other vehicular drop-off/pick-up areas;

19 (3) wherever possible, pedestrian routes shall be separated from  
20 vehicular routes, and crossing of the two shall be minimized;

21 (4) the number of anterior doors shall be kept to a minimum as  
22 necessary to satisfy operational considerations and meet code  
23 requirements, and wherever possible exterior door hardware shall  
24 be eliminated from doors that are intended only for emergency  
25 egress;

26 (5) there is a single public entrance to be used during the school  
27 day which shall be equipped with a security vestibule with interior  
28 doors that must be released by school security or other staff. The  
29 district or development authority shall give consideration to  
30 providing bullet resistant glazing in the interior vestibule doors and  
31 windows;

32 (6) all marked entrances shall conform to a uniform numbering  
33 system in order to assist emergency responders in locating  
34 particular areas. The principal's office shall have a secondary exit;

35 (7) interior door locks on spaces that will serve as safe havens  
36 during lockdowns shall have a keyless locking mechanism;

37 (8) new school buildings shall be provided with access control  
38 systems which allow for remote locking and unlocking of all  
39 building access doors; and

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AED committee amendments adopted March 3, 2016.

1 (9) new school buildings shall be designed and built in such a  
2 manner that areas intended for public use may be separated and  
3 secured from all other areas.

4 b. In the case of new school construction undertaken by a  
5 district or the development authority, and in the case of existing  
6 school buildings, a district or the development authority, as  
7 applicable, shall:

8 (1) employ the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design  
9 principles;

10 (2) require security personnel to be in uniform;

11 (3) make driveways one way, if possible, that lead to a clearly  
12 marked visitor parking area. STOP signs and other traffic calming  
13 devices shall be used to keep vehicles at a reasonable speed;

14 (4) place bollards along the roadway or curb line in front of the  
15 school to prevent vehicles from gaining access to exterior walls,  
16 windows, and doors, or in areas of the property where vehicles are  
17 prohibited;

18 (5) clearly mark the school's main entrance and make it easily  
19 visible and recognizable;

20 (6) limit the number of doors for access by staff;

21 (7) lock exterior doors, and when they are in use for a large  
22 entry/exit provide that they are staffed and monitored;

23 (8) utilize an access control system with remote unlocking  
24 features, an intercom, and fixed cameras at the school's main  
25 entrance and for other entrances as funding permits;

26 (9) clearly mark all entrances with a numerical sequence to  
27 allow for specific response by police, fire, and emergency medical  
28 services responders;

29 (10) maintain a parking decal or tag system for all staff and  
30 students who park on campus in order to easily identify  
31 unauthorized vehicles on the property;

32 (11) locate enclosures for utilities that are outside a school  
33 building away from the building to ensure that they do not provide  
34 roof access;

35 (12) provide adequate and properly maintained lighting around  
36 the buildings and parking lots;

37 (13) if funding, staffing, and site approval are possible, provide a  
38 guard shack and gate on the school campus as an effective  
39 perimeter control;

40 (14) where the footprint of the school allows, and if funding is  
41 available, create secure vestibules at the main entrance of the school  
42 building. The exterior door entrance to the school shall allow  
43 access by a visitor only to the vestibule and the doors to the  
44 remainder of the building shall be locked;

45 (15) adopt school district policies and procedures to clearly  
46 indicate that propping open doors is strictly prohibited, and that  
47 students and staff shall not open a door for anyone. All persons  
48 seeking entry to the building shall be directed to the main entrance;

1 (16) use surveillance cameras as a target-hardening tool;

2 (17) provide a dedicated server and generator for security  
3 systems, such as access control and surveillance cameras, in order  
4 to secure information and ensure efficient operation in an  
5 emergency;

6 (18) use ballistic or shatter resistant film for glass entrance door  
7 sidelights and other vulnerable first floor areas; and

8 (19) maintain a strict key distribution protocol that requires staff  
9 to sign for keys and return them at the end of each school year.

10 <sup>1</sup>c. The commissioner, in consultation with the development  
11 authority, may revise the architectural design standards for new  
12 school construction established pursuant to subsection a. of this  
13 section and the standards for new school construction and existing  
14 school buildings established pursuant to subsection b. of this  
15 section, to reflect new recommendations or changes in best  
16 practices for school security.<sup>1</sup>

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 Requires certain school security measures to be incorporated in  
25 architectural design of new school construction and certain school  
security measures for existing buildings.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3348

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 22, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman DAVID W. WOLFE**

**District 10 (Ocean)**

**Assemblyman JAMEL C. HOLLEY**

**District 20 (Union)**

**Assemblywoman MILA M. JASEY**

**District 27 (Essex and Morris)**

**Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certain school security measures to be incorporated in architectural design of new school construction and certain school security measures for existing buildings.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/4/2016)

1 AN ACT concerning public school facilities and supplementing  
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7 1. a. In the case of new school construction undertaken by a  
8 district or the development authority, in addition to the Best  
9 Practices Standards for Schools under Construction or Being  
10 Planned for Construction set forth by the Department of Community  
11 Affairs, the district or the development authority, as applicable,  
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15 adequate space to accommodate bus and vehicular traffic separately  
16 and permit additional space for the proper evacuation of occupants;

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18 separated from other vehicular drop-off/pick-up areas;

19 (3) wherever possible, pedestrian routes shall be separated from  
20 vehicular routes, and crossing of the two shall be minimized;

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22 necessary to satisfy operational considerations and meet code  
23 requirements, and wherever possible exterior door hardware shall  
24 be eliminated from doors that are intended only for emergency  
25 egress;

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28 doors that must be released by school security or other staff. The  
29 district or development authority shall give consideration to  
30 providing bullet resistant glazing in the interior vestibule doors and  
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33 system in order to assist emergency responders in locating  
34 particular areas. The principal's office shall have a secondary exit;

35 (7) interior door locks on spaces that will serve as safe havens  
36 during lockdowns shall have a keyless locking mechanism;

37 (8) new school buildings shall be provided with access control  
38 systems which allow for remote locking and unlocking of all  
39 building access doors; and

40 (9) new school buildings shall be designed and built in such a  
41 manner that areas intended for public use may be separated and  
42 secured from all other areas.

43 b. In the case of new school construction undertaken by a  
44 district or the development authority, and in the case of existing  
45 school buildings, a district or the development authority, as  
46 applicable, shall:

47 (1) employ the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design  
48 principles;

- 1 (2) require security personnel to be in uniform;
- 2 (3) make driveways one way, if possible, that lead to a clearly  
3 marked visitor parking area. STOP signs and other traffic calming  
4 devices shall be used to keep vehicles at a reasonable speed;
- 5 (4) place bollards along the roadway or curb line in front of the  
6 school to prevent vehicles from gaining access to exterior walls,  
7 windows, and doors, or in areas of the property where vehicles are  
8 prohibited;
- 9 (5) clearly mark the school's main entrance and make it easily  
10 visible and recognizable;
- 11 (6) limit the number of doors for access by staff;
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13 entry/exit provide that they are staffed and monitored;
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18 allow for specific response by police, fire, and emergency medical  
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21 students who park on campus in order to easily identify  
22 unauthorized vehicles on the property;
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24 building away from the building to ensure that they do not provide  
25 roof access;
- 26 (12) provide adequate and properly maintained lighting around  
27 the buildings and parking lots;
- 28 (13) if funding, staffing, and site approval are possible, provide a  
29 guard shack and gate on the school campus as an effective  
30 perimeter control;
- 31 (14) where the footprint of the school allows, and if funding is  
32 available, create secure vestibules at the main entrance of the school  
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34 access by a visitor only to the vestibule and the doors to the  
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37 indicate that propping open doors is strictly prohibited, and that  
38 students and staff shall not open a door for anyone. All persons  
39 seeking entry to the building shall be directed to the main entrance;
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42 systems, such as access control and surveillance cameras, in order  
43 to secure information and ensure efficient operation in an  
44 emergency;
- 45 (18) use ballistic or shatter resistant film for glass entrance door  
46 sidelights and other vulnerable first floor areas; and
- 47 (19) maintain a strict key distribution protocol that requires staff  
48 to sign for keys and return them at the end of each school year.



1       2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill implements recommendation #11, architectural design  
7 for new construction, and recommendation #12, hardening school  
8 perimeters and building entryways, of the July 2015 report of the  
9 New Jersey School Security Task Force.

10       Recommendation #11 of the report outlines items that should be  
11 considered in the architectural design for the construction of new  
12 school buildings. These items include, among others, marked  
13 school entrances with a uniform numbering system, keyless locking  
14 mechanisms, access control systems which allow for remote locking  
15 and unlocking, sufficient space for evacuation in the event of an  
16 emergency, and areas in the school building intended for public use  
17 separated and secure from all other areas.

18       Recommendation #12 of the report outlines items in regard to the  
19 hardening of school perimeters and building entryways. In addition  
20 to employing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design  
21 principles, this recommendation includes, among others, items such  
22 as a requirement that school security personnel be in uniform, the  
23 number of doors for access by school staff should be limited,  
24 exterior doors should remain locked, secure vestibules at the  
25 school's main entrance should be created, and surveillance cameras  
26 should be used as a target-hardening tool.

27       The task force found that in prior decades very few schools were  
28 built with security issues in mind. However, as the number of acts  
29 of violence in the nation's schools has increased, considerable  
30 attention has been given to the issue of school safety and security.  
31 The task force determined that "school renovations and new  
32 construction must strike a balance between providing a welcoming  
33 educational environment and a safe environment in which students  
34 can learn and teachers can teach. Well-reasoned school design will  
35 encourage proper security measures to be employed by school  
36 districts and save the cost of retrofitting buildings." By enacting  
37 these task force recommendations, this bill seeks to strike that  
38 balance.

# ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 3348**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 3, 2016

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3348 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill implements recommendation #36 in regard to the architectural design for new school construction, and recommendation #37 in regard to the hardening of school perimeters and building entryways, of the July 2015 report of the New Jersey School Security Task Force.

The bill provides that in the case of new school construction undertaken by a school district or the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, in addition to the Best Practices Standards for Schools Under Construction or Being Planned for Construction set forth by the Department of Community Affairs, the district or authority, as applicable, must provide for certain school security construction standards in the architectural design for the new construction. These school construction standards include among others, standards in regard to the selection of a building site with adequate space to accommodate bus and vehicular traffic separately, separate vehicular drop-off/pick-up areas, marked school entrances with a uniform numbering system, keyless locking mechanisms, access control systems which allow for remote locking and unlocking, sufficient space for evacuation in the event of an emergency, and areas in the school building intended for public use separated and secure from all other areas.

The bill also provides that in the case of new school construction undertaken by a school district or the development authority, and in the case of existing school buildings, the district or the authority, as applicable, in addition to employing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles, must employ certain school security standards. These standards include among others, that school security personnel be in uniform, the number of doors for access by school staff be limited, exterior doors remain locked, secure vestibules at the school's main entrance be created, surveillance cameras be used as a target-hardening tool, and a strict key distribution protocol be developed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to authorize the commissioner, in consultation with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, to revise the construction and school security standards established under the bill in order to reflect new recommendations or changes in best practices for school security.

# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3348**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 3348 (1R).

This bill implements recommendation #36 in regard to the architectural design for new school construction, and recommendation #37 in regard to the hardening of school perimeters and building entryways, of the July 2015 report of the New Jersey School Security Task Force.

The bill provides that in the case of new school construction undertaken by a school district or the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, in addition to the Best Practices Standards for Schools Under Construction or Being Planned for Construction set forth by the Department of Community Affairs, the district or authority, as applicable, must provide for certain school security construction standards in the architectural design for the new construction. These school construction standards include among others, standards in regard to the selection of a building site with adequate space to accommodate bus and vehicular traffic separately, separate vehicular drop-off/pick-up areas, marked school entrances with a uniform numbering system, keyless locking mechanisms, access control systems which allow for remote locking and unlocking, sufficient space for evacuation in the event of an emergency, and areas in the school building intended for public use separated and secure from all other areas.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2439 which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

# SENATE, No. 2439

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 27, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Senator DAWN MARIE ADDIEGO**

**District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Beach, Beck, Gordon and Greenstein**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certain school security measures to be incorporated in architectural design of new school construction and certain school security measures for existing buildings.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/21/2016)**

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48 principles;

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- 1 (2) require security personnel to be in uniform;
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- 40 (16) use surveillance cameras as a target-hardening tool;
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42 systems, such as access control and surveillance cameras, in order  
43 to secure information and ensure efficient operation in an  
44 emergency;
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46 sidelights and other vulnerable first floor areas; and
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48 to sign for keys and return them at the end of each school year.

1 c. The commissioner, in consultation with the development  
2 authority, may revise the architectural design standards for new  
3 school construction established pursuant to subsection a. of this  
4 section and the standards for new school construction and existing  
5 school buildings established pursuant to subsection b. of this  
6 section, to reflect new recommendations or changes in best  
7 practices for school security.

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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14 This bill implements recommendation #36 in regard to the  
15 architectural design for new school construction, and  
16 recommendation #37 in regard to the hardening of school  
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18 New Jersey School Security Task Force.

19 The bill provides that in the case of new school construction  
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35 The bill also provides that in the case of new school construction  
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39 Environmental Design principles, must employ certain school  
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43 secure vestibules at the school's main entrance be created,  
44 surveillance cameras be used as a target-hardening tool, and a strict  
45 key distribution protocol be developed.



# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2439

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2439.

This bill implements recommendation #36 in regard to the architectural design for new school construction, and recommendation #37 in regard to the hardening of school perimeters and building entryways, of the July 2015 report of the New Jersey School Security Task Force.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3348 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

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## Governor Chris Christie Signs Legislation Strengthening New Jersey Residents' Security

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#### *Takes Action on Pending Legislation*

**Trenton, NJ** – Governor Chris Christie today signed a package of legislation designed to make New Jerseyans safer. The measures include requirements for schools to conduct yearly security training alongside first responders (A-3349/S-2438) and that existing and any new school architectural plans include certain security measures (A-3348/S-2439). Additionally, A-1946/S-1257 expands domestic violence statutes to include cyber-harassment.

"We must make every effort to ensure New Jersey citizens are safe and secure whether they are in their school buildings or online," said Governor Christie. "These new laws will require safety measures to be built into new school construction and all school personnel to be trained annually on safety and security. Additionally, I have signed a bill to address one of the fastest growing threats we face in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, cyber-harassment. This new law will help victims of domestic violence whose abusers choose to attack through the web and social media outlets."

Governor Chris Christie also took action on the following legislation:

#### **BILL SIGNINGS:**

**S-384/A-3470 (Greenstein/Johnson)** - Requires correctional facilities to provide inmates with prescription medication that was prescribed for chronic conditions existing prior to incarceration

**S-743/ACS for A-2761 (Beach, Sarlo, Ruiz/Mazzeo, Zwicker, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Schaer, Jones, Eustace, Land, Gusciora, Andrzejczak, Downey, Houghtaling, Benson, Mukherji, McKeon, Lampitt)** - Directs Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to forgive certain student loans in the event of student borrower's death or total and permanent disability and grant deferment for temporary total disability

**S-1041/A-1449 (Weinberg, Gordon/Lampitt, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Tucker, Wimberly, Downey)** - Requires DHS to develop timeline for use by individuals with developmental disabilities to gain benefit of State and federal programs; requires posting timeline on DHS, DCF, and DOE websites

**S-2024/A-3793 (Madden, Oroho/Eustace, Peterson, Conaway, Mukherji, Benson, McKnight)** - Clarifies that product approval from U.S. Food and Drug Administration is not required for drug manufacturer to file registration statement, and specifies timeframe by which DOH must review registration statements

**S-2337/A-3985 (Sacco, Allen/Jimenez, O'Scanlon, Mukherji, Benson, Peterson)** - Permits law enforcement agencies to buy firearms directly from manufacturers; clarifies permits and identification cards not required

**S-2338/A-3914 (Whelan, Stack/Mazzeo)** - Allows existing rural development areas zoned for industrial use under pinelands comprehensive management plan to be included as eligible areas under certain business incentive programs

**A-1878/S-2404 (Wimberly/Rice)** - Increases to under \$15,000 from under \$10,000 amount of permitted annual compensation paid to TPAF retiree reemployed as athletic coach by former school district within 180 days of

retirement

**A-2519/S-1152 (DeAngelo, Holley, Mazzeo, Downey, McKnight/Greenstein, Beach)** - Directs Attorney General to develop plan to disseminate Amber and Silver Alert information through social media

**A-3662/S-2374 (Schaer, Caride, Vainieri Huttie, Mukherji, McKnight, Chiaravalloti, Quijano/Weinberg, Pou)** – "Rosa-Bonilla Family Act"; concerns development of carbon monoxide poisoning educational program for drivers

**A-3748/S-2115 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mukherji, Holley, Benson, Beach/Cruz-Perez)** - Requires DMVA to create registry for organizations providing services to veterans

**AJR-23/SJR-30 (Andrzejczak, Land, Wimberly, Taliaferro/Van Drew)** - Designates third weekend in October each year as "Shuck, Sip, and Slurp Weekend" to promote NJ oysters, wine, and beer

**AJR-24/SJR-36 (Andrzejczak, Houghtaling/Van Drew, Connors)** - Declares aquaculture an important State economic driver and urges State to include aquaculture industry in its economic development plans

**AJR-25/SJR-14 (Land, Andrzejczak/Van Drew)** - Recognizes Delaware Bayshore as region of special significance in NJ

**AJR-98 (Space, Taliaferro)** - Designates June of each year as "Native Plant Appreciation Month"

#### **BILLS VETOED:**

**S-51/A-547 (Lesniak, Cunningham/Pinkin, Sumter, Vainieri Huttie, Gusciora, Muolo) – ABSOLUTE** - Restricts use of isolated confinement in correctional facilities

**S-92/A-2815 (Whelan/Mosquera, Jones, DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Johnson, Houghtaling) – CONDITIONAL** - Revises "Overseas Residents Absentee Voting Law" to mirror federal law; permits overseas voters to vote in any election; permits use of federal write-in absentee ballot to vote, register or request ballot for all elections

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