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Assembly, No. 4019

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2 supplementing chapter 7C of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 4019

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 30, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman VINCENT MAZZEO**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI**

**District 33 (Hudson)**

**Assemblyman BOB ANDRZEJCZAK**

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**Assemblyman R. BRUCE LAND**

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**Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Assemblyman JOE DANIELSEN**

**District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Senator NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Johnson, Lagana, Eustace, Webber, Assemblywomen Caride, Jones, Assemblyman Caputo, Assemblywomen Jimenez, Muoio, Assemblymen C.A.Brown, Space, Assemblywoman Pinkin, Assemblyman Coughlin, Senators Beach and Greenstein**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4019**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2016

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2017

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 4019.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2491, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

# SENATE, No. 2491

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ**  
**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**  
**Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.**  
**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Beach and Greenstein**

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## Governor Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

Thursday, May 11, 2017 Tags: [Bill Action](#)



Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today signed into law additional bills to support New Jersey's military members, veterans, and their families and show pride in the state's military history. On May 1, he signed a number of bills impacting veterans and the military, including a law creating a program to divert certain veterans accused of non-violent offenses from the criminal justice system and into appropriate mental health and substance use services.

Today, Governor Christie signed A450/S750 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Moriarty, Benson, Daniels, Houghtaling/Beach, Van Drew) creating the Wounded Warrior Caregivers Relief Act, which provides a gross income tax credit of up to \$675 to family caregivers of totally disabled veterans whose injuries occurred as a result of serving on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

"We must do all we can do to make it easier for military members who have been left with debilitating injuries in the line of duty and their family members who now care for them," said Governor Christie. "This compassionate new law provides a tax credit to ease some of the financial burden on those families and show our appreciation for the many sacrifices they have made to keep their loved ones safe and at home."

Other military and veterans bills signed by Governor Christie allow active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have completed basic training to wear their dress uniform at their high school graduation and require the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to work with the Division of Travel and Tourism and the New Jersey Historical Commission to develop an online list with a historic tour of war battles fought and places of historical military significance in New Jersey and its State waters.

Governor Christie also took action on the following bills:

**BILL SIGNINGS:**

**ACS for A-815/ACS for S-1088 (Land, Andrzejczak, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, Bramnick/Van Drew, T. Kean)** - Concerns Code Blue alert plans to shelter at-risk individuals

**A-837/S-468 (Jimenez, Green, Mukherji, Sumter, Munoz/Sacco, Greenstein)** - Establishes "Hazardous Drug Safe Handling Act;" requires promulgation of standards and regulations concerning safe handling of hazardous drugs by certain health care personnel

**A-1256/S-1381 (Caride, Singleton, Jasey, Wimberly/Bateman)** - Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility requirements

**A-1649/S-853 (Schaer, Pintor Marin, Wimberly, Mukherji/Stack)** - Requires local governments and authorities to obtain financing cost estimate from NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust for certain projects

**ACS for A-1973/SCS for S-2401 (Prieto, Handlin/Diegnan, Stack)** - "Appraisal Management Company Registration and Regulation Act"

**A-1991/S-2722 (Prieto, Jimenez, Oliver/Stack, Cunningham)** - Provides two elected members of pension commission of closed Hudson County Employees' Pension Fund may be active or retired county employees

**ACS for A-2004/SCS for S-731 (Green, Benson, Moriarty, Mukherji, Pintor Marin/Cruz-Perez, Beach)** - Establishes certain penalties for operating or participating in pyramid promotional schemes

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[GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT UPON SIGNING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4146](#)

**A-2087/SCS for S-2792 (Mukherji, Schaer, Downey, Quijano/Greenstein, Turner)** - Grants drivers additional time to resolve parking violations prior to license or registration suspension

**A-2340/S-2108 (Benson, Muoio, Gusciora/Greenstein, Diegnan)** - Authorizes students in Marie H. Katzenbach school for the deaf to operate State vehicle for driver education and provides protection for such activity under tort claims act

**A-2512/S-1899 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin, Houghtaling/Whelan, Turner)** - Requires BPU to render decision on case within 12 months of final public hearing or hold another public hearing prior to deciding case

**A-2805/S-2726 (Caputo, Houghtaling, McKeon, Chiaravalloti/Codey, Pou)** - Requires DMVA to develop online historic tour identifying locations of war battles and places of significance to war efforts in State

**A-3011/S-2796 (Conaway, Singleton/Allen)** - Modifies charter of Board of Island Managers of Burlington Island to move elections to November

**AS for A-3351/S-2570 (Lampitt, Andrzejczak, Quijano, Holley, Jones, Space/Cruz-Perez, Oroho)** - Creates license to manufacturer and sell hard cider and mead

**A-3581/SCS for S-2582, 2092 (Downey, Mosquera, Danielsen, Houghtaling, Van Drew, Turner, Moriarty)** - Requires Internet-connected baby monitors to include security features

**A-3601/S-2209 (Schaer/Vitale, Gill)** - Concerns regulation of guaranteed asset protection waivers by DOBI

**A-3785/S-2396 (Downey, Houghtaling, Jasey, Singleton, Holley, Caride, Wimberly/Ruiz, Turner)** - Requires State to pay educational costs of students who reside in homeless shelter outside district of residence for more than one year

**A-4019/S-2491 (Mazzeo, Mukherji, Andrzejczak, Land, DeCroce, McKnight, Danielsen/Cruz-Perez, Madden)** - Permits eligible students who are members of United States Armed Forces to wear military uniform at high school graduation

**A-4146/S-2521 (Vainieri Huttie, Benson, Lampitt, Johnson, McKnight, Sumter/Vitale, Gordon) – STATEMENT UPON SIGNING** - Provides for monitoring and evaluation of transition of mental health and substance use disorder treatment service system and developmental disability system to fee-for-service reimbursement model; makes appropriation

**A-4284/S-2675 (Quijano, Benson, Muoio, Caride, Vainieri Huttie, McKnight, Wimberly, Sumter/Diegnan, Beach)** - Provides that school districts and nonpublic schools may receive reimbursement for costs incurred on or after January 1, 2016 for testing school drinking water for lead

**A-4344/S-2729 (Karabinchak, Pinkin, Coughlin, Wisniewski/Diegnan, Vitale)** - Designates portion of Route 18 in East Brunswick as "State Trooper Werner Foerster Memorial Interchange"

**AJR-76/SJR-16 (Vainieri Huttie, Holley, McKnight, Jasey/Gill)** - Designates September "Affordable Housing Awareness Month"

**AJR-130/SJR-92 (Vainieri Huttie, Lampitt/Vitale, Singer)** - Designates January 23 of each year as "Maternal Health Awareness Day" in New Jersey

#### **BILLS VETOED:**

**A-1850/S-2606 (Giblin, DeAngelo, Mukherji, Holley/Diegnan) – ABSOLUTE** - Extends by two months seasonal retail consumption alcoholic beverage license

**A-1869/S-668 (Wimberly, Vainieri Huttie, Oliver, Tucker, Quijano, Johnson/Rice, Cruz-Perez) - CONDITIONAL** - Establishes Division of Minority and Women Business Development and State Chief Disparity Officer to monitor efforts to promote participation by minority-owned and women-owned businesses in State contracting

**A-2353/S-367(Vainieri Huttie, Jasey, Mukherji, Benson, Quijano/Codey, Turner) – CONDITIONAL** - Establishes measures to deter steroid use among students; appropriates \$45,000 to DOE for New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association testing of student-athletes for steroids and other performance enhancing substances

**A-3091/S-2528 (Munoz, Gusciora, O'Scanlon, Oliver, Lagana, Lampitt, Mukherji, Sumter/Pou, Weinberg, Cunningham) - CONDITIONAL** - Bars persons under age 18 from marrying or entering into a civil union

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