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**LAWS OF**: 2019 **CHAPTER**: 190

**NJSA:** 43:1-3.1 (Requires public officer or employee to forfeit pension upon conviction for corruption of public

resources, sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when offense involves or touches upon public office

or employment.)

BILL NO: A3766 (Substituted for S2595)

**SPONSOR(S)** John Armato and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 4/5/2018

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: State & Local Government

**SENATE:** State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:** ASSEMBLY: 9/27/2018

**SENATE**: 5/30/2019

DATE OF APPROVAL: 7/19/2019

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:** 

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Assembly Committee Substitute enacted)
Yes

A3766

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)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: Yes

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No

**SENATE**: Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

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"Laws update education on sex as sault - NJ schools required to teach students about abuse, hot line," The Record, July 20, 2019

"Law adds more ways to lose public pension, The Star-Ledger, July 20, 2019

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### P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 190, approved July 19, 2019

## Assembly Committee Substitute (*First Reprint*) for Assembly, No. 3766

AN ACT concerning forfeiture of public pensions for conviction of certain crimes involving or touching such public office or employment and amending P.L.2007, c.49.

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

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- 1. Section 2 of P.L.2007, c.49 (C.43:1-3.1) is amended to read as follows:
- 10 2. a. A person who holds or has held any public office, 11 position, or employment, elective or appointive, under the 12 government of this State or any agency or political subdivision thereof, who is convicted of any crime set forth in subsection b. of 13 14 this section, or of a substantially similar offense under the laws of another state or the United States which would have been such a 15 crime under the laws of this State, which crime or offense involves 16 17 or touches such office, position or employment, shall forfeit all of 18 the pension or retirement benefit earned as a member of any State or locally-administered pension fund or retirement system in which 19 20 he participated at the time of the commission of the offense and which covered the office, position or employment involved in the 21 offense. As used in this section, a crime or offense that "involves 22 23 or touches such office, position or employment" means that the 24 crime or offense was related directly to the person's performance in, 25 or circumstances flowing from, the specific public office or 26 employment held by the person.
  - b. Subsection a. of this section applies to a conviction of any of the following crimes:
  - (1) Paragraph (4) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:13-5, criminal coercion;
- 31 (2) N.J.S.2C:20-4, theft by deception, if the amount involved 32 exceeds \$10,000;
  - (3) Subsection d. of N.J.S.2C:20-5, theft by extortion;
- 34 (4) N.J.S.2C:20-9, theft by failure to make required disposition 35 of property received, if the amount involved exceeds \$10,000;
  - (5) N.J.S.2C:21-10, commercial bribery;
- 37 (6) Section 3 of P.L.1994, c.121 (C.2C:21-25), money 38 laundering;
- 39 (7) Section 97 of P.L.1999, c.440 (C.2C:21-34), false contract 40 payment claims;
  - (8) N.J.S.2C:27-2, bribery in official matters;

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>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted May 24, 2018.

- 1 (9) N.J.S.2C:27-3, threats and other improper influence in official and political matters;
- 3 (10) Section 100 of P.L.1999, c.440 (C.2C:27-9), unlawful official business transaction where interest is involved;
- 5 (11) Section 5 of P.L.2003, c.255 (C.2C:27-10), acceptance or receipt of unlawful benefit by public servant for official behavior;
- 7 (12) Section 6 of P.L.2003, c.255 (C.2C:27-11), offer of 8 unlawful benefit to public servant for official behavior;
  - (13) N.J.S.2C:28-1, perjury;

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- 10 (14) N.J.S.2C:28-5, tampering with witnesses;
- 11 (15) N.J.S.2C:28-7, tampering with public records or 12 information;
- 13 (16) N.J.S.2C:29-4, compounding;
- 14 (17) N.J.S.2C:30-2, official misconduct;
- 15 (18) N.J.S.2C:30-3, speculating or wagering on official action 16 or information; **[or]**
- 17 (19) Section 3 of P.L.2003, c.31 (C.2C:30-7), pattern of official misconduct;
- 19 (20) Paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.2007, 20 c.158 (C.2C:27-12), corruption of public resources, if the amount or 21 value of the public resource is \$500,000 or more;
- 22 (21) <sup>1</sup>[N.J.S.2C:33-4, harassment;
- 23 (22)**]**<sup>1</sup> N.J.S.2C:14-2, sexual assault;
- 24 <sup>1</sup>[(23)] (22)<sup>1</sup> N.J.S.2C:14-3, sexual contact; or
- 25 <sup>1</sup>**[**(24)**]** (23)<sup>1</sup> N.J.S.2C:14-4, lewdness.
- 26 c. A court of this State shall enter an order of pension27 forfeiture pursuant to this section:
  - (1) Immediately upon a finding of guilt by the trier of fact or a plea of guilty entered in any court of this State unless the court, for good cause shown, orders a stay of the pension forfeiture pending a hearing on the merits at the time of sentencing; or
  - (2) Upon application of the county prosecutor or the Attorney General, when the pension forfeiture is based upon a conviction of an offense under the laws of another state or of the United States. An order of pension forfeiture pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have taken effect on the date the person was found guilty by the trier of fact or pled guilty to the offense.
  - d. No court shall grant a stay of an order of pension forfeiture pending appeal of a conviction or pension forfeiture order unless the court is clearly convinced that there is a substantial likelihood of success on the merits. If the conviction be reversed or the order of pension forfeiture be overturned, his pension rights and benefits shall be restored from the date of pension forfeiture.
  - e. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to preclude the authority of the board of trustees of any State or locally-administered pension fund or retirement system created under the laws of this State from ordering the forfeiture of all or part of the

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1 earned service credit or pension or retirement benefit of any 2 member of the fund or system for misconduct occurring during the 3 member's public service pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1995, 4 c.408 (C.43:1-3 et seq.), including in a case where the court does 5 not enter an order of forfeiture pursuant to this section. 6 (cf: P.L.2007, c.49, s.2) 7 8 2. This act shall take effect immediately. 9 10 11 12 13 Requires public officer or employee to forfeit pension upon conviction for corruption of public resources, sexual contact, 14 15 lewdness, or sexual assault when offense involves or touches upon public office or employment. 16

## ASSEMBLY, No. 3766

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 5, 2018

**Sponsored by:** 

Assemblyman JOHN ARMATO
District 2 (Atlantic)
Assemblywoman CAROL A. MURPHY
District 7 (Burlington)
Assemblywoman PATRICIA EGAN JONES

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)** 

#### **Co-Sponsored by:**

Assemblywomen Lopez, Pintor Marin, Mosquera, Lampitt, Downey, Assemblyman Houghtaling, Assemblywomen Timberlake, Vainieri Huttle and Speight

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires public officer or employee to forfeit pension upon conviction of harassment, sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when offense involves or touches upon public office or employment.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning forfeiture of public pensions for conviction of certain crimes involving or touching such public office or employment and amending P.L.2007, c.49.

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

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- 1. Section 2 of P.L.2007, c.49 (C.43:1-3.1) is amended to read as follows:
- 10 2. a. A person who holds or has held any public office, position, or employment, elective or appointive, under the 11 12 government of this State or any agency or political subdivision 13 thereof, who is convicted of any crime set forth in subsection b. of this section, or of a substantially similar offense under the laws of 14 15 another state or the United States which would have been such a crime under the laws of this State, which crime or offense involves 16 17 or touches such office, position or employment, shall forfeit all of 18 the pension or retirement benefit earned as a member of any State 19 or locally-administered pension fund or retirement system in which 20 he participated at the time of the commission of the offense and 21 which covered the office, position or employment involved in the 22 offense. As used in this section, a crime or offense that "involves 23 or touches such office, position or employment" means that the 24 crime or offense was related directly to the person's performance in, 25 or circumstances flowing from, the specific public office or 26 employment held by the person.
  - b. Subsection a. of this section applies to a conviction of any of the following crimes:
- 29 (1) Paragraph (4) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:13-5, criminal 30 coercion;
- 31 (2) N.J.S.2C:20-4, theft by deception, if the amount involved 32 exceeds \$10,000;
  - (3) Subsection d. of N.J.S.2C:20-5, theft by extortion;
- 34 (4) N.J.S.2C:20-9, theft by failure to make required disposition 35 of property received, if the amount involved exceeds \$10,000;
  - (5) N.J.S.2C:21-10, commercial bribery;
- 37 (6) Section 3 of P.L.1994, c.121 (C.2C:21-25), money 38 laundering;
- 39 (7) Section 97 of P.L.1999, c.440 (C.2C:21-34), false contract 40 payment claims;
  - (8) N.J.S.2C:27-2, bribery in official matters;
- 42 (9) N.J.S.2C:27-3, threats and other improper influence in 43 official and political matters;
- 44 (10) Section 100 of P.L.1999, c.440 (C.2C:27-9), unlawful 45 official business transaction where interest is involved;

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

- 1 (11) Section 5 of P.L.2003, c.255 (C.2C:27-10), acceptance or receipt of unlawful benefit by public servant for official behavior;
- 3 (12) Section 6 of P.L.2003, c.255 (C.2C:27-11), offer of unlawful benefit to public servant for official behavior;
  - (13) N.J.S.2C:28-1, perjury;
- 6 (14) N.J.S.2C:28-5, tampering with witnesses;
- 7 (15) N.J.S.2C:28-7, tampering with public records or 8 information;
- 9 (16) N.J.S.2C:29-4, compounding;
- 10 (17) N.J.S.2C:30-2, official misconduct;
- 11 (18) N.J.S.2C:30-3, speculating or wagering on official action 12 or information; **[or]**
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- 15 (20) N.J.S.2C:33-4, harassment;
- 16 (21) N.J.S.2C:14-2, sexual assault;
- 17 (22) N.J.S.2C:14-3, sexual contact; or
- 18 (23) N.J.S.2C:14-4, lewdness.
- 19 c. A court of this State shall enter an order of pension 20 forfeiture pursuant to this section:
  - (1) Immediately upon a finding of guilt by the trier of fact or a plea of guilty entered in any court of this State unless the court, for good cause shown, orders a stay of the pension forfeiture pending a hearing on the merits at the time of sentencing; or
  - (2) Upon application of the county prosecutor or the Attorney General, when the pension forfeiture is based upon a conviction of an offense under the laws of another state or of the United States. An order of pension forfeiture pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have taken effect on the date the person was found guilty by the trier of fact or pled guilty to the offense.
  - d. No court shall grant a stay of an order of pension forfeiture pending appeal of a conviction or pension forfeiture order unless the court is clearly convinced that there is a substantial likelihood of success on the merits. If the conviction be reversed or the order of pension forfeiture be overturned, his pension rights and benefits shall be restored from the date of pension forfeiture.
  - e. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to preclude the authority of the board of trustees of any State or locally-administered pension fund or retirement system created under the laws of this State from ordering the forfeiture of all or part of the earned service credit or pension or retirement benefit of any member of the fund or system for misconduct occurring during the member's public service pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1995, c.408 (C.43:1-3 et seq.), including in a case where the court does not enter an order of forfeiture pursuant to this section.
- 46 (cf: P.L.2007, c.49, s.2) 47
- 48 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### A3766 ARMATO, MURPHY

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This bill would require a person who holds or has held any public office, position, or employment to forfeit the person's pension or retirement benefit if the person is convicted of harassment, sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when the offense is related directly to the person's performance in, or circumstances flowing from, the specific public office or employment held by the person.

Under current law, a person who holds or has held any public office, position, or employment is required to forfeit all of the person's pension or retirement benefit upon conviction of certain enumerated crimes involving or touching such office, position or employment. This bill would add the crimes of harassment, sexual contact, lewdness, and sexual assault to that list of crimes.

## ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 3766

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 10, 2018

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3766.

This substitute would require a person who holds or has held any public office, position, or employment to forfeit the person's pension or retirement benefit if the person is convicted of harassment, sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when the offense is related directly to the person's performance in, or circumstances flowing from, the specific public office or employment held by the person.

The substitute would also require such forfeiture if the person is convicted of the crime of corruption of public resources in the first degree. The crime is of the first degree when a person knowingly uses or makes disposition of a public resource valued at \$500,000 or more for an unauthorized purpose, when that public resource is subject to an obligation to be used for a specified governmental function or public service.

"Public resource" is defined in current law to mean any funds or property provided by the government, including (1) money paid by the government; (2) transfer by the government of an asset of value for less than fair market price; (3) fees, loans, or other obligations normally required for a contract, that are paid, reduced, or waived by the government; (4) money loaned by the government to be repaid on a contingent basis; (5) money loaned by an entity based upon a guarantee provided by the government; (6) grants awarded by the government; and (7) credits applied by the government against repayment obligations.

Under current law, a person who holds or has held any public office, position, or employment is required to forfeit all of the person's pension or retirement benefit upon conviction of certain enumerated crimes involving or touching such office, position or employment. This substitute would add the crimes of corruption of public resources, harassment, sexual contact, lewdness, and sexual assault to that list of crimes.

## SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 3766

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 21, 2019

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3766 (1R).

Under current law, a person who holds or has held any public office, position, or employment is required to forfeit all of the person's pension or retirement benefit upon conviction of certain enumerated crimes involving or touching such office, position or employment. This bill would additionally require such forfeiture if the person is convicted of sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when the offense is related directly to the person's performance in, or circumstances flowing from, the specific public office or employment held by the person.

The bill would also require such forfeiture if the person is convicted of the crime of corruption of public resources in the first degree. The crime is of the first degree when a person knowingly uses or makes disposition of a public resource valued at \$500,000 or more for an unauthorized purpose, when that public resource is subject to an obligation to be used for a specified governmental function or public service.

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Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3766 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 2595 (1R) of 2018-2019.

## STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 3766

with Assembly Floor Amendments (Proposed by Assemblyman ARMATO)

ADOPTED: MAY 24, 2018

This Assembly amendment removes harassment as an offense for which forfeiture of a pension is required if committed by a person who holds or has held a public office or position.

## SENATE, No. 2595

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 21, 2018

Sponsored by: Senator KRISTIN M. CORRADO District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by: Senators T.Kean and Pennacchio

### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires public officer or employee to forfeit pension upon conviction for corruption of public resources, harassment, sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when offense involves or touches upon public office or employment.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/2018)

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  - (13) N.J.S.2C:28-1, perjury;
- 6 (14) N.J.S.2C:28-5, tampering with witnesses;
- 7 (15) N.J.S.2C:28-7, tampering with public records or 8 information;
  - (16) N.J.S.2C:29-4, compounding;
- 10 (17) N.J.S.2C:30-2, official misconduct;
- 11 (18) N.J.S.2C:30-3, speculating or wagering on official action 12 or information; **[or]**
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- 17 value of the public resource is \$500,000 or more;
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- 19 (22) N.J.S.2C:14-2, sexual assault;
- 20 (23) N.J.S.2C:14-3, sexual contact; or
- 21 (24) N.J.S.2C:14-4, lewdness.
- 22 c. A court of this State shall enter an order of pension 23 forfeiture pursuant to this section:
  - (1) Immediately upon a finding of guilt by the trier of fact or a plea of guilty entered in any court of this State unless the court, for good cause shown, orders a stay of the pension forfeiture pending a hearing on the merits at the time of sentencing; or
  - (2) Upon application of the county prosecutor or the Attorney General, when the pension forfeiture is based upon a conviction of an offense under the laws of another state or of the United States. An order of pension forfeiture pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have taken effect on the date the person was found guilty by the trier of fact or pled guilty to the offense.
- d. No court shall grant a stay of an order of pension forfeiture pending appeal of a conviction or pension forfeiture order unless the court is clearly convinced that there is a substantial likelihood of success on the merits. If the conviction be reversed or the order of pension forfeiture be overturned, his pension rights and benefits
- 39 shall be restored from the date of pension forfeiture.
- e. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to preclude the authority of the board of trustees of any State or locally-
- 42 administered pension fund or retirement system created under the
- laws of this State from ordering the forfeiture of all or part of the
- 44 earned service credit or pension or retirement benefit of any
- 45 member of the fund or system for misconduct occurring during the
- 46 member's public service pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1995,
- 47 c.408 (C.43:1-3 et seq.), including in a case where the court does

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not enter an order of forfeiture pursuant to this section.

(cf: P.L.2007, c.49, s.2)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### **STATEMENT**

This bill would require a person who holds or has held any public office, position, or employment to forfeit the person's pension or retirement benefit if the person is convicted of harassment, sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when the offense is related directly to the person's performance in, or circumstances flowing from, the specific public office or employment held by the person.

The bill would also require such forfeiture if the person is convicted of the crime of corruption of public resources in the first degree. The crime is of the first degree when a person knowingly uses or makes disposition of a public resource valued at \$500,000 or more for an unauthorized purpose, when that public resource is subject to an obligation to be used for a specified governmental function or public service.

"Public resource" is defined in current law to mean any funds or property provided by the government, including (1) money paid by the government; (2) transfer by the government of an asset of value for less than fair market price; (3) fees, loans, or other obligations normally required for a contract, that are paid, reduced, or waived by the government; (4) money loaned by the government to be repaid on a contingent basis; (5) money loaned by an entity based upon a guarantee provided by the government; (6) grants awarded by the government; and (7) credits applied by the government against repayment obligations.

Under current law, a person who holds or has held any public office, position, or employment is required to forfeit all of the person's pension or retirement benefit upon conviction of certain enumerated crimes involving or touching such office, position or employment. This bill would add the crimes of corruption of public resources, harassment, sexual contact, lewdness, and sexual assault to that list of crimes.

## SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

## **SENATE, No. 2595**

with committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 21, 2019

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2595.

Under current law, a person who holds or has held any public office, position, or employment is required to forfeit all of the person's pension or retirement benefit upon conviction of certain enumerated crimes involving or touching such office, position or employment. As amended by the committee, this bill would additionally require such forfeiture if the person is convicted of sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when the offense is related directly to the person's performance in, or circumstances flowing from, the specific public office or employment held by the person.

The bill would also require such forfeiture if the person is convicted of the crime of corruption of public resources in the first degree. The crime is of the first degree when a person knowingly uses or makes disposition of a public resource valued at \$500,000 or more for an unauthorized purpose, when that public resource is subject to an obligation to be used for a specified governmental function or public service.

"Public resource" is defined in current law as any funds or property provided by the government, including (1) money paid by the government; (2) transfer by the government of an asset of value for less than fair market price; (3) fees, loans, or other obligations normally required for a contract, that are paid, reduced, or waived by the government; (4) money loaned by the government to be repaid on a contingent basis; (5) money loaned by an entity based upon a guarantee provided by the government; (6) grants awarded by the government; and (7) credits applied by the government against repayment obligations.

As amended, Senate Bill No. 2595 (1R) is identical to Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3766 (1R) of 2018-2019.

<u>COMMITTEE AMENDMENDS</u> The amendments remove harassment as an offense for which forfeiture of a pension is required if committed by a person who holds or has held a public office or position.

## Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

07/19/2019

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills and resolutions into law:

AJR26 (Downey, Houghtaling, Quijano, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Jasey, McKnight/Pou, Codey) - Designates September of each year as "Youth Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in New Jersey.

AJR87 (Murphy, Mosquera, Pinkin/Singleton, Addiego) - Designates January 11 of each year as "Alice Paul Day" in New Jersey.

**A769 (Caputo, Giblin, Vainieri Huttle/A.R. Bucco, Ruiz)** - Requires school districts to incorporate age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in grades preschool through 12 as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

**A1048 (Houghtaling, Downey, Mukherji, Holley/Turner, Stack)** - Requires property tax bills to contain eligibility information on State tax relief programs.

**A1190 (Jones, Giblin, Mukherji/Beach, Cruz-Perez)** - Concerns appointment of person to control funeral and disposition of human remains.

A1369 (Kennedy, DeAngelo, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Quijano/Greenstein, Addiego) - Allows for cancellation of certain service contracts without paying early termination fee if customer becomes deceased prior to end of service contract.

**A1428 (McKnight, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti, Vainieri Huttle/Ruiz, Cunningham)** - Requires Department of Education to develop guidelines for school districts concerning child trafficking awareness and prevention.

**A3766 (Armato, Houghtaling, Murphy, Jones/Corrado)** - Requires public officer or employee to forfeit pension upon conviction for corruption of public resources, sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when offense involves or touches upon public office or employment.

**A5162 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson/Beach)** - Permits county board of chosen freeholders to increase membership of county board of elections.

**A5456 (Armato, Kennedy, Speight/Greenstein, Bateman)** - Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend certain sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020.

**A5457 (Danielsen, Swain, Milam/Codey)** - Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020.

**A5462 (Milam, Speight, Murphy/Smith)** - Modifies powers and duties of New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.

**S692 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Jasey, Caputo, Holley)** - Prohibits the DOE from regulating maximum salary amount school district may pay its superintendent of schools and codifies standards for contract review.

**S756 (Diegnan, Turner/Calabrese, Sumter, Pinkin)** - Updates notice of elections requirements to include information for voter to obtain polling place locations.

**S858 (Turner, Diegnan/Jasey, Caputo)** - Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess appropriate endorsement to instructional certificate.

**S954 (Vitale, Singleton, Madden/Conaway, Moriarty, Sumter, McKnight, Mukherji, Downey) -** Enters New Jersey in enhanced multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.

**S1373 (Andrzejczak/Land, Milam)** - Expands option of governmental home health care agency to partner with non-governmental providers to deliver health care services.

**S1707 (Oroho, Bateman, Andrzejczak/Space, Wirths)** - Exempts governmental entities acquiring lands for open space located in a deed-authorized common interest community from paying community fees if, at time of acquisition, community has never been formed or has been dissolved or discontinued.

**S1761 (Weinberg, Singleton/Pintor Marin, Lampitt, Pinkin, Munoz, McKeon)** - Expands the Address Confidentiality Program to include victims of sexual assault and stalking; and reproductive health service patients and providers.

S1799 (A.R. Bucco/A.M. Bucco, Murphy, Caputo) - Increases membership of fire safety commission in DCA.

**S2472 (Singleton, Murphy/Conaway, Timberlake)** - Requires certain real estate licensees to complete courses of study concerning fair housing and housing discrimination.

**S2489 (Cruz-Perez, Turner/Mosquera, Jones, Holley, McKnight, Downey)** - Requires board of education to post information about child abuse hotline in each school.

**S2575 (Diegnan, Greenstein/Karabinchak, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Establishes task force to examine and make recommendations regarding implementation of "Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act."

**S2944 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Pintor Marin, McKnight, Chiaravalloti)** - Permits certain council members to appoint up to four fulltime equivalent aides; allows these aide positions to be divided into part-time positions.

S2994 (Ruiz/Freiman, McKeon, Schaer) – Concerns refunds following terminations or cancellations of guaranteed asset protection waivers.

**S3043 (Madden, Oroho/Mosquera, Pintor Marin)** - Clarifies that family day care providers or other persons who are subjects of criminal history record back checks have access to disqualifying information.

**S3452 (Ruiz, Pou/Lopez, Holley, Schaer)** - Requires certain consumer reporting agencies to make consumer reports available to consumers in Spanish and certain other languages.

**S3899 (Ruiz/Burzichelli)** - Allows TPAF retiree to be employed, without TPAF reenrollment, by school district as certificated superintendent or administrator for more than two years when in best interests of school district.