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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 345, *approved January 13, 2020*
Assembly, No. 5625

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43 Requires payment of expenses related to background
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ASSEMBLY, No. 5625

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 17, 2019

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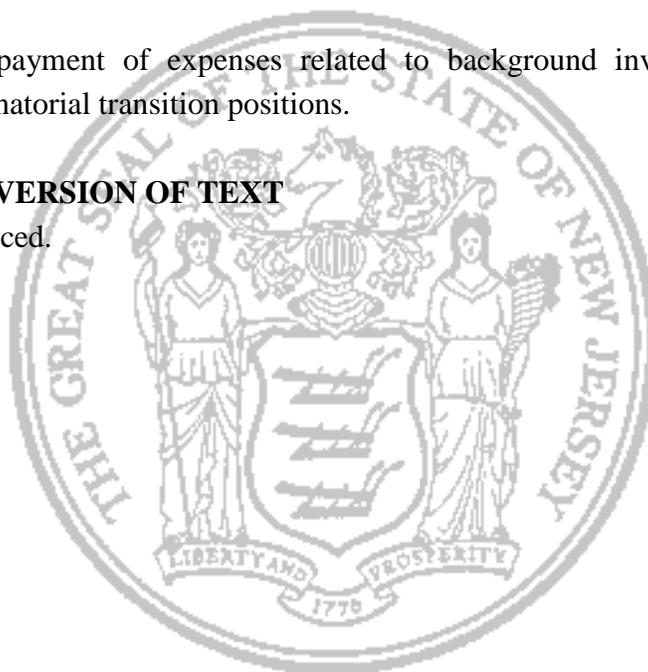
Senator Ruiz

SYNOPSIS

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5625

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 18, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5625.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5625

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019

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Assembly Bill No. 5625 is identical to Senate Bill No. 3976 of 2018-2019.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 5625
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 27, 2019

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires payment of expenses related to background investigations for certain gubernatorial transition positions.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure Increase. Gubernatorial Elections Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety. Department of the Treasury.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Expenditure		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that enactment of this bill will result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures. The bill may increase the Division of State Police’s workload depending on the number of background checks requested. Depending on the division’s resource allocation policies, the added workload may or may not augment State administrative expenditures.
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that enactment of this bill will result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures specifically for the Division of State Police to conduct confidential character, financial, and criminal background investigations for certain gubernatorial transition positions.

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It was reported by Return On Information – NJ, for the most recent gubernatorial transition, that the full membership for the Transition2018 included over 500 people. The cost of conducting a background check may result in additional expenditures due to the depth of each check. The cost to conduct the checks may be offset by the savings in expenditures from the administration of an inappropriate hire.

Section: Law and Public Safety
Analyst: Kristin Brunner Santos
Senior Fiscal Analyst
Approved: Frank W. Haines III
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE, No. 3976

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 2019

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S3976 WEINBERG, CORRADO

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3976

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3976.

This bill amends the "The Gubernatorial Transition Act" to authorize payment of expenses related to confidential character, financial, and criminal background investigations, sometimes referred to as "four-way investigations," of certain applicants for positions in the Governor-elect's transition team.

Under current law, the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property is authorized to provide necessary services and facilities to each Governor-elect for the purpose of preparing for assuming official duties as Governor. These services and facilities include suitable office space appropriately equipped with furniture, furnishings, office machines and equipment, and office supplies; payment of compensation to the members of office staffs designated by the Governor-elect; payment of expenses to procure services of experts, consultants, or organizations; payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances for intermittent employees or volunteers; communications services found necessary by the Governor-elect; and payment of expenses for necessary printing and binding.

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Senate Bill No. 3976 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 5625 of 2018-2019.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 3976
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 18, 2019

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires payment of expenses related to background investigations for certain gubernatorial transition positions.

Type of Impact: State Expenditure Increase, Gubernatorial Elections Fund.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety. Department of the Treasury.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Expenditure Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that enactment of this bill will result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures. The bill may increase the Division of State Police’s workload depending on the number of background checks requested. Depending on the division’s resource allocation policies, the added workload may or may not augment State administrative expenditures.
- The bill would increase transition funds to provide additional funding for background checks. The Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations Act allocated \$250,000 to support costs incurred by the Governor-elect during the most recent gubernatorial transition. The OLS does not have sufficient information on which to base a fiscal estimate particularly in regard to the depth of the background checks to be conducted or the number of checks the Governor-elect may deem necessary.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that enactment of this bill will result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures specifically for the Division of State Police to conduct confidential character, financial, and criminal background investigations for certain gubernatorial transition positions.

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It was reported by Return On Information – NJ, for the most recent gubernatorial transition, that the full membership for the Transition2018 included over 500 people. The cost of conducting a background check may result in additional expenditures due to the depth of each check. The cost to conduct the checks may be offset by the savings in expenditures from the administration of an inappropriate hire.

Section: Law and Public Safety
Analyst: Kristin Brunner Santos
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Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/13/2020

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

A268 (Kean, Egan, Holley/Singer, Gopal) - "P.I.C.K. Awareness Act"; authorizes issuance of special support recovery license plates.

A790 (Andrzejczak, Land, Mosquera, Mukherji, Downey, Zwicker, Mazzeo/Connors, Singleton) - "Combat to College Act"; grants priority course registration to military service members and veterans attending public institutions of higher education.

A791 (Andrzejczak, Land, Mosquera, Danielsen, Mukherji, Downey, Zwicker/Van Drew, Brown) - Requires institution of higher education to award appropriate credit for student's military service.

A1212 (McKeon, Gusciora, Vainieri Huttel/Sweeney, Smith, Bateman, Greenstein) - Clarifies intent of P.L.2007, c.340 regarding NJ's required participation in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

A1305 (Greenwald/Rice) - Renames Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility as "William H. Fauver Youth Correctional Facility."

A1576 (Conaway, Giblin/Vitale) - Requires certain health care facilities to provide, and employees to receive, annual influenza vaccination.

A1582 (Conaway, Moriarty, Mosquera, Benson, Pinkin, Giblin, Quijano/Weinberg, Ruiz) - Establishes "Dietetics and Nutrition Licensing Act".

A1991 (Sumter, Munoz, Mukherji/Singer, Gordon) - Requires students at institutions of higher education to receive immunization for meningitis in accordance with recommendations of Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

A3101 (Egan Jones, Benson, Land/Singleton) - Increases minimum annual amounts for appropriation for certain arts, historical heritage, and tourism purposes from hotel and motel occupancy fee revenues.

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A3160 (Lampitt, Giblin, Murphy/Beach) - Permits cosmetology and hairstyling school clinics to charge certain fees for services rendered to general public.

A3832 (Mukherji, McKnight, Chiaravalloti/Cryan, Stack) - Authorizes municipal tax levy through public question for certain purposes; clarifies ability of local government entities to issue non-recourse bonds; appropriates \$100,000.

A4493 (Pinkin, Conaway, Vainieri Huttel/Vitale) - Authorizes expedited partner therapy, under which sexual partners or patients diagnosed with sexually transmitted disease are treated without prior clinical examination.

A4608 (Zwicker, Downey/Weinberg, Kean) - " Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Act."

A4710 (Lampitt, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttel/Beach,Turner) - "Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act"; establishes school district responsibilities in educating gifted and talented students.

A5037 (Pintor Marin, Speight, Vainieri Huttel/Andrzejczak, Greenstein) - Enhances penalties related to counterfeit drugs.

A5091 (McKeon, Vainieri Huttel, Pinkin/Pou, Singleton) - Establishes "Safeguarding Against Financial Exploitation Act."

A5263 (Tully, Armato/Corrado) - Requires four-year public institution of higher education to award college credits to firefighters for certain courses completed at county fire academies.

A5277 (DeAngelo, Houghtaling/Greenstein) - Eliminates term limits for members of State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers and State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors.

A5624 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Lampitt/Weinberg, Corrado) - Requires that State employee serve as Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action officer for gubernatorial transitions.

A5625 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Lampitt/Weinberg, Corrado) - Requires payment of expenses related to background investigations for certain gubernatorial transition positions.

A5628 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, McKnight/Weinberg, Corrado) - Requires Civil Service Commission establish standardize recordkeeping and retention requirements with regard to unclassified State employees.

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A5631 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Pinkin/Weinberg, Corrado) - Specifies certain requirements for State agency review of complaint of workplace discrimination.

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A5632 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg) - Requires certain public employees receive additional training to manage harassment or discrimination complaints.

A5917 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Cunningham, Weinberg) - Expands DOH oversight of hospital finances.

A6007 (McKeon/Pou) - Requires insurers and insurance groups to submit corporate governance annual disclosure to DOBI Commissioner.

S463 (Singer, Greenstein/Dancer, Calabrese, DeAngelo) - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for Meals on Wheels.

S538 (Oroho, Stack/Wirths, Vaineri Huttie, Bucco) - Allows long term tax exemption extension for certain low-income housing.

S775 (Cunningham, Sacco/Sumter, Caride, Vainieri Huttie) - Establishes Tuition Aid Grant Study Commission to examine New Jersey's Tuition Aid Grant Program and make recommendations regarding improvements to program.

S778 (Cunningham, Kean/Quijano, Jasey, Pintor Marin) - Establishes Campus Sexual Assault Commission.

S1493 (Stack, Singleton/Quijano, Chaparro, Timberlake) - Prohibits landlords from requiring residential tenants to pay rent and other related charges through electronic funds transfer; requires landlords to provide receipts for cash payments.

S1508 (Turner, Singleton/Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter, Wimberly) - Eliminates motor vehicle surcharges following retirement of bonds and debts tied to surcharges.

S1834 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Murphy) - Requires each public institution of higher education to post its budget on the institution's website.

S1953 (Oroho, Cruz-Perez/Space, Andrzejcack, Wirths) - Directs Dept. of Agriculture to authorize and advise food hubs.

S1966 (Sweeney, Singleton/Taliaferro) - Increases death benefit of active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children.

S2527 (Ruiz, Turner/Lampitt, Quijano, Timberlake) - Requires Department of Agriculture to promote school meal programs.

S2533 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttie, Lopez, Timberlake) - Requires Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy to provide services to certain inmates.

S2898 (Madden, Sarlo/Murphy, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie) - Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties.

S2980 (Ruiz/Lampitt, McKnight) - Provides that school district may not condition student enrollment in district on fact that MVC does not have name or address of parent or guardian on file.

S2982 (Ruiz/Lampitt, Mukherji, Lopez) - Clarifies that child may not be excluded from public school based on membership in protected category under "Law Against Discrimination" or immigration status.

S2998 (Ruiz/Freiman, Downey) - Requires creditors to make certain disclosures regarding collateral protection insurance to consumer debtors.

S3064 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Conaway, Swain) - Establishes task force to develop State-wide plan to diversify apprenticeships.

S3066 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson) - Creates five year High-Growth Industry Regional Apprenticeship Development Grant Pilot Program.

S3118 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker) - Establishes public awareness campaign to promote early conversations about advance care planning and end-of-life care.

S3124 (Stack/Mukherji) - Requires landlords to allow tenants to pay rent up to three business days after eviction order or lockout is executed and accept rent payments by any means.

S3206 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Lopez, McKeon, Murphy) - Establishes "Unbanked and Underbanked Consumers Study Commission."

S3215 (Greenstein, Singleton/Zwicker, Mukherji, Swain) - Requires State to use 20-year time horizon and most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Assessment Report when calculating global warming potential to measure global warming impact of greenhouse gases.

S3246 (Sarlo, Singleton, Oroho, Bucco/Benson, Bucco, Freiman) - Establishes elective pass-through entity business alternative income tax and allows corresponding refundable gross income tax and corporation business tax credit.

S3327 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Lopez, Timberlake) - Establishes Commission on Latino and Hispanic Heritage in DOE.

S3348 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttle, McKnight) - Requires home health agencies and specialty pharmacies providing services related to bleeding episodes associated with hemophilia to comply with certain minimum practice standards.

S3528 (Scutari, Codey/Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Kennedy) - Establishes process to obtain judgement of adoption for civil union partner or spouse of natural or legal parent of child when that person is named as parent on child's birth certificate.

S3574 (Scutari, Kean, Cryan/Carter, Kennedy, Freiman) - Requires NJT to conduct feasibility study on restoring one-seat ride to Manhattan on Raritan Valley Line.

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

A2431 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce, Eustace/Weinberg, Kean) – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage.

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A4978 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttle/Greenstein, Cryan) – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances.

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S3920 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes.

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bill:

S4139 (Greenstein/Benson) - Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 to Rutgers University - New Brunswick for School of Dental Medicine - Special Care Treatment Center.

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