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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 241, *approved January 19, 2016*
Senate, No. 2787 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning inmate education and vocational training,
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, ¹and¹
3 amending R.S.30:4-92 ¹[, and repealing section 3 of P.L.2009,
4 c.330]¹.
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the
7 State of New Jersey:
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9 1. (New section) a. There shall be established in the
10 Department of Corrections a Vocational Training Pilot Program
11 which shall be developed and implemented by the Vocational
12 Training Planning Board established in subsection b. of this
13 section. The pilot program shall provide for vocational training to
14 enhance and supplement the current vocational programming
15 available at a State correctional facility designated by the
16 planning board. When developing the pilot program, the planning
17 board shall endeavor to:

18 (1) improve upon the facility's most successful vocational
19 programming offerings;

20 (2) introduce new vocational programming offerings to
21 inmates of the facility; and

22 (3) provide vocational programming which is consistent with
23 actual post-release employment opportunities and reflects the
24 State's emerging industry and business workforce needs.

25 b. There is established the "Vocational Training Planning
26 Board" which shall consist of:

27 (1) the Commissioner of Corrections, or a designee, ex
28 officio ², who shall serve as chairperson²;

29 (2) the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development,
30 or a designee, ex officio;

31 (3) the Commissioner of Education, or a designee, ex officio;

32 ²[(4) a representative of the New Jersey Business & Industry
33 Association;

34 (5) a representative of the New Jersey State Building and
35 Construction Trades Council;

36 (6) a representative of the New Jersey Council of County
37 Vocational-Technical Schools;]² and

38 ²[(7) three] (4) six² public members ²appointed by the
39 Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of the New

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 ALP committee amendments adopted June 1, 2015.

²Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's
recommendations August 13, 2015.

1 Jersey Business and Industry Association, one of whom shall be a
2 representative of the New Jersey State Building and Construction
3 Trades Council, one of whom shall be a representative of the New
4 Jersey Council of County
5 Vocational-Technical Schools², one ²of whom shall be appointed
6 by upon the recommendation of² the President of the Senate, one
7 ²of whom shall be appointed by upon the recommendation of²
8 the Speaker of the General Assembly, and one ²of whom shall be
9 appointed selected² by the Governor.

10 The members of the planning board shall be appointed within
11 60 days of the effective date of this act and the planning board
12 shall hold its organizational meeting within 60 days of the
13 appointment of all of its members. The public members shall
14 serve for a term of three years from the date of their appointment
15 and until their successors are appointed and qualified; except that
16 of the members first appointed, one shall serve for a term of one
17 year, one shall serve for a term of two years and one shall serve
18 for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance
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20 appointments were made. A member of the planning board shall
21 be eligible for reappointment. The members of the planning
22 board shall serve without compensation ²but may be reimbursed
23 for traveling and other miscellaneous expenses necessary to
24 perform their duties, within the limits of funds made available to
25 the planning board for its purposes². The planning board shall
26 be entitled to call upon the services of any State, county or
27 municipal department, board, commission or agency, as may be
28 available to it for these purposes.

29 c. The planning board shall be authorized to make
30 ¹recommendations to the department for¹ changes to inmate
31 classifications and facility use necessary to implement the pilot
32 program at the State correctional facility designated by the board.

33 d. Only inmates who have more than one year but less than
34 three years remaining to be served before their parole eligibility
35 date shall be eligible to participate in the pilot program.

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37 participate in the pilot program shall be entitled to take the
38 supplemental classes in trades, computer literacy courses, and
39 courses for earning a high school equivalency certificate or high
40 school diploma provided pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

41 f. The planning board shall annually submit to the Governor
42 and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C:52:14-19.1), to
43 the President of the Senate and Speaker of the General Assembly
44 a report detailing the progress and results of the pilot program and
45 any recommendations on whether the program should be
46 continued in the designated facility and whether it should be
47 extended to other State correctional facilities.

1 2. R.S.30:4-92 is amended to read as follows:

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6 with their health, strength, and mental capacity and shall receive
7 **【such】** compensation **【therefor】** for this employment as the
8 **【State Board】** commissioner shall determine.

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10 include all education and workforce skills or vocational training
11 programs made available to inmates in these institutions.

12 Compensation for inmates of correctional institutions may be
13 in the form of cash ¹at established inmate wage rates¹ or
14 remission of time from sentence or both. **【Such remission】**
15 Remission from the time of sentence shall not exceed one day for
16 each five days of productive occupation, but remission granted
17 under this section shall in no way affect deductions for good
18 behavior or provided by law.

19 From moneys paid to inmates of correctional institutions, the
20 superintendent of the institution shall withdraw sufficient moneys,
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22 as may be required to pay any assessment, restitution or fine
23 ordered as part of any sentence, and is authorized to withdraw
24 from the remainder of the inmate's total income an amount not to
25 exceed one-third of the total income as may be required to pay
26 costs and fees charged or owing, pursuant to section 2 of
27 P.L.1995, c.254 (C.30:7E-2).

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29 who are considered sufficiently trustworthy to be employed in
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32 year of **【such】** employment and five days per month for the
33 second and each subsequent year of **【such】** employment.

34 (cf: P.L.1995, c.254, s.10)

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36 ¹**【3. Section 3 of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92a) is repealed.】**¹

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38 ¹**【4.】** 3.¹ This act shall take effect on the first day of the
39 seventh month after enactment.

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45 Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides
46 for inmate compensation for education and workforce training
47 participation.

SENATE, No. 2787

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 9, 2015

Sponsored by:

Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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20 3. Section 3 of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92a) is repealed.

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22 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
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STATEMENT

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29 Department of Corrections.

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45 Association; a representative of the New Jersey State Building
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19 State correctional facilities.

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22 and workforce skills training programs similar to the pay and
23 work credits they currently earn for being employed.

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34 vocational training constitute “productive occupations” and
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36 participating in these programs.

37 The bill also repeals a provision authorizing the commissioner
38 to grant special credits for achievements in education and
39 workforce training. Under the bill, inmates would earn work
40 credits for these achievements.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2787

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 12, 2015

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2787.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2787 establishes a Vocational Training Pilot Program in the Department of Corrections.

The program established in the bill is to be developed and implemented by a "Vocational Training Planning Board." The pilot program is to provide for vocational training to enhance and supplement the current vocational programming available at a State correctional facility designated by the planning board. The bill directs the board to: improve upon the facility's most successful vocational programming offerings; introduce new vocational programming offerings to inmates of the facility; and provide vocational programming which is consistent with actual post-release employment opportunities and which reflects the State's emerging industry and business workforce needs.

The Vocational Training Planning Board is to consist of the Commissioner of Corrections; the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development; the Commissioner of Education; a representative of the New Jersey Business & Industry Association; a representative of the New Jersey State Building and Construction Trades Council; a representative of the New Jersey Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools; and three public members. One public member is to be appointed by the President of the Senate, one by the Speaker of the General Assembly, and one by the Governor.

The Vocational Training Planning Board is authorized by the bill to make changes to inmate classifications and facility use necessary to implement the pilot program at the designated State correctional facility. Only inmates who have more than one year but less than three years remaining to be served before their parole eligibility are eligible to participate in the pilot program. An inmate chosen by the planning board to participate in the pilot program is entitled to take these supplemental classes in trades, computer literacy courses, and courses for earning a high school equivalency certificate or high school diploma.

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The bill also repeals a provision authorizing the commissioner to grant special credits for achievements in education and workforce training. Under the bill, inmates would earn work credits for these achievements.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2787

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation.
- Type of Impact:** General Fund expenditure.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Corrections.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below.		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that there are not enough data with which to estimate the full fiscal impact of this bill's enactment.
- The bill establishes a Vocational Training Pilot Program in the Department of Corrections (DOC).
- Information obtained informally from the DOC on the introduced version of the bill indicates that the DOC undergoes the same program approval process for its vocational programs as all vocational technical schools. Currently, the DOC collaborates with the Department of Labor and the Department of Education in the development and operation of and teacher certification for its programs. The DOC indicates that there would be an indeterminate fiscal impact.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 2787 (2R) of 2015 establishes a Vocational Training Pilot Program in the DOC.

The program is to be developed and implemented by a “Vocational Training Planning Board.” The pilot program is to provide for vocational training to enhance and supplement the current vocational programming available at a State correctional facility designated by the planning board. The bill directs the board to: improve upon the facility's most successful vocational programming offerings; introduce new vocational programming offerings to inmates of the facility; and provide vocational programming which is consistent with actual post-release employment opportunities and reflects the State's emerging industry and business workforce needs.

The Vocational Training Planning Board is to consist of the Commissioner of Corrections, who shall serve as chairperson; the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or designee; the Commissioner of Education, or designee; and six public members appointed by the Governor. One public member shall be a representative of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, one member shall be a representative of the New Jersey Building and Construction Trades Council, one member shall be a representative of the New Jersey Council of County Vocational Technical Schools, one member shall be recommended by the Speaker of the General Assembly, and one member shall be selected by the Governor.

The bill allows the planning board to make recommendations to the DOC for changes to inmate classifications and facility use necessary to implement the pilot program at the designated State correctional facility.

Only inmates who have more than one year but less than three years remaining to be served before their parole eligibility are eligible to participate in the pilot program. An inmate chosen by the planning board to participate in the pilot program is entitled to take these supplemental classes in trades, computer literacy courses, and courses for earning a high school equivalency certificate or high school diploma.

The Vocational Training Planning Board is required to submit a yearly report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the General Assembly detailing the progress and results of the Vocational Training Pilot Program and making recommendations on whether the program should be continued in the designated facility and extended to other State correctional facilities.

The bill also provides for inmates in State correctional facilities to earn pay or work credits for participating in education and workforce skills training programs similar to the pay and work credits they currently earn for being employed.

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The bill specifies that educational and workforce skills or vocational training constitute “productive occupations” and, therefore, inmates can earn money or work credits for voluntarily participating in these programs. The bill also provides that the amount of cash is to be paid at inmate wage rates established by the DOC.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Department of Corrections

Information obtained informally from the DOC on the introduced version of the bill indicates that the DOC undergoes the same program approval process for its vocational programs as all vocational technical schools. Currently, the DOC collaborates with the Department of Labor and the Department of Education in the development and operation of and teacher certification for its programs.

The DOC notes the under current law, inmates are compensated for their employment in productive occupations.

Inmate Compensation

The bill specifies that educational, workforce skills or vocational training constitutes “productive occupations” and, therefore, inmates can earn money or work credits for voluntarily participating in these programs. Under current law, inmates are compensated for their employment in productive occupations. The DOC considers the current educational programs as a work detail assignment, for which inmates are paid.

Inmate Classification

The bill specifies that the Vocational Training Planning Board be authorized to recommend changes to inmate classifications.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS notes that the bill delegates the task of planning and developing vocational education programming to the Vocational Training Planning Board. Until the board establishes specific proposals and recommendations, it is not feasible to quantify the potential cost of the bill.

Section: Judiciary

*Analyst: Anne Raughley
Principal 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.).

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2787

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 1, 2015

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2787.

As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2787 establishes a Vocational Training Pilot Program in the Department of Corrections (DOC).

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The committee amended the bill to allow the planning board to make recommendations to the DOC for changes to inmate classifications and facility use necessary to implement the pilot program at the designated State correctional facility. As introduced, the planning board was authorized to change inmate classifications and facility use.

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This amended bill specifies that educational and workforce skills or vocational training constitute “productive occupations” and, therefore, inmates can earn money or work credits for voluntarily participating in these programs. The committee amendments also clarify that the amount of cash is to be paid at inmate wage rates established by the DOC.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4273, which also was amended and reported on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments:

1) allow the planning board to make recommendations to the DOC for changes to inmate classifications and facility use necessary to implement the pilot program at the designated State correctional facility;

2) clarify that compensation in the form of cash is to be paid to inmates at current wage rates established by the DOC; and

3) omit a section from the bill repealing section 3 of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92a), which allows the Commissioner of Corrections to grant special credits for achievements in education and workforce training.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2787 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 15, 2015

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Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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The Vocational Training Planning Board is to consist of the Commissioner of Corrections; the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development; the Commissioner of Education; a representative of the New Jersey Business & Industry Association; a representative of the New Jersey State Building and Construction Trades Council; a representative of the New Jersey Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools; and three public members. One public member is to be appointed by the President of the Senate, one by the Speaker of the General Assembly, and one by the Governor.

The bill allows the planning board to make recommendations to the DOC for changes to inmate classifications and facility use necessary to implement the pilot program at the designated State correctional facility.

Only inmates who have more than one year but less than three years remaining to be served before their parole eligibility are eligible to participate in the pilot program. An inmate chosen by the planning board to participate in the pilot program is entitled to take these supplemental classes in trades, computer literacy courses, and courses for earning a high school equivalency certificate or high school diploma.

The Vocational Training Planning Board is required to submit a yearly report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the General Assembly detailing the progress and results of the Vocational Training Pilot Program and making recommendations on whether the program should be continued in the designated facility and extended to other State correctional facilities.

The bill also provides for inmates in State correctional facilities to earn pay or work credits for participating in education and workforce skills training programs similar to the pay and work credits they currently earn for being employed.

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The bill specifies that educational and workforce skills or vocational training constitute "productive occupations" and, therefore, inmates can earn money or work credits for voluntarily participating in these programs. The bill also provides that the amount of cash is to be paid at inmate wage rates established by the DOC.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Department of Corrections

Information obtained informally from the DOC on the introduced version of the bill indicates that the DOC undergoes the same program approval process for its vocational programs as all vocational technical schools. Currently, the DOC collaborates with the Department of Labor and

the Department of Education in the development and operation of and teacher certification for its programs.

The DOC notes the under current law, inmates are compensated for their employment in productive occupations.

Inmate Compensation

The bill specifies that educational, workforce skills or vocational training constitutes “productive occupations” and, therefore, inmates can earn money or work credits for voluntarily participating in these programs. Under current law, inmates are compensated for their employment in productive occupations. The DOC considers the current educational programs as a work detail assignment, for which inmates are paid.

Inmate Classification

The bill specifies that the Vocational Training Planning Board be authorized to recommend changes to inmate classifications.

Unfunded Mandates

The bill allows the Vocational Training Planning Board to recommend which State correctional facility would operate the pilot-program. The DOC has a limited amount of space in the institutional facilities and is currently utilizing that space to the maximum capacity and benefit.

Inmates are not allowed to substitute vocational programs for completion of a High School diploma or GED equivalency. Further, the bill does not stipulate the types of vocation, number of inmate participants, institutional security concerns, or staffing that would be required to calculate the fiscal impact resulting from the enactment of the bill.

Fiscal Impact

The DOC projects that there would be a fiscal impact as a result of this bill. However, the bill does not provide sufficient information to determine the full impact.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS notes that there are not enough data with which to estimate the full fiscal impact of this bill’s enactment.

Section: Judiciary

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

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2787

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation.
- Type of Impact:** General Fund expenditure.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Corrections.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below.		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that there are not enough data with which to estimate the full fiscal impact of this bill's enactment.
- The bill establishes a Vocational Training Pilot Program in the Department of Corrections (DOC).
- Information obtained informally from the DOC on the introduced version of the bill indicates that the DOC undergoes the same program approval process for its vocational programs as all vocational technical schools. Currently, the DOC collaborates with the Department of Labor and the Department of Education in the development and operation of and teacher certification for its programs. The DOC indicates that there would be an indeterminate fiscal impact.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 2787 (2R) of 2015 establishes a Vocational Training Pilot Program in the DOC.

The program is to be developed and implemented by a “Vocational Training Planning Board.” The pilot program is to provide for vocational training to enhance and supplement the current vocational programming available at a State correctional facility designated by the planning board. The bill directs the board to: improve upon the facility's most successful vocational programming offerings; introduce new vocational programming offerings to inmates of the facility; and provide vocational programming which is consistent with actual post-release employment opportunities and reflects the State’s emerging industry and business workforce needs.

The Vocational Training Planning Board is to consist of the Commissioner of Corrections, who shall serve as chairperson; the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or designee; the Commissioner of Education, or designee; and six public members appointed by the Governor. One public member shall be a representative of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, one member shall be a representative of the New Jersey Building and Construction Trades Council, one member shall be a representative of the New Jersey Council of County Vocational Technical Schools, one member shall be recommended by the Speaker of the General Assembly, and one member shall be selected by the Governor.

The bill allows the planning board to make recommendations to the DOC for changes to inmate classifications and facility use necessary to implement the pilot program at the designated State correctional facility.

Only inmates who have more than one year but less than three years remaining to be served before their parole eligibility are eligible to participate in the pilot program. An inmate chosen by the planning board to participate in the pilot program is entitled to take these supplemental classes in trades, computer literacy courses, and courses for earning a high school equivalency certificate or high school diploma.

The Vocational Training Planning Board is required to submit a yearly report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the General Assembly detailing the progress and results of the Vocational Training Pilot Program and making recommendations on whether the program should be continued in the designated facility and extended to other State correctional facilities.

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Inmate Classification

The bill specifies that the Vocational Training Planning Board be authorized to recommend changes to inmate classifications.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS notes that the bill delegates the task of planning and developing vocational education programming to the Vocational Training Planning Board. Until the board establishes specific proposals and recommendations, it is not feasible to quantify the potential cost of the bill.

Section: Judiciary

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ASSEMBLY, No. 4273

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 9, 2015

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/8/2015)

1 AN ACT concerning inmate education and vocational training,
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, amending
3 R.S.30:4-92, and repealing section 3 of P.L.2009, c.330.

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

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8 1. (New section) a. There shall be established in the
9 Department of Corrections a Vocational Training Pilot Program
10 which shall be developed and implemented by the Vocational
11 Training Planning Board established in subsection b. of this
12 section. The pilot program shall provide for vocational training to
13 enhance and supplement the current vocational programming
14 available at a State correctional facility designated by the
15 planning board. When developing the pilot program, the planning
16 board shall endeavor to:

17 (1) improve upon the facility's most successful vocational
18 programming offerings;

19 (2) introduce new vocational programming offerings to inmates
20 of the facility; and

21 (3) provide vocational programming which is consistent with
22 actual post-release employment opportunities and reflects the
23 State's emerging industry and business workforce needs.

24 b. There is established the "Vocational Training Planning
25 Board" which shall consist of:

26 (1) the Commissioner of Corrections, or a designee, ex officio;

27 (2) the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development,
28 or a designee, ex officio;

29 (3) the Commissioner of Education, or a designee, ex officio;

30 (4) a representative of the New Jersey Business & Industry
31 Association;

32 (5) a representative of the New Jersey State Building and
33 Construction Trades Council;

34 (6) a representative of the New Jersey Council of
35 County Vocational-Technical Schools; and

36 (7) three public members, one of whom shall be appointed by
37 the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by
38 the Speaker of the General Assembly, and one of whom shall be
39 appointed by the Governor.

40 The members of the planning board shall be appointed within
41 60 days of the effective date of this act and the planning board
42 shall hold its organizational meeting within 60 days of the
43 appointment of all of its members. The public members shall
44 serve for a term of three years from the date of their appointment
45 and until their successors are appointed and qualified; except that

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.

1 of the members first appointed, one shall serve for a term of one
2 year, one shall serve for a term of two years and one shall serve
3 for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance
4 of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original
5 appointments were made. A member of the planning board shall
6 be eligible for reappointment. The members of the planning
7 board shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed
8 for traveling and other miscellaneous expenses necessary to
9 perform their duties, within the limits of funds made available to
10 the planning board for its purposes. The planning board shall be
11 entitled to call upon the services of any State, county or municipal
12 department, board, commission or agency, as may be available to
13 it for these purposes.

14 c. The planning board shall be authorized to make changes to
15 inmate classifications and facility use necessary to implement the
16 pilot program at the State correctional facility designated by the
17 board.

18 d. Only inmates who have more than one year but less than
19 three years remaining to be served before their parole eligibility
20 date shall be eligible to participate in the pilot program.

21 e. An inmate who is chosen by the planning board to
22 participate in the pilot program shall be entitled to take the
23 supplemental classes in trades, computer literacy courses, and
24 courses for earning a high school equivalency certificate or high
25 school diploma provided pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

26 f. The planning board shall annually submit to the Governor
27 and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C:52:14-19.1), to
28 the President of the Senate and Speaker of the General Assembly
29 a report detailing the progress and results of the pilot program and
30 any recommendations on whether the program should be
31 continued in the designated facility and whether it should be
32 extended to other State correctional facilities.

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34 2. R.S.30:4-92 is amended to read as follows:

35 30:4-92. The inmates of all correctional and charitable,
36 hospital, relief, and training institutions within the jurisdiction of
37 the **【State Board】** Commissioner of Corrections shall be
38 employed in **【such】** productive occupations **【as are】** consistent
39 with their health, strength, and mental capacity and shall receive
40 **【such】** compensation **【therefor】** for this employment as the
41 **【State Board】** commissioner shall determine.

42 For the purposes of this section, “productive occupations” shall
43 include all education and workforce skills or vocational training
44 programs made available to inmates in these institutions.

45 Compensation for inmates of correctional institutions may be
46 in the form of cash or remission of time from sentence or both.
47 **【Such remission】** Remission from the time of sentence shall not
48 exceed one day for each five days of productive occupation, but

1 remission granted under this section shall in no way affect
2 deductions for good behavior or provided by law.

3 From moneys paid to inmates of correctional institutions, the
4 superintendent of the institution shall withdraw sufficient moneys,
5 in an amount not to exceed one-third of the inmate's total income,
6 as may be required to pay any assessment, restitution or fine
7 ordered as part of any sentence, and is authorized to withdraw
8 from the remainder of the inmate's total income an amount not to
9 exceed one-third of the total income as may be required to pay
10 costs and fees charged or owing, pursuant to section 2 of
11 P.L.1995, c.254 (C.30:7E-2).

12 In addition, all inmates classified as minimum security and
13 who are considered sufficiently trustworthy to be employed in
14 honor camps, farms or details shall receive further remission of
15 time from sentence at the rate of three days per month for the first
16 year of [such] employment and five days per month for the
17 second and each subsequent year of [such] employment.

18 (cf: P.L.1995, c.254, s.10)

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20 3. Section 3 of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92a) is repealed.

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22 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
23 month after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill establishes a Vocational Training Pilot Program in the
29 Department of Corrections.

30 The program established in the bill is to be developed and
31 implemented by a "Vocational Training Planning Board." The
32 pilot program is to provide for vocational training to enhance and
33 supplement the current vocational programming available at a
34 State correctional facility designated by the planning board. The
35 bill directs the board to: improve upon the facility's most
36 successful vocational programming offerings; introduce new
37 vocational programming offerings to inmates of the facility; and
38 provide vocational programming which is consistent with actual
39 post-release employment opportunities and which reflects the
40 State's emerging industry and business workforce needs.

41 The Vocational Training Planning Board is to consist of the
42 Commissioner of Corrections; the Commissioner of Labor and
43 Workforce Development; the Commissioner of Education; a
44 representative of the New Jersey Business & Industry
45 Association; a representative of the New Jersey State Building
46 and Construction Trades Council; a representative of the New
47 Jersey Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools; and
48 three public members. One public member is to be appointed by

1 the President of the Senate, one by the Speaker of the General
2 Assembly, and one by the Governor.

3 The Vocational Training Planning Board is authorized by the
4 bill to make changes to inmate classifications and facility use
5 necessary to implement the pilot program at the designated State
6 correctional facility. Only inmates who have more than one year
7 but less than three years remaining to be served before their
8 parole eligibility are eligible to participate in the pilot program.
9 An inmate chosen by the planning board to participate in the pilot
10 program is entitled to take these supplemental classes in trades,
11 computer literacy courses, and courses for earning a high school
12 equivalency certificate or high school diploma.

13 The Vocational Training Planning Board is required to submit
14 a yearly report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
15 the Speaker of the General Assembly detailing the progress and
16 results of the Vocational Training Pilot Program and making
17 recommendations on whether the program should be continued in
18 the designated facility and whether it should be extended to other
19 State correctional facilities.

20 This bill also provides for inmates in State correctional
21 facilities to earn pay or work credits for participating in education
22 and workforce skills training programs similar to the pay and
23 work credits they currently earn for being employed.

24 Under current law, inmates are compensated for their
25 employment in productive occupations. This compensation can
26 be in the form of cash or remission of time from their sentence,
27 also known as “work credits.” The amount of compensation is
28 determined by the commissioner, but work credits may not exceed
29 one day for each five days of work. One-third of the moneys paid
30 to an inmate is withdrawn for the payment of fines and
31 assessments and another third may be withdrawn to cover the
32 inmate’s medical costs.

33 This bill specifies that educational and workforce skills or
34 vocational training constitute “productive occupations” and
35 therefore, inmates can earn money or work credits for voluntarily
36 participating in these programs.

37 The bill also repeals a provision authorizing the commissioner
38 to grant special credits for achievements in education and
39 workforce training. Under the bill, inmates would earn work
40 credits for these achievements.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 4273
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 19, 2015

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation.

Type of Impact: General Fund expenditure.

Agencies Affected: Department of Corrections

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- The OLS **concur**s with the Executive estimate that there is not enough data with which to estimate the full fiscal impact of this bill’s enactment.
- The bill establishes a Vocational Training Pilot Program in the Department of Corrections (DOC).
- Information obtained informally from the DOC indicates that there would be a fiscal impact. However, the bill does not provide sufficient information to determine the full impact.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 4273 of 2015 establishes a Vocational Training Pilot Program in the Department of Corrections.

The program established in the bill is to be developed and implemented by a “Vocational Training Planning Board.” The pilot program is to provide for vocational training to enhance and supplement the current vocational programming available at a State correctional facility designated by the planning board. The bill directs the board to: improve upon the facility's most successful vocational programming offerings; introduce new vocational programming offerings to inmates of the facility; and provide vocational programming which is consistent with actual



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The Vocational Training Planning Board is authorized by the bill to make changes to inmate classifications and facility use necessary to implement the pilot program at the designated State correctional facility. Only inmates who have more than one year but less than three years remaining to be served before their parole eligibility are eligible to participate in the pilot program. An inmate chosen by the planning board to participate in the pilot program is entitled to take supplemental classes in trades, computer literacy courses, and courses for earning a high school equivalency certificate or high school diploma.

The Vocational Training Planning Board is required to submit a yearly report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the General Assembly detailing the progress and results of the Vocational Training Pilot Program and making recommendations on whether the program should be continued in the designated facility and whether it should be extended to other State correctional facilities.

This bill also provides for inmates in State correctional facilities to earn pay or work credits for participating in education and workforce skills training programs similar to the pay and work credits they currently earn for being employed.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Information obtained informally from the DOC indicates that the DOC undergoes the same program approval process for its vocational programs as all vocational technical schools. Currently, the DOC collaborates with the Department of Labor and the Department of Education in the development and operation of and teacher certification for its programs.

The DOC notes the under current law, inmates are compensated for their employment in productive occupations.

Inmate Compensation

The bill specifies that educational, workforce skills or vocational training constitutes "productive occupations" and, therefore, inmates can earn money or work credits for voluntarily participating in these programs. Under current law, inmates are compensated for their employment in productive occupations. DOC considers the current educational programs as a work detail assignment, for which inmates are paid. The proposed bill does not specify the amount of compensation that an inmate would receive.

Inmate Credits

The bill repeals a provision authorizing the commissioner to grant special credits for achievements in education and workforce training allowing the inmates to earn work credits for these achievements.

Inmate Classification

The bill specifies that the Vocational Training Planning Board be authorized to make changes to inmate classifications. The modification of inmate classification by a board would be contrary to N.J.A.C. 10A. Under the current code provisions the DOC uses a Classification system to assign inmate custody status.

Unfunded Mandates

The bill specifies the Vocational Training Planning Board to designate which State correctional facility would operate the pilot-program. The DOC has a limited amount of space in the institutional facilities and is currently utilizing that space to the maximum capacity and benefit.

Inmates are not allowed to substitute vocational programs for completion of a High School diploma or GED equivalency. Further, the legislation proposed in the bill does not stipulate the types of vocation, number of inmate participants, institutional security concerns, staffing, or amount of wages that would be required to calculate the fiscal impact resulting from the enactment of the proposed legislation.

Fiscal Impact

The DOC projects that there would be a fiscal impact as a result of this bill. However, the bill does not provide sufficient information to determine the full impact.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS concurs with the Executive estimate that there is not enough data with which to estimate the full fiscal impact of this bill's enactment.

Section: Judiciary

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 Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4273

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 1, 2015

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4273.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4273 establishes a Vocational Training Pilot Program in the Department of Corrections (DOC).

The program is to be developed and implemented by a “Vocational Training Planning Board.” Specifically, the program is to provide for vocational training to enhance and supplement the current vocational programming available at a State correctional facility designated by the planning board. The amended bill directs the board to: improve upon the facility's most successful vocational programming offerings; introduce new vocational programming offerings to inmates of the facility; and provide vocational programming which is consistent with actual post-release employment opportunities and reflects the State’s emerging industry and business workforce needs.

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The committee amended the bill to allow the planning board to make recommendations to the DOC for changes to inmate classifications and facility use necessary to implement the pilot program at the designated State correctional facility. As introduced, the planning board was authorized to change inmate classifications and facility use.

Only inmates who have more than one year but less than three years remaining to be served before their parole eligibility are eligible to participate in the pilot program. An inmate chosen by the planning

board to participate in the pilot program is entitled to take these supplemental classes in trades, computer literacy courses, and courses for earning a high school equivalency certificate or high school diploma.

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This amended bill specifies that educational and workforce skills or vocational training constitute “productive occupations” and, therefore, inmates can earn money or work credits for voluntarily participating in these programs. The committee amendments also clarify that the amount of cash is to be paid at inmate wage rates established by the DOC.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2787, which also was amended and reported on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments:

1) allow the planning board to make recommendations to the DOC for changes to inmate classifications and facility use necessary to implement the pilot program at the designated State correctional facility;

2) clarify that compensation in the form of cash is to be paid to inmates at current wage rates established by the DOC; and

3) omit a section from the bill repealing section 3 of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92a), which allows the Commissioner of Corrections to grant special credits for achievements in education and workforce training.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4273

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 15, 2015

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation.
- Type of Impact:** General Fund expenditure.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Corrections

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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The Vocational Training Planning Board is required to submit a yearly report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the General Assembly detailing the progress and results of the Vocational Training Pilot Program and making recommendations on whether the program should be continued in the designated facility and extended to other State correctional facilities.

The bill also provides for inmates in State correctional facilities to earn pay or work credits for participating in education and workforce skills training programs similar to the pay and work credits they currently earn for being employed.

Under current law, inmates are compensated for their employment in productive occupations. This compensation can be in the form of cash or remission of time from their sentence, also known as "work credits." The amount of compensation is determined by the commissioner, but work credits may not exceed one day for each five days of work. One-third of the moneys paid to an inmate is withdrawn for the payment of fines and assessments and another third may be withdrawn to cover the inmate's medical costs.

The bill specifies that educational and workforce skills or vocational training constitute "productive occupations" and, therefore, inmates can earn money or work credits for voluntarily participating in these programs. The bill also provides that the amount of cash is to be paid at inmate wage rates established by the DOC.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Department of Corrections

Information obtained informally from the DOC on the introduced version of the bill indicates that the DOC undergoes the same program approval process for its vocational programs as all vocational technical schools. Currently, the DOC collaborates with the Department of Labor and

the Department of Education in the development and operation of and teacher certification for its programs.

The DOC notes the under current law, inmates are compensated for their employment in productive occupations.

Inmate Compensation

The bill specifies that educational, workforce skills or vocational training constitutes “productive occupations” and, therefore, inmates can earn money or work credits for voluntarily participating in these programs. Under current law, inmates are compensated for their employment in productive occupations. The DOC considers the current educational programs as a work detail assignment, for which inmates are paid.

Inmate Classification

The bill specifies that the Vocational Training Planning Board be authorized to recommend changes to inmate classifications.

Unfunded Mandates

The bill allows the Vocational Training Planning Board to recommend which State correctional facility would operate the pilot-program. The DOC has a limited amount of space in the institutional facilities and is currently utilizing that space to the maximum capacity and benefit.

Inmates are not allowed to substitute vocational programs for completion of a High School diploma or GED equivalency. Further, the bill does not stipulate the types of vocation, number of inmate participants, institutional security concerns, or staffing that would be required to calculate the fiscal impact resulting from the enactment of the bill.

Fiscal Impact

The DOC projects that there would be a fiscal impact as a result of this bill. However, the bill does not provide sufficient information to determine the full impact.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS notes that there are not enough data with which to estimate the full fiscal impact of this bill’s enactment.

Section: Judiciary

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2787
(First Reprint)

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2787 (First Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This bill would create within the Department of Corrections a Vocational Training Pilot Program at one State correctional facility to be designed and implemented by a planning board that includes State officials, representatives from various fields, and three public members. Along with administering the program, the planning board would also report to the Governor and the Legislature on the progress and results of the pilot program, as well as on the advisability of its continuation or expansion. The bill also codifies an existing departmental practice of compensating inmates for educational and workforce participation.

I support enhancing the vocational programs offered to the inmates of New Jersey's correctional facilities. As Governor, providing a second chance to those who have made mistakes and are seeking to reclaim their lives through employment and other opportunities has been one of my top priorities. However, I am concerned that the bill's provisions may not take advantage of the full panoply of vocational training and programming expertise available throughout the State. Accordingly, I am offering modest amendments to this legislation that will clarify the composition of the planning board to ensure that it is appropriately equipped to fulfill its legislatively prescribed mandate.

I am confident that the amendments I offer today will serve to improve successful vocational programs already being offered, identify other potential programs, and align vocational programming with the current demands of New Jersey's businesses and industries. By providing an appropriate framework for the enhancement of these initiatives, we can achieve the laudable goal of improving post-

release employment opportunities for our citizens who earnestly seek a second chance at a rewarding and fulfilling life.

Accordingly, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 2787 (First Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 2, Section 1, Line 27: After "officio" insert ", who shall serve as chairperson"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 30: After ";" insert "and"

Page 2, Section 1, Lines 31-36: Delete in their entirety

Page 2, Section 1, Line 37: Delete "(7) three" and insert "(4) six"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 37: After "members" insert "appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, one of whom shall be a representative of the New Jersey State Building and Construction Trades Council, one of whom shall be a representative of the New Jersey Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 37: Delete "of whom shall be appointed by" and insert "upon the recommendation of"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 38: Delete "of whom shall be appointed by" and insert "upon the recommendation of"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 39: Delete "of whom shall be"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 40: Delete "appointed" and insert "selected"

Page 3, Section 1, Line 9: Delete "but may be reimbursed"

Page 3, Section 1, Lines 10-11: Delete in their entirety

Page 3, Section, 1 Line 12: Delete "the planning board for its purposes"

Respectfully,

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scervo

Chief Counsel to the Governor

Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation From The 216th Legislative Session

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Trenton, NJ – Furthering his administration's commitment to New Jersey's veterans and military personnel, Governor Chris Christie took action today on legislation from the 216th Legislative Session, including 11 legislative measures designed to assist both active military members and veterans, along with their families.

"From the very start of this administration, we have focused on serving the needs of our veterans and the men and women still in active duty, assisting them with everything from securing jobs to finding the proper health care and social services," said Governor Christie. "The bills I signed today continue to make good on our promise to help those who have given so much of themselves to defend and serve this nation find a seamless transition back to civilian life and receive a helping-hand, when needed, no matter how long after their discharge from the military."

The enacted legislation includes:

- **S-172/A-2276 (Whelan, Beach/DeAngelo, Quijano)** - Exempts disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients from payment of municipal parking meter fees when their vehicles bear a disable veteran's or Purple Heart license plate or placard issued by New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
- **S-2972/A-4465 (Van Drew, Cruz-Perez/Andrzejczak, Tucker, Benson)** - Requires DMVA assist and mentor veterans through criminal justice system
- **A-1667/S-2155 (Johnson, DeAngelo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Pintor Marin/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Permits child whose parent or guardian is ordered into active military service to remain enrolled in school district where child's parent or guardian resided prior to active military service
- **A-2935/S-1325 (Andrzejczak, Lagana, Webber, Mosquera, Lampitt/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Authorizes property tax deferral for deployed military personnel
- **A-2299/S-239 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Stack)** - Requires municipalities to exempt 100% disabled veterans from construction permit surcharge fees for improvements to promote living unit accessibility; appropriates \$20,000 for municipal reimbursements
- **A-3552/S-2636 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson/Beach, Van Drew)** - Creates financial planning assistance program for disabled veterans and their caregivers
- **A-3554/S-2606 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson, Danielsen/Beach, Cruz-Perez)** - Increases income eligibility cap to receive respite care for certain veterans
- **AS for A-3750/S-2569 (Lampitt, Tucker, Andrzejczak, Singleton, Mosquera/Beach, Allen)** - Requires Adjutant General to create informational webpage for women veterans
- **A-4148/S-2731 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Beach)** - Provides an excused absence on Veterans Day for pupil who participates in certain activities for veterans or active duty members of United States Armed Forces or New Jersey National Guard

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- **A-4323/S-2952 (DeAngelo, Lagana, Muoio, Benson/Beach, Whelan)** - Expands timeframe for renewal of driver's license, registration, and inspection by military personnel and immediate family members under certain circumstances.
- **AJR-117/SJR-85 (Tucker, Holley, Vainieri Huttie/Beach, Whelan, Madden)** - Urges Congress to restore funding to Vets4Warriors veteran suicide hotline

The Governor also took the following action on other pending legislation:

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- **S-451/A-1103 (Ruiz, Allen/Vainieri Huttie, Singleton, Benson)** - Establishes Office of the Special Education Ombudsman in DOE
- **S-485/A-1976 (Cunningham, Ruiz/Lampitt, Mosquera, Quijano)** -Requires president of public institution of higher education to regularly report on-campus criminal and fire events to the institution's governing board
- **S-489/A-4926 (Cunningham, T. Kean/Diegnan, Mukherji, Benson)** - Authorizes institutions of higher education to grant college credit to high school students who complete the Jersey Boys State or Jersey Girls State program
- **S-832/A-2039 (Whelan, Beach/Moriarty, Stender, Garcia)** - Permits voter registration of certain persons at age 17 for voting at next election occurring on or after 18th birthday
- **S-1046/A-2721 (Turner, Scutari/Gusciora)** - Concerns alterations in child support obligations in response to changes to status of supported child
- **S-1184/A-1950 (Vitale, Beach/Conaway, Diegnan, Sumter, Danielsen)** - Revises requirements for licensure and creates physician-delegated scope of practice for physician assistants
- **S-1346wGR/A-3837 (Rice/Coughlin, Garcia, Rodriguez-Gregg, Pintor Marin, Jasey)** - Concerns the recording of mortgages
- **S-1447/A-2829 (Greenstein, Addiego/Johnson, Mainor, Rible, Quijano)** - Prohibits posting, publishing on the Internet, or disclosing certain information regarding law enforcement officers
- **S-1567/A-410 (A.R. Bucco, Van Drew/A.M. Bucco, Bramnick, Johnson, Quijano, Rumana)** - Establishes DOT roadside memorial program for fallen police officers, sheriff's officers, EMS workers, and firefighters; designated as "Patrolman Joseph Wargo's Law"
- **S-1687/A-4924 (Ruiz, Vitale/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Permits students made homeless by act of terrorism or natural disaster to attend tuition-free the school district in which they resided prior to being homeless for two school years after the event
- **S-2032wGR/A-3440 (Codey, Turner/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Requires DOE to review Core Curriculum Content Standards to ensure that they incorporate modern computer science standards where appropriate
- **S-2110/A-3343 (Oroho/Space, Vainieri Huttie, Schaer, Phoebus, Pinkin)** - Requires nursing homes to offer form designating beneficiary of personal needs allowance accounts from incoming and current residents

- **S-2201/A-3273 (O'Toole/Russo, Rumana, Casagrande)** - Authorizes youth camps to maintain supply of epinephrine and permit trained employees to administer epinephrine to camp members suffering from anaphylaxis
- **SCS for S-2251/A-3708 (Oroho, Barnes/Diegnan, Webber, Johnson, Space, Phoebus)** - Increases monetary amounts for transfer of estate assets without administration and for exemption from debts of the deceased
- **S-2260wGR/A-688 (Scutari, Cardinale/Schaer)** - Modifies certain fees charged by, and requirements imposed on, check casher licensees
- **S-2284wGR/A-3549 (Pou, Weinberg/Schaer, Vainieri Huttle, Webber, Singleton, Jimenez, Johnson, Bramnick)** - Requires Medicaid managed care organizations to meet certain conditions prior to reducing reimbursement rates for personal care assistant services and home-based supportive care services
- **S-2442/A-3891 (T. Kean, Sarlo/Bramnick, Rodriquez-Gregg, Johnson, Casagrande, Schepisi)** - Establishes NJ Innovation and Research Fellowship Program in DOLWD
- **S-2495/A-3868 (Codey, Rice/Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, Coughlin)** - Authorizes State-chartered banks, savings banks, savings and loans, and credit unions to conduct certain savings account promotions
- **S-2617/A-3944 (Cardinale/Garcia, McKeon, Auth, Eustace, Pinkin)** - Requires DEP to adopt regulations to allow cultivation of commercial shellfish species in certain coastal and inner harbor waters for research, educational, or restoration purposes; requires community engagement process for revision thereof
- **S-2627/A-3957 (Cardinale, Sacco/Schepisi, Auth, Eustace, Rumana, Johnson)** - Designates State Highway Route 17 in Borough of Ramsey as "Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill Memorial Highway"
- **S-2695/A-4110 (T. Kean, Sacco/Dancer, Benson, Jimenez, Johnson)** - Requires MVC conduct study and make recommendations concerning electronic driver's licenses and mobile applications
- **S-2741/A-4213 (Doherty/Vainieri Huttle, Webber)** - Permits unregulated solicitation to perform snow shoveling within 24 hours of predicted snowstorm
- **S-2787wGR/A-4273 (Sweeney/Singleton, Burzichelli, Giblin, Prieto, Wimberly)** - Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation
- **S-2880/A-4704 (Lesniak, T. Kean/Diegnan, Wisniewski)** - Provides up to \$25 million in tax credits under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant Program for certain infrastructure at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- **S-2922/A-4925 (Ruiz, Turner/Diegnan, Jasey)** - Requires DOE on its website to link to Department of Treasury's website where list is maintained of all third party individuals and vendors employed or retained for work associated with State assessments
- **S-2923/A-4901 (Ruiz, Turner/Jasey, Caputo)** - Requires school district or charter school to provide notification to parent or guardian of enrolled student on upcoming administration of State assessments or commercially-developed standardized assessment
- **S-2960/A-4331 (Codey, Rice/Garcia, Vainieri Huttle, Danielsén, DeAngelo, Holley, Benson, Mukherji)** -

Establishes requirements for training programs for homemaker-home health aides in care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders

- **S-3019/A-4771 (Sweeney, Stack/Burzichelli, Muoio)** - Requires filing of financial agreement for long term tax exemption with county finance officer and counsel; requires quarterly payment of county share of payment in lieu of tax
- **S-3129/A-4728 (Madden, Cunningham/DeAngelo, Benson, Lampitt, Quijano)** - Directs DOLWD to provide information regarding employee leave and benefit rights
- **S-3168/A-4769 (Sweeney, O'Toole/Burzichelli)** - Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities
- **S-3170/A-4768 (Pou, Bateman/Burzichelli)** - Requires county superintendent of elections to operate pursuant to county administrative code; subjects certain salary costs of office of county superintendent of elections to review and approval by county governing body
- **S-3171/A-4575 (Whelan, Oroho/Greenwald, Burzichelli)** - Creates definition of certified mail
- **S-3182/A-4690 (Ruiz, Pou/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter)** - Delays certain documentation submission deadlines under certain business tax credit programs
- **S-3207/A-4714 (Vitale, T. Kean/Lampitt, Mosquera)** - Limits liability of caregivers when facilitating normalcy for children in foster care
- **S-3240/A-4878 (Lesniak, Allen/Spencer, Sumter, Holley, Eustace)** - Authorizes establishment of recovery high school alternative education programs
- **S-3242/A-4856 (Vitale, Sweeney/Vainieri Huttie)** - Clarifies best interests of the child should be primary consideration in actions undertaken by State governmental entities and courts of law
- **S-3243/A-4702 (Vitale, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttie, Spencer)** - Provides that if minor appears to have been sexually assaulted, health care professionals in addition to physicians may authorize forensic sexual assault examination and medical care without parental consent
- **S-3247/A-4928 (Ruiz, Pou/Sumter, Wimberly)** - Eliminates cap on cost of SDA district school facilities projects that may be constructed by district and included in capital outlay budget
- **S-3282wGR/A-4850 (Rice, Cunningham/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Expands Police Training Commission membership to include representative from Northern New Jersey and South Jersey Chapters of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- **S-3303/A-4469 (Whelan/Quijano, Mukherji, Jimenez)** - Makes fraudulent use of social security number to collect lottery winnings crime of fourth degree
- **S-3321/A-4927 (Smith, Van Drew, Bateman/Spencer, Rumana)** - Authorizes DEP to require public access to waterfront and adjacent shoreline as condition of waterfront development approvals and CAFRA permits

- **SJR-22/AJR-40 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie)** - Designates January 14 of each year as "Hannah G. Solomon Day"
- **ACS for A-206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060, 3108wGR/S-2663 (Green, Spencer, Gusciora, Johnson, McKeon, Giblin, Wimberly, Mainor, Quijano/Turner, Lesniak, Pou)** - Shortens waiting periods for expungement of criminal and other records and information; makes various changes to other expungement procedures and requirements
- **A-311/S-2426 (Bramnick, Diegnan, Wimberly, Gusciora/Ruiz, T. Kean)** - Requires public schools to weight courses in visual and performing arts equally with other courses worth same number of credits in calculating grade point average
- **ACS for A-428/S-393 (Jimenez, Prieto/Sacco, Sarlo)** - Expands DNA database to include samples from disorderly persons who are fingerprinted and permits law enforcement officers to collect certain biological samples
- **A-801wGR/S-861 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Mazzeo/Vitale, Sacco)** - Directs New Jersey Turnpike Authority and South Jersey Transportation Authority to study and report on potential revenue generating services of rest areas and service plazas
- **A-984/S-1534 (Andrzejczak, Wimberly/Van Drew, Bateman)** - Enhances penalty for tampering with evidence after fleeing the scene of an accident resulting in death
- **A-1455/S-2011 (Diegnan, Mosquera, Caputo, Jasey, Mukherji/Madden, Holzapfel)** - Abigail's Law; requires that newly-manufactured school buses be equipped with sensors
- **A-1462/S-3288 (Diegnan, Wimberly/Gill)** - Requires coin redemption machine operators to disclose fees
- **A-1466 (Diegnan, O'Donnell, Mainor, Garcia)** - Allows for waiver of school bus requirements for mobility assistance vehicle technicians who transport students with medical needs to and from school
- **A-1726wGR/S-308 (Eustace, Lagana, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, Wimberly/Gordon)** - Amends "Flood Hazard Area Control Act" to require DEP to take certain actions concerning delineations of flood hazard areas and floodplains
- **A-1812/S-2717 (Mosquera, Mazzeo, Andrzejczak/Cruz-Perez, Oroho, Jones)** - Extends protections of the new vehicle "lemon law" to new farm tractors purchased or leased in New Jersey
- **A-1958/S-1848 (Allen, Van Drew)** - Concerns exemptions from permits for certain agricultural activities under "Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act"
- **A-2597/S-2161 (Singleton, Diegnan, DiMaio/Ruiz, Beach)** - Provides that beginning with the 2016-2017 grade nine class, Advanced Placement computer science course may satisfy a part of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation
- **A-2839/S-2620 (Burzichelli, Space, Phoebus/Oroho, Turner)** - "New Jersey Rural Microenterprise Act"
- **A-2915/S-2035 (Lagana, McKeon, Ciattarelli/Bateman, Barnes)** - "Uniform Trust Code"

- **A-2943/S-1312 (Andrzejczak, DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Quijano, Danielsen/Van Drew, Allen)** - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for active duty members of United States Armed Forces, Reserve components thereof, and National Guard from New Jersey

- **A-3006/S-3272 (Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, DiMaio, Danielsen/Beach, Turner)** - Establishes procedure for consolidating fire districts

- **A-3019/S-1978 (Singleton, Conaway, Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Garcia, Mosquera/Van Drew, Beach)** - Requires State Employment and Training Commission to prepare annual report on State workforce

- **A-3043/S-1943 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)** - Concerns authority of DOLWD to inspect prevailing wage public work projects

- **A-3044/S-1944 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)**
Requires Commissioner of DOLWD to disseminate certain information to contractors who bid on or perform prevailing wage public work

- **A-3225/S-2333 (Singleton, Ribble, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Jimenez/Sweeney)** - Provides for licensure of chiropractic assistants

- **A-3228/S-2499 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mosquera, Garcia/Turner)** - Requires sober living homes and other substance abuse aftercare treatment facilities to provide certain notifications to next-of-kin when patient is released from care; designated as "Nick Rohdes' Law"
- **A-3257wGR/S-2125 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Burzichelli/Van Drew)** - Provides that determination by county agriculture development board or State Agriculture Development Committee as to what qualifies as farm-based recreational activity in pinelands protection area is binding on Pinelands Commission

- **A-3276/S-2248 (Mazzeo/Whelan)** - "Mainland Memoriam Act"; directs MVC to create graduated driver's license informational material to be distributed by motor vehicle dealers

- **A-3435wGR/S-2503 (Garcia, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mainor, Eustace, Mosquera/Stack, Gordon)** - "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care

- **A-3850/S-2467 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mazzeo, Pintor Marin, Benson/Turner, Singer)** - Requires BPU to establish procedures allowing electric power and gas supplier customers to switch energy suppliers

- **A-3927/S-2820 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Taliaferro, Dancer/Van Drew, Oroho)** - Requires drivers to slow down before passing slow moving vehicles; establishes Statewide educational campaign on rural roadway safety; updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices

- **A-3955/S-2644 (Conaway, Benson, Vainieri Huttie, Munoz, Sumter, Mukherji/Vitale, Codey)** - Requires development and maintenance of database to advise public about open bed availability in residential substance use disorders treatment facilities

- **A-4098/S-2877 (Pinkin, Sumter, Benson/Codey, Greenstein)** - Prohibits sale or distribution of liquid nicotine except in child-resistant containers

- **A-4105/S-2977 (Garcia, Mainor, Mukherji, O'Donnell, Sumter, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Greenstein, Cunningham)** - Expands scope of law governing registration of security guards; designated as " Detective Vincent Santiago's Law"

- **A-4133/S-2997 (Giblin, Pinkin/Cruz-Perez, Allen)** - Allows dispensation of certain nutritional supplements by physician or podiatric physician

- **A-4275wGR/S-2831 (Prieto, Eustace, Lagana, Greenwald, Quijano, Danielsen, Mukherji/Sweeney, Turner, Sarlo)** - "New Jersey Secure Choice Saving Program Act"; establishes retirement savings program for certain workers

- **A-4386wGR/S-3042 (Coughlin, Pinkin, Vitale, Singer)** - Permits candidates for school board to circulate petitions jointly and be bracketed together on ballot; permits short nonpolitical designation of principles on petitions and ballots; provides for study of impact of changes

- **A-4387/S-3016 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Wimberly/Vitale)** - Requires MVC to allow submission of "Next-of-Kin Registry" information by mail

- **A-4388/S-3041 (Coughlin, Wisniewski/Vitale)** - Designates State Highway 184 in Woodbridge Township as "Bruce Turcotte Memorial Highway"

- **A-4415/S-3279 (Diegnan, Garcia, Pinkin/Turner, Ruiz)** - Establishes State Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of bilingual proficiency

- **A-4420/S-3056 (Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttle, DeAngelo, Lampitt/Gordon, Greenstein)** - Requires certain notifications for termination of services to persons with developmental disabilities and providers

- **A-4476wGR/S-2876 (Conaway/Codey)** - Requires certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State to be owned by hospital or medical school located in the State

- **A-4719/S-3250 (Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, DeAngelo, Diegnan, Mukherji/Cruz-Perez, Ruiz)** - Extends use of stored driver's license picture for person undergoing chemotherapy or other treatment for certain medical illnesses

- **CC for A-4863/S-3233 (A.M. Bucco, Phoebus, Munoz, Wisniewski, Oliver/A.R. Bucco)** - Requires warning sign to be posted at pontoon boat rental businesses; designated as "Christopher's Law"

- **AJR-112/SJR-86 (Conaway/Weinberg)** - Designates May of each year as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month"

BILLS POCKET VETOED:

- **S-221/A-4155 (Allen, Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Sumter, Lampitt)** - Prohibits the restraint of prisoners during and immediately after childbirth

- **S-316/A-1739 (Gordon/Eustace, Ciattarelli, Lagana, Gusciora)** - Increases flexibility, clarity, and available tools of optional municipal consolidation process

- **S-564/A-4186 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, McKeon, Spencer, Benson)** - Establishes "Solar Roof Installation Warranty Program" in EDA and transfers \$2 million from societal benefits charge to initially fund program

- **S-602/A-3254 (Codey, Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Angelini, Lampitt, Diegnan, Jasey, Conaway, Moriarty)** - Raises minimum age for purchase and sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices from 19 to 21
- **SCS for S-726, 1257/ACS for A-1405 (Turner, Cruz-Perez, Beach, T. Kean/Lampitt, Egan, Quijano, Sumter, Danielsén)** - Establishes innovation zone program to stimulate technology industry clusters around New Jersey's research institutions; allows certain technology businesses located in certain innovation zones to receive certain tax credits under Grow New Jersey Assistance Program
- **S-1232/A-3314 (Weinberg, Pennacchio/Johnson, Greenwald, Wimberly, Mosquera)** - Establishes Office of State Dental Director and New Jersey Oral Health Commission
- **S-1279/A-2325 (Rice, Van Drew/Spencer, Muoio, Benson, Pintor Marin)** - Makes FY 2016 supplemental Grants-in-Aid appropriation of \$10 million to DCA for Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund
- **S-1414/A-2405 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, Benson, Johnson)** - Concerns low emission and zero emission vehicles; establishes Clean Vehicle Task Force
- **SCS for S-1420/ACS for A-1603 (Beach, Whelan, Smith, Sweeney, Bateman, Thompson/Spencer, Eustace, Quijano, Wimberly)** - Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program
- **S-1436/A-4687 (Rice/Green, Holley)** - Exempts sales to homeowner assistance and recovery programs from realty transfer fees
- **S-1594/A-4044 (Turner/Peterson, Lagana, Rible, Jasey, Wimberly)** - Requires a public school district to provide a daily recess period for students in grades kindergarten through 5
- **S-1961/A-4111 (Codey/McKeon, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Garcia)** - Establishes certain minimum and maximum temperatures in emergency shelters, rooming and boarding houses, and certain nursing homes and residential health care facilities
- **S-2143/ACS for A-1682, 3547 (Van Drew, Singer/Wisniewski, Andrzejczak, Webber)** - Establishes time periods for adverse possession of certain property
- **S-2375/A-3700 (Vitale, Singer/Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttle, Lagana, Sumter, A.M. Bucco)** - Provides for licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care
- **S-2491/A-4069 (Smith/Danielsen, Pinkin, Benson)** - Establishes position of State Oceanographer
- **S-2515/A-3269 (Scutari/Mukherji, Burzichelli, McKeon, Garcia)** - Confers title of Acting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on certain judges of the Superior Court, Appellate Division, temporarily assigned to the Supreme Court
- **SCS for S-2521/ACS for A-3888 (Gill, Allen/Lampitt, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Eustace)** - Establishes Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Council
- **S-2623/A-4849 (Turner/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Requires law enforcement agencies in this State to establish minority recruitment and selection programs; establishes reporting requirement

- **S-2640/A-4026 (Madden, Pou/Lampitt, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle)** - Establishes New Jersey Caregiver Task Force to evaluate and provide recommendations on caregiver support services

- **S-2711/A-4128 (Smith, Whelan/Mazzeo, DeAngelo, Spencer, Singleton, McKeon, Danielsens, Johnson)** - Permits BPU to approve qualified wind energy project; requires BPU to provide application periods for those projects

- **S-2716/A-4359 (Ruiz, Turner/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter, Caride)** - Requires that school district's request for permission to use unrecognized position title include list of abolished positions and positions in which there have been layoffs and detailed job descriptions for them

- **S-2769/AS for ACS for A-4197, 4206 (Smith, Bateman/Andrzejczak, McKeon, Spencer, Pintor Marin, Dancer, Vainieri Huttle)** - Implements 2014 constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for certain environmental purposes; revises State's open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs

- **S-2793/A-3962 (Whelan/Vainieri Huttle)** - Increases from 17 to 21 public members of New Jersey State Council on the Arts; requires members to be residents of NJ; imposes specific criteria for four new members initially appointed

- **S-2806/A-4913 (Cunningham, Vitale, Singer/Muoio, Spencer)** - Removes restrictions on convicted drug offenders receiving general assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program

- **S-2878/A-4636 (Stack, Weinberg/Jimenez, Lagana, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle, Giblin, Moriarty)** - Establishes minimum certified nurse aide-to-resident ratios in nursing homes

- **S-2975/A-4548 (Sarlo, Pou/Wimberly)** - Establishes pilot program in Paterson authorizing non-disclosure of records of certain expungements

- **S-3067/A-4653 (Barnes, Turner/Diegnan, Oliver)** - Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess appropriate endorsement to instructional certificate

- **S-3071/A-4639 (Weinberg, Gordon/Vainieri Huttle, Garcia, Eustace, Johnson)**
Establishes Mike Adler Aphasia Task Force to assess needs of persons with aphasia, and their families, and ensure adequate provision of support services and information thereto

- **S-3201/A-3607 (Barnes, Holzapfel/Dancer, McGuckin, Rible, A.M. Bucco)** - Requires interior light of motor vehicle be turned on when stopped by law enforcement under certain circumstances

- **S-3244/A-2740 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Diegnan, Johnson, Jasey)** - Eliminates school district budget per pupil administrative cost limits

- **S-3249/A-4717 (Weinberg, Codey/Johnson, Vainieri Huttle, Eustace, Garcia)** - Requires firearm retailers to sell personalized handguns

- **S-3277/A-4764 (Cruz-Perez/Burzichelli)** - Expands municipal authority to license and inspect residential rental property

- **S-3299/A-4903 (Sweeney, Singer, Vitale/Burzichelli, Rible, Pintor Marin, Mukherji, Lagana, Vainieri Huttle)** -

Maintains property tax exemption for certain nonprofit hospitals with on-site for-profit medical providers; requires these hospitals to pay community service contributions to host municipalities; establishes Nonprofit Hospital Community Service Contribution Study Commission

- **S-3416/A-4808 (Lesniak, Sarlo/Eustace, Gusciora)** - Prohibits possession, transport, import, export, processing, sale, or shipment of parts and products of certain animal species threatened with extinction
- **SJR-77/A-JR104 (Bateman, Whelan/Ciattarelli, McKeon, Eustace)** - Permits county commissioners of registration and boards of election to conduct "Electronic Poll Book Demonstration Project" in certain districts during 2016 elections; requires Division of Elections review and approval of proposed projects
- **A-431/S-2773 (Jimenez/Singer)** - Requires clinical laboratory that provides services for accountable care organization to establish clinical laboratory testing advisory board
- **A-943/S-2967 (Singleton, Conaway, Moriarty, Green, Lampitt, Mazzeo/Van Drew)** - Permits small businesses to qualify for loans from NJEDA for costs of energy audit and making energy efficiency or conservation improvements
- **A-945/S-2402 (Singleton, Lampitt, Schaer, Wimberly, Garcia/Rice, Turner)** - Establishes New Jersey Council on Responsible Fatherhood and Responsible Fatherhood Fund
- **A-964/S-187 (Singleton, DeAngelo, Quijano, Coughlin, Moriarty/Whelan, Madden)** - Requires certain bidders for prevailing wage public work to provide proof that the prevailing wage will be paid
- **A-986/S-247 (Andrzejczak, Benson, Danielsen, Moriarty/Van Drew, Cunningham)** - Establishes telemarketing fraud investigation unit
- **A-1035/S-2040 (Benson, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Scutari, Cardinale)** - Prohibits health insurance carriers from requiring optometrists to become providers with vision care plans as condition of becoming providers in carriers' panel of providers
- **A-1039/S-2310 (Benson, Prieto, Caride, Quijano/Sacco, Greenstein)** - Sets forth certain standards to be followed by law enforcement agencies and fire departments when utilizing drones
- **A-1431/S-1501 (Caride, Singleton, Jasey/Bateman, Addiego)** - Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility requirements
- **A-1849/S-1766 (Lampitt, Spencer/Rice)** - Prohibits State Board of Education from limiting number of certain two-year college credits that may be applied towards meeting teacher certification requirements
- **A-2026/S-3317 (Greenwald, Pintor Marin/Sweeney, Oroho)** - Realigning the transfer inheritance tax payment due date to coincide with the payment due dates for State and federal estate taxes
- **A-2583 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin)** - Requires development of fact sheet about bedbugs to be posted on the Department of Education's website
- **A-2586/S-1796 (DeAngelo, Quijano, Benson/Greenstein)** - Establishes "Energy Infrastructure Study Commission"

- **A-2925/S-1033 (Lagana, O'Scanlon, Burzichelli, Garcia/Weinberg, Oroho, Van Drew)** - Allows modernization for the form of disbursement for certain State government and local unit payments to individuals and business entities
- **A-3460/S-2191 (Conaway, Pinkin, Sumter, Casagrande, Wimberly/Vitale, Cruz-Perez)** - Requires Medicaid coverage for diabetes self-management education, training, services, and equipment for patients diagnosed with diabetes, gestational diabetes, and pre-diabetes
- **A-3806/S-2493 (Singleton, Dancer, Mosquera, Benson/Sweeney, Weinberg)** - Establishes four-year pilot program in Ocean County for electronic monitoring of certain domestic violence offenders; designated as "Lisa's Law"; appropriates \$2.5 million
- **A-4182/S-1995 (Eustace, Sumter, Wimberly, Danielsen, Jimenez/Bateman, Smith)** - Prohibits firearm possession by persons convicted of carjacking, gang criminality, racketeering and terroristic threats
- **A-4271/S-3036 (Conaway, Benson, Pinkin, Wimberly/Vitale, Greenstein)** - Mandates health benefits coverage for opioid analgesics with abuse-deterrent properties
- **A-4343/S-2888 (Schaer, Prieto, Sumter, Danielsen, Johnson/Turner)** - Requires county and municipal police departments to establish cultural diversity training course and plan
- **A-4384/S-3145 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin, Danielsen, Schaer, Johnson/Whelan)** - Requires BPU to render decision on case within 12 months of final public hearing or hold another public hearing prior to deciding case
- **ACS for A-4576/S-1771 (Johnson, Wimberly, Spencer, Tucker/Turner)** - Requires lowest possible price not exceeding certain cap for inmate telephone calls
- **A-4616/S-2958 (Giblin, DeAngelo, Mukherji/Sweeney)** - Extends by two months seasonal retail consumption alcoholic beverage license
- **A-4652/S-3065 (Benson/Gordon)** - Requires Public Health Counsel to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories
- **A-4763/SS for SCS for S-2973 (McKeon, Spencer, Pinkin/Smith, Bateman, Greenstein, Codey)** - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"
- **A-4772/S-3169 (Burzichelli/Weinberg)** - Permits counties to impose one-percent hotel tax
- **A-4773/S-3146 (Eustace, Garcia, Gusciora/Lesniak)** - Prohibits possession and transport of parts and products of certain animals at PANYNJ airports and port facilities
- **A-4918/S-3301 (Gusciora, S. Kean/Sweeney, Singer)** - Clarifies stadiums and arenas owned by local government entities are exempt from property taxation
- **A-4931/S-3325 (Mazzeo/Sweeney)** - Revises "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act"

• **NO ACTION TAKEN ON BILLS:**

• **A-3981wGR/S-2572 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak/Sweeney, Whelan)** - "Casino Property Taxation Stabilization Act"

• **A-3984wGR/S-2575 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Reallocates casino investment alternative tax to Atlantic City to pay debt service on municipal bonds issued

• **A-3985wGR/S-2576 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Removes provisions of law relating to Atlantic City Alliance

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