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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 279, *approved January 19, 2016*
Assembly, No. 3006 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the consolidation of fire districts,
2 supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, and
3 amending N.J.S.40A:14-90.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. N.J.S.40A:14-90 is amended to read as follows:

9 40A:14-90. **【The】** Except as provided in a consolidation plan
10 prepared in accordance with P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
11 the Legislature as this bill) the governing body of a municipality
12 having a fire district therein, by ordinance, may enlarge such fire
13 district by extending the boundaries thereof to include additional
14 territory in such municipality but not included in another fire
15 district ¹, or to include additional territory in another municipality
16 not included in another fire district upon adoption of a parallel
17 ordinance¹.

18 Upon the adoption of any such ordinance and publication thereof
19 as required by law the additional territory shall become part of said
20 fire district.

21 ¹One or more municipalities may adopt an ordinance or parallel
22 ordinances petitioning the Local Finance Board to dissolve a fire
23 district created by extending the boundaries of an existing fire
24 district to include additional territory in another municipality
25 pursuant to this section. Such applications shall be approved by the
26 Local Finance Board pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1983,
27 c.313 (C.40A:5A-20).¹

28 Nothing contained herein shall affect the terms or tenure of
29 members of the board of fire commissioners or officers or personnel
30 thereof, nor the bonds and obligations, if any, of such fire district.
31 (cf: P.L.1979, c. 381, s. 2)
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33 2. (New section) a. The governing ¹**【body】** bodies¹ of two or
34 more municipalities may consider consolidating fire districts
35 operating within each municipality ¹**【through an agreement made**
36 **pursuant to the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act,”**
37 **sections 1 through 35 of P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-1 through**

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹**Senate SCU committee amendments adopted December 10, 2015.**

²**Senate floor amendments adopted December 17, 2015.**

1 C.40A:65-35)】¹ upon receipt of parallel resolutions adopted by the
2 commissioners of each of the fire districts requesting the
3 development of a consolidation plan. The governing body of each
4 municipality ¹【that enters into an agreement for shared services
5 pursuant to this section】¹ shall work with the fire district
6 commissioners to prepare and implement the consolidation plan.
7 The plan may be prepared in consultation with the Director of the
8 Division of Local Government Services in the Department of
9 Community Affairs, or his designee. ¹The consolidation plan shall
10 include a first-year budget for the consolidated district, ²a table of
11 organization, personnel requirements for operating the consolidated
12 district, ² the apportionment of existing debt between the taxpayers
13 of the consolidating fire districts, including ²whether such debt
14 should be apportioned within special taxing districts as permitted
15 in² paragraph (7) of subsection b. of section 26 of P.L.2007,
16 c.63 (C.40A:65-26) for municipal consolidation plans, as well as
17 any other information required by the Local Finance Board.¹

18 b. Upon completion of the consolidation plan, ¹【which shall
19 include a first-year budget for the consolidated fire district,】¹ the
20 governing body of each municipality shall fix a time and place for a
21 hearing to discuss the proposed consolidation. Notice of the
22 hearing shall be provided in accordance with the “Senator Byron M.
23 Baer Open Public Meetings Act,” P.L.1975, c.231 (C.10:4-6 et
24 seq.), and copies of the proposed consolidation plan shall be made
25 available for public inspection by the municipal clerk, in
26 accordance with the provisions of P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et
27 seq.) and P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.).

28 c. Following the hearing, the governing body of each
29 municipality shall vote on parallel resolutions to consolidate the fire
30 districts ¹pursuant to the consolidation plan¹.

31 Upon approval by the governing body of each municipality, ¹the
32 governing bodies shall jointly apply to the Local Finance Board for
33 approval to consolidate the fire districts pursuant to the
34 consolidation plan. Notice of the impending consolidation, the
35 governing body resolutions authorizing consolidation, and a copy of
36 the consolidation plan shall be submitted to the Local Finance
37 Board, which shall schedule a hearing on the application within 60
38 days of receipt thereof. The Local Finance Board may require the
39 production of papers, documents, witnesses, or information, and
40 may take any other action it may deem necessary to its review of
41 the submission. The Local Finance Board shall approve the
42 application if it determines the consolidation is an efficient and
43 feasible means of providing and financing the service.

44 Upon approval of the consolidation plan by the Local Finance
45 Board, or upon the governing body of each municipality adopting
46 the Local Finance Board’s conditions to approving the plan, the
47 consolidation plan shall be considered finally adopted, and¹ the

1 assets and debts of the fire districts to be consolidated shall be
2 reapportioned pursuant to the consolidation plan.

3 The consolidation shall become operative after the next fire
4 district election following the final adoption of the consolidation
5 plan by at least 29 days, during which new commissioners for the
6 consolidated district shall be elected.

7 ¹d. One or more municipalities may approve a resolution or
8 parallel resolutions petitioning the Local Finance Board to dissolve
9 a fire district consolidated pursuant to this section. Such
10 applications shall be approved by the Local Finance Board pursuant
11 to section 20 of P.L.1983, c.313 (C.40A:5A-20).¹

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13 3. (New section) ¹a. A municipal governing body may
14 consider the consolidation of ¹**all** two or more¹ fire districts
15 within that municipality, upon receipt of parallel resolutions
16 adopted by the commissioners of ¹**all of the** those¹ fire districts
17 ¹**within the municipality**¹ consenting to the development of a
18 consolidation plan. If the municipal governing body approves the
19 development of a consolidation plan, it shall work with the fire
20 district commissioners to prepare the plan. The plan may be
21 prepared in consultation with the Director of the Division of Local
22 Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, or
23 his designee. ¹The consolidation plan shall include a first-year
24 budget for the consolidated district, a table of organization,
25 personnel requirements for operating the consolidated district, the
26 apportionment of existing debt between the taxpayers of the
27 consolidating fire districts, including whether such debt should be
28 apportioned within special taxing districts as permitted in paragraph
29 (7) of subsection b. of section 26 of P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-26)
30 for municipal consolidation plans, as well as any other information
31 required by the Local Finance Board.¹

32 ¹b. Upon completion of the consolidation plan, ¹**which shall**
33 include a first-year budget for the consolidated fire district,¹ the
34 governing body of the municipality shall fix a time and place for a
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40 accordance with the provisions of P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et
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42 ¹c. Following the hearing, the governing body of the
43 municipality shall vote on a resolution to consolidate the fire
44 districts pursuant to the consolidation plan¹.

45 If a resolution is adopted by the municipal governing body to
46 consolidate the fire districts, ¹**then notice** the governing body
47 shall apply to the Local Finance Board for approval to consolidate

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16 Local Finance Board, ¹or upon the municipal governing body
17 adopting the Local Finance Board's conditions to approving¹ the
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20 districts to be consolidated shall be reapportioned pursuant to the
21 consolidation plan.

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23 district election following the final adoption of the consolidation
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27 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Establishes procedure for consolidating fire districts.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3006

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 24, 2014

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman HERB CONAWAY, JR.

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblyman TROY SINGLETON

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblyman TIM EUSTACE

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

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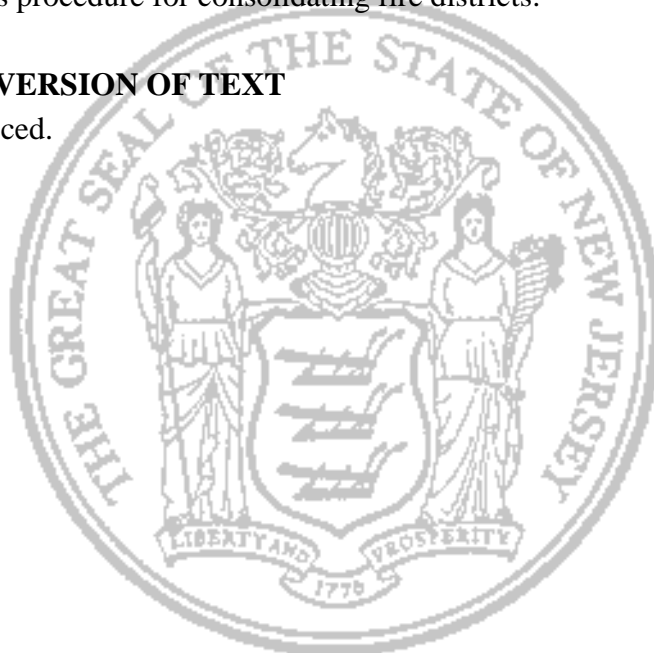
Assemblywomen Casagrande, Pinkin and Assemblyman Mazzeo

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/2015)

A3006 CONAWAY, SINGLETON

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15 district.

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29 of parallel resolutions adopted by the commissioners of each of the
30 fire districts requesting the development of a consolidation plan.
31 The governing body of each municipality that enters into an
32 agreement for shared services pursuant to this section shall work
33 with the fire district commissioners to prepare and implement the
34 consolidation plan. The plan may be prepared in consultation with
35 the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the
36 Department of Community Affairs, or his designee.

37 b. Upon completion of the consolidation plan, which shall
38 include a first-year budget for the consolidated fire district, the
39 governing body of each municipality shall fix a time and place for a
40 hearing to discuss the proposed consolidation. Notice of the
41 hearing shall be provided in accordance with the “Senator Byron M.
42 Baer Open Public Meetings Act,” P.L.1975, c.231 (C.10:4-6 et
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2 seq.) and P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.).

3 c. Following the hearing, the governing body of each
4 municipality shall vote on parallel resolutions to consolidate the fire
5 districts. Upon approval by the governing body of each
6 municipality, the assets and debts of the fire districts to be
7 consolidated shall be reapportioned pursuant to the consolidation
8 plan. The consolidation shall become operative after the next fire
9 district election following the final adoption of the consolidation
10 plan by at least 29 days, during which new commissioners for the
11 consolidated district shall be elected.

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13 3. (New section) A municipal governing body may consider
14 the consolidation of all fire districts within that municipality, upon
15 receipt of parallel resolutions adopted by the commissioners of all
16 of the fire districts within the municipality consenting to the
17 development of a consolidation plan. If the municipal governing
18 body approves the development of a consolidation plan, it shall
19 work with the fire district commissioners to prepare the plan. The
20 plan may be prepared in consultation with the Director of the
21 Division of Local Government Services in the Department of
22 Community Affairs, or his designee.

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24 first-year budget for the consolidated fire district, the governing
25 body of the municipality shall fix a time and place for a hearing to
26 discuss the proposed consolidation. Notice of the hearing shall be
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28 Public Meetings Act," P.L.1975, c.231 (C.10:4-6 et seq.), and
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32 c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.).

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34 shall vote on a resolution to consolidate the fire districts.

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36 consolidate the fire districts, then notice of the impending
37 consolidation, and a copy of the proposed consolidation plan, shall
38 be sent to the Local Finance Board, which if it has objections, shall
39 within 30 days of receipt schedule a hearing to discuss revisions to
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42 Upon approval or revision of the plan by the Local Finance
43 Board, the consolidation plan shall be considered finally adopted by
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45 districts to be consolidated shall be reapportioned pursuant to the
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STATEMENT

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9 This bill permits two or more municipalities to consolidate fire
10 districts if the commissioners of all of the fire districts within each
11 municipality adopt parallel resolutions consenting to the
12 development of a consolidation plan. In addition, the bill permits a
13 single municipality to consider the consolidation of all fire districts
14 within that municipality. Any municipal governing body or
15 governing bodies that approve the development of a consolidation
16 plan, are to work with the fire district commissioners to prepare the
17 plan. The plan may be prepared in consultation with the Director of
18 the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of
19 Community Affairs, or his designee.

20 Upon completion of the consolidation plan, which is to include a
21 first-year budget for the consolidated fire district, the governing
22 body of each municipality considering consolidation is to fix a time
23 and place for a hearing to discuss the proposed consolidation.
24 Notice of the hearing is to be provided to the public, and copies of
25 the proposed consolidation plan are to be made available for public
26 inspection by the municipal clerk.

27 Following the hearing, the governing body or governing bodies
28 of each municipality are required to vote on a resolution to
29 consolidate the fire districts. Upon passage of the resolution, the
30 assets and debts of the fire districts to be consolidated are to be
31 reapportioned pursuant to the consolidation plan. The consolidation
32 is to become operative after the next fire district election following
33 the final adoption of the consolidation plan by at least 29 days,
34 during which new commissioners for the consolidated district are to
35 be elected.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3006

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 2015

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably on Assembly Bill No. 3006.

This bill permits two or more municipalities to consolidate fire districts if the commissioners of each of the fire districts within each municipality adopt parallel resolutions consenting to the development of a consolidation plan. In addition, the bill permits a single municipality to consider the consolidation of all fire districts within that municipality. Any municipal governing body or governing bodies that approve the development of a consolidation plan are to work with the fire district commissioners to prepare the plan. The plan may be prepared in consultation with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, or his designee.

Upon completion of the consolidation plan, which the bill requires to include a first-year budget for the consolidated fire district, the governing body of each municipality considering consolidation is required to fix a time and place for a hearing to discuss the proposed consolidation. The bill directs that notice of the hearing be provided to the public, and copies of the proposed consolidation plan be made available for public inspection by the municipal clerk.

Following the hearing, the bill requires the governing body or governing bodies of each municipality to vote on a resolution to consolidate the fire districts. Upon passage of the resolution, the assets and debts of the fire districts to be consolidated must be reapportioned pursuant to the consolidation plan. The bill calls for the consolidation to become operative after the next fire district election following the final adoption of the consolidation plan by at least 29 days, during which new commissioners for the consolidated district must be elected.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note. The bill is permissive, and any costs or benefits depend on the specifics of the municipalities making use of it.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3006

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2015

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3006.

As amended by the committee, this bill would permit two or more municipalities to consolidate fire districts if the commissioners of each of the fire districts within each municipality adopt parallel resolutions consenting to the development of a consolidation plan. In addition, the bill permits a single municipality to consider the consolidation of all fire districts within that municipality. Any municipal governing body or governing bodies that approve the development of a consolidation plan are to work with the fire district commissioners to prepare the plan. The plan may be prepared in consultation with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, or a designee.

Upon completion of the consolidation plan, which the bill requires to include a first-year budget for the consolidated fire district, among other items, the governing body of each municipality considering consolidation is required to fix a time and place for a hearing to discuss the proposed consolidation. The bill directs that notice of the hearing be provided to the public, and copies of the proposed consolidation plan be made available for public inspection by the municipal clerk.

Following the hearing, the bill requires the governing body or governing bodies of each municipality to vote on a resolution to consolidate the fire districts. Upon passage of the resolution, the governing bodies must apply to the Local Finance Board for approval to consolidate their fire districts pursuant to the consolidation plan.

Once the consolidation plan is effective, the assets and debts of the fire districts to be consolidated must be reapportioned pursuant to the consolidation plan. The bill calls for the consolidation to become operative after the next fire district election following the final adoption of the consolidation plan by at least 29 days, during which new commissioners for the consolidated district must be elected.

The bill would also permit the enlargement of an existing fire district by including additional territory in another municipality that is

not included in another fire district upon the adoption of a parallel ordinance.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill as follows:

in section 1, to permit the enlargement of an existing fire district by including additional territory in another municipality that is not included in another fire district upon the adoption of parallel ordinances, and to permit municipalities to dissolve a fire district created by extending the boundaries of an existing fire district to include additional territory in another municipality;

in section 2, to require a consolidation of fire districts in two or more municipalities to be approved by the Local Finance Board upon a joint application by the municipalities; to require that the consolidation plan for the consolidation of the fire districts include certain information; and to permit any one of those municipalities to petition the Local Finance Board for dissolution of the fire district;

in section 3, to require a consolidation of fire districts within a single municipality to be approved by the Local Finance Board and to require that the consolidation plan for the consolidation of the fire districts include certain information; and

in sections 2 and 3, to require that the Local Finance Board approve a consolidation application if it determines that the consolidation is an efficient and feasible means of providing and financing the service.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 3006

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator BEACH)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 17, 2015

These proposed floor amendments add to section 2 of the bill language concerning items required to be in a consolidation plan for a consolidated fire district, to require that:

- the consolidation plan also include a table of organization,
- personnel requirements for operating the consolidated district,
- and whether the apportionment of existing debt between the taxpayers of the consolidating fire districts should be apportioned within special taxing districts as permitted in paragraph (7) of subsection b. of section 26 of P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-26) for municipal consolidation plans.

The proposed floor amendments also make a technical correction to section 3 of the bill to remove an extra period from the end of the second paragraph of subsection c. of that section.

SENATE, No. 3272

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 7, 2015

Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

SYNOPSIS

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As introduced.



S3272 BEACH

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18 fire district.

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SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3272

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2015

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3272.

As amended by the committee, this bill would permit two or more municipalities to consolidate fire districts if the commissioners of each of the fire districts within each municipality adopt parallel resolutions consenting to the development of a consolidation plan. In addition, the bill permits a single municipality to consider the consolidation of all fire districts within that municipality. Any municipal governing body or governing bodies that approve the development of a consolidation plan are to work with the fire district commissioners to prepare the plan. The plan may be prepared in consultation with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, or a designee.

Upon completion of the consolidation plan, which the bill requires to include a first-year budget for the consolidated fire district, among other items, the governing body of each municipality considering consolidation is required to fix a time and place for a hearing to discuss the proposed consolidation. The bill directs that notice of the hearing be provided to the public, and copies of the proposed consolidation plan be made available for public inspection by the municipal clerk.

Following the hearing, the bill requires the governing body or governing bodies of each municipality to vote on a resolution to consolidate the fire districts. Upon passage of the resolution, the governing bodies must apply to the Local Finance Board for approval to consolidate their fire districts pursuant to the consolidation plan.

Once the consolidation plan is effective, the assets and debts of the fire districts to be consolidated must be reapportioned pursuant to the consolidation plan. The bill calls for the consolidation to become operative after the next fire district election following the final adoption of the consolidation plan by at least 29 days, during which new commissioners for the consolidated district must be elected.

The bill would also permit the enlargement of an existing fire district by including additional territory in another municipality that is

not included in another fire district upon the adoption of a parallel ordinance.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill as follows:

in section 1, to permit the enlargement of an existing fire district by including additional territory in another municipality that is not included in another fire district upon the adoption of parallel ordinances, and to permit municipalities to dissolve a fire district created by extending the boundaries of an existing fire district to include additional territory in another municipality;

in section 2, to require a consolidation of fire districts in two or more municipalities to be approved by the Local Finance Board upon a joint application by the municipalities; to require that the consolidation plan for the consolidation of the fire districts include certain information; and to permit any one of those municipalities to petition the Local Finance Board for dissolution of the fire district;

in section 3, to require a consolidation of fire districts within a single municipality to be approved by the Local Finance Board and to require that the consolidation plan for the consolidation of the fire districts include certain information; and

in sections 2 and 3, to require that the Local Finance Board approve a consolidation application if it determines that the consolidation is an efficient and feasible means of providing and financing the service.

STATEMENT TO
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SENATE, No. 3272

with Senate Floor Amendment
(Proposed by Senator BEACH)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 17, 2015

These proposed floor amendments add to section 2 of the bill language concerning items required to be in a consolidation plan for a consolidated fire district, to require that:

- the consolidation plan also include a table of organization,
- personnel requirements for operating the consolidated district,
- and whether the apportionment of existing debt between the taxpayers of the consolidating fire districts should be apportioned within special taxing districts as permitted in paragraph (7) of subsection b. of section 26 of P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-26) for municipal consolidation plans.

The proposed floor amendments also make a technical correction to section 3 of the bill to remove an extra period from the end of the second paragraph of subsection c. of that section.

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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 deferment 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 Huttie, 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 Huttie, 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 Huttie, Danielsen, 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 Huttie, 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 Huttie, 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 Huttie, 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 Huttie)** - 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, Daniels, 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 Huttie)** - 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 Huttie)** - 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 Huttie, 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 Huttie, 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 Huttie, 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 Huttie)** -

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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