

**40A:4-45.45b & 40A:4-45.45c et al**  
**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

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**LAWS OF:** 2015                    **CHAPTER:** 249

**NJSA:** 40A:4-45.45b & 40A:4-45.45c et al (Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities.)

**BILL NO:** S3168                    (Substituted for A4769 (1R))

**SPONSOR(S)** Sweeney, Stephen M., and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** September 24, 2015

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** ---

**SENATE:** Community and Urban Affairs  
   Budget and Appropriations

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** 1/11/2016

**SENATE:** 1/11/2016

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** January 19, 2016

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**S3168**

**INTRODUCED BILL:** (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes

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**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** Yes

**A4769 (1R)**

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§5 - C.19:32-26.9  
§6 - C.40A:9-89.1  
§7 - C.40A:9-77.2  
§8 - C.2B:14-14  
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(CORRECTED COPY)

P.L.2015, CHAPTER 249, *approved January 19, 2016*  
Senate No. 3168 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the annual budget requests of certain county  
2 entities, amending N.J.S.2A:158-7 and P.L.2007, c.62, and  
3 supplementing various parts of the statutory law.  
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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.2A:158-7 is amended to read as follows:

9 2A:158-7. All necessary expenses incurred by the prosecutor for  
10 each county in the detection, arrest, indictment and conviction of  
11 offenders against the laws shall, upon being certified to by the  
12 prosecutor and approved, under his hand, by a judge of the Superior  
13 Court, be paid by the county treasurer whenever the same shall be  
14 approved by the board of chosen freeholders of such county. The  
15 amount or amounts to be expended shall not exceed the amount  
16 fixed by the board of chosen freeholders in its regular or emergency  
17 appropriation, unless such expenditure is specifically authorized by  
18 order of the assignment judge of the Superior Court for such  
19 county; however, the assignment judge shall consider the financial  
20 impact of such an order on the governing body of the county, its  
21 residents, the limitations imposed upon the local unit's property tax  
22 levy pursuant to <sup>1</sup>subsection b. of<sup>1</sup> section 10 of P.L.2007, c.62  
23 (C.40A:4-45.45), and county taxpayers.  
24 (cf: P.L.1991, c.91, s.126)

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted December 10, 2015.

1       2. Section 9 of P.L.2007, c.62 (C.40A:4-45.44) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       9. For the purposes of sections 9 through 13 of P.L.2007,  
4 c.62 (C.40A:4-45.44 through C.40A:4-45.47 and C.40A:4-45.3e):

5       "Adjusted tax levy" means an amount not greater than the  
6 amount to be raised by taxation of the previous fiscal year, less any  
7 waivers from a prior fiscal year required to be deducted by the  
8 Local Finance Board pursuant to section 11 of P.L.2007,  
9 c.62 (C.40A:4-45.46), that result multiplied by 1.02, to which the  
10 sum of exclusions defined in subsection b. of section 10 of  
11 P.L.2007, c.62 (C.40A:4-45.45) shall be added.

12       "Amount to be raised by taxation" means the property tax levy  
13 set in the annual budget of a local unit.

14       "Local unit" means a municipality, county, fire district, or solid  
15 waste collection district, but shall not include a municipality that  
16 had a municipal purposes tax rate of \$0.10 or less per \$100 for the  
17 previous tax year.

18       "New ratables" means the product of the taxable value of any  
19 new construction or improvements times the tax rate of a local unit  
20 for its previous tax year.

21       "County entity budget authority" means the county tax  
22 administrator, county superintendent of election, county board of  
23 election, county register of deeds and mortgages, county clerk,  
24 county surrogate, county prosecutor, and county sheriff, in their role  
25 as the appointing authority of their respective offices.

26       "County entity" means a county board of taxation, office of the  
27 county superintendent of election, office of the county board of  
28 election, office of the county register of deeds and mortgages, office  
29 of the county clerk, office of the county surrogate, office of the  
30 county prosecutor, and county sheriff's department.

31 (cf: P.L.2010, c.44, s.8)

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33       3. (New section) a. A budget request submitted to the county  
34 governing body by a county entity budget authority on behalf of a  
35 county entity shall be comprised of two parts: the amount to be  
36 raised by property taxation, and the amount to be funded wholly  
37 through federal or State funds, fees raised by the county entity, or  
38 other sources.

39       b. In the preparation of the portion of its budget request to be  
40 raised by property taxation, a county entity budget authority shall  
41 limit any increase in that portion of its budget request to 2.0% of  
42 the previous year's budget request, <sup>1</sup>**[**or the cost of living  
43 adjustment, whichever is less,**]**<sup>1</sup> subject to the <sup>1</sup>**[**exceptions**]**  
44 exclusions<sup>1</sup> set forth in [law] <sup>1</sup>subsection b. of section 10 of  
45 P.L.2007, c.62 (C.40A:4-45.45), except that election expenses shall  
46 be exempt from the requirements of this subsection. For purposes  
47 of this subsection, "election expenses" shall mean and include all  
48 necessary expenses incurred by the superintendent of elections,

1 county clerk, and board of elections for each county related to  
2 election costs and the administration, preparation, and  
3 implementation of all elections, including all vendor related  
4 contract services; voting machine maintenance, repairs, parts and  
5 equipment, certification, and technical coding; transportation of  
6 voting machines and election supplies; overtime for all staff related  
7 to election duty; food services during election; poll workers,  
8 machine technicians, and other temporary workers; supplies; office  
9 equipment; printing; postage; advertisement costs, upon being  
10 certified to by the superintendent of elections, county clerk, and  
11 board of elections for each county; but shall not mean or include  
12 staff salaries for the office of the superintendent of elections, staff  
13 salaries for the county clerk, or staff salaries for the county board of  
14 elections<sup>1</sup>.

15 <sup>1</sup>c. Nothing in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
16 Legislature as this bill) shall diminish the obligations of a county  
17 under a collective bargaining agreement with its employees in force  
18 on the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
19 Legislature as this bill).<sup>1</sup>

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21 4. (New section) A county tax administrator shall prepare the  
22 annual budget request for the county board of taxation pursuant to  
23 the requirements of section <sup>1</sup>[2] <sup>3</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
24 before the Legislature as this bill).

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26 5. (New section) A county superintendent of election shall  
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29 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
30 bill).

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32 6. (New section) A county register of deeds and mortgages  
33 shall prepare the annual budget request for the office of the county  
34 register of deeds and mortgages pursuant to the requirements of  
35 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
36 this bill).

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38 7. (New section) A county clerk shall prepare the annual  
39 budget request for the office of the county clerk pursuant to the  
40 requirements of section <sup>1</sup>[2] <sup>3</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
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43 8. (New section) A county surrogate shall prepare the annual  
44 budget request for the office of the county surrogate pursuant to the  
45 requirements of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
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4 the Legislature as this bill).

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6       10. (New section) A county prosecutor shall prepare the annual  
7 budget request for the county prosecutor's office pursuant to the  
8 requirements of section 3 of P.L.     , c.     (C.     ) (pending before  
9 the Legislature as this bill).

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14 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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16       12. The Director of the Division of <sup>1</sup>**【Taxation】** Local  
17 Government Services<sup>1</sup> in the Department of <sup>1</sup>**【the Treasury】**  
18 Community Affairs<sup>1</sup>, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure  
19 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules  
20 and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of  
21 this act.

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23       13. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
24 the county budget year <sup>1</sup>**【next following enactment】** commencing  
25 on January 1, 2017<sup>1</sup>.

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30       Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county  
31 entities.

**SENATE, No. 3168**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**216th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY**

**District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)**

**Senator KEVIN J. O'TOOLE**

**District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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23 whichever is less, subject to the exceptions set forth in law.

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25       4. (New section) A county tax administrator shall prepare the  
26 annual budget request for the county board of taxation pursuant to  
27 the requirements of section 2 of P.L. , c (C. ) (pending before  
28 the Legislature as this bill).

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30       5. (New section) A county superintendent of election shall  
31 prepare the annual budget request for the office of the county  
32 superintendent of election pursuant to the requirements of section 3  
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40 this bill).

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44 requirements of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
45 the Legislature as this bill).

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12 the Legislature as this bill).

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17 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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19 12. The Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department  
20 of the Treasury, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
21 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and  
22 regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this  
23 act.

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25 13. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
26 the county budget year next following enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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31 This bill would impose a 2% limit on annual increases in the  
32 portion of the budget of a county board of taxation, office of the  
33 county superintendent of election, office of the county board of  
34 election, office of the county register of deeds and mortgages, office  
35 of the county clerk, office of the county surrogate, office of the  
36 county prosecutor, and county sheriff's department, that is paid for  
37 out of the county property tax levy.

38 The bill would require that in the preparation of the portion of  
39 the budget request to be raised by property taxation, these county  
40 entity budget authorities limit any increase in that portion of its  
41 budget request to 2.0% of the previous year's budget request or the  
42 cost of living adjustment, whichever is less, subject to the  
43 exceptions set forth in law. Under the bill, a budget request  
44 submitted to a county governing body must be broken down into  
45 two parts: the amount to be raised by property taxation, and the  
46 amount to be funded wholly through federal or State funds, or fees  
47 raised by the county entity.

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1       In addition, since the county prosecutor can request additional  
2 funding through the county assignment judge, the bill amends  
3 N.J.S.2A:158-7 to require the judge to take the county's property  
4 tax levy cap into consideration.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 3168**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2015

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3168, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill limits increases in the annual budget requests of certain county entity budget authorities, including county boards of taxation, offices of the county superintendent of election, offices of the county board of election, offices of the county register of deeds and mortgages, offices of the county clerk, offices of the county surrogate, offices of the county prosecutor, and county sheriff's departments.

The bill requires that in the preparation of the portion of the budget request to be raised by property taxation, these county entity budget authorities must limit any increase in that portion of its budget request to 2% of the previous year's budget request. Under the bill, a budget request submitted to a county governing body by a county entity budget authority must be broken down into two parts: the amount to be raised by property taxation and the amount to be funded by federal or State funds, fees raised by the county entity, or other sources.

In addition, since the county prosecutor can request additional funding from property tax dollars through the county assignment judge of the Superior Court, the bill amends N.J.S.2A:158-7 to require the assignment judge to take the county's property tax levy cap into consideration when authorizing requests for funding.

The bill provides certain exceptions to the limits on increases in the annual budget requests of certain county entity budget authorities for election expenses. "Election expenses" are defined by the bill as "all necessary expenses incurred by the superintendent of elections, county clerk, and board of elections for each county related to election costs and the administration, preparation, and implementation of all elections, including all vendor related contract services; voting machine maintenance, repairs, parts and equipment, certification and technical coding; transportation of voting machines and election supplies; overtime for all staff related to election duty; food services during election; poll workers, machine technicians, and other temporary workers; supplies; office equipment; printing; postage; advertisement costs, upon being certified to by the superintendent of elections, county clerk, and board of elections for each county; but

does not mean or include staff salaries for the office of the superintendent of elections, staff salaries for the county clerk, or staff salaries for the county board of elections.”

The bill provides that nothing contained in the bill is to diminish the obligations of a county under a collective bargaining agreement with its employees in force on the bill’s effective date.

The bill requires the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this bill.

The bill takes effect immediately and will first apply to the county budget year commencing on January 1, 2017.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments provide an exception to the bill’s limits on increases in the annual budget requests of certain county entity budget authorities for election expenses.

The amendments eliminate the cost of living adjustment alternative to the 2% limitation for increases in the annual budget requests of certain county entity budget authorities.

The amendments require the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs to promulgate rules and regulations (instead of the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury), change the effective date of the bill so its provisions first apply to the county budget year commencing on January 1, 2017 (instead of the county budget year next following enactment), and clarify certain internal citations and cross references.

The amendments also stipulate that nothing in the bill is to diminish the obligations of a county under a collective bargaining agreement with its employees in force on the bill’s effective date.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services estimates the new limitations on annual budget requests by certain county entity budget authorities may potentially result in lower property tax levies than would otherwise occur under existing law, by indeterminate amounts. It is not feasible to estimate the degree to which this could be the case, or to quantify the amount by which future property tax levies would be altered by these limitations.

The OLS notes that budgetary decisions that determine the annual property tax levy reflect multiple factors, such as the provisions of labor contracts, costs of goods and services, and levels of local non-property tax revenues. The additional budgetary restrictions provided by the bill apply to select county government entities only. Some of these entities, such as county boards of taxation and the county constitutional officers, are supported by State appropriations or fee revenues, and have a limited reliance on the property tax levy to fund

their annual appropriations. To the extent that the county entities affected by the bill have the authority to increase the other source of funding that support their operations, this bill may provide incentive to exercise that authority and increase non-property tax revenues.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## SENATE, No. 3168

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 11, 2016

#### SUMMARY

**Synopsis:** Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities.

**Type of Impact:** Potential restraining effect on county property tax levies.

**Agencies Affected:** Counties

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>County Property Tax Levy</b>	Indeterminate Potential Decrease – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the limits on budget requests by select county entities may result in lower levels of county property tax levies than would otherwise occur under existing law.
- This bill applies to county boards of taxation, county superintendents of elections, county boards of elections, county registers of deeds and mortgages, and county clerks, prosecutors, sheriffs, and surrogates.
- To the extent that the county entities affected by the bill have the authority to increase other sources of funding that support their operations; this bill may provide incentives to exercise that authority and increase non-property tax revenues.

#### BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 3168 (1R) of 2015 limits increases in the annual budget requests of certain county entity budget authorities, including county boards of taxation, offices of the county superintendent of election, offices of the county board of election, office of the county register of

deeds and mortgages, office of the county clerk, offices of the county surrogate, offices of the county prosecutor, and county sheriff's departments.

The bill requires that in the preparation of the portion of the budget request to be raised by property taxation, each county entity budget authority must limit any increase in that portion of its budget request to two percent of the previous year's budget request. Under the bill, a budget request submitted to a county governing body by a county entity budget authority must be broken down into two parts: (1) the amount to be raised by property taxation and (2) the amount to be funded by federal or State funds, fees raised by the county entity, or amounts received from other sources. In addition, since the prosecutor can request, through the assignment judge of each Superior Court vicinage, additional funding over the amount authorized by the board of chosen freeholders, the bill amends N.J.S.2A:158-7 to require the assignment judge to take the county's property tax levy cap into consideration when authorizing requests for supplemental appropriations.

The bill provides certain exceptions to the limits on increases in the annual budget requests for certain county entity budget authorities for "election expenses," which are defined, in part as "all necessary expenses incurred by the superintendent of elections, county clerk, and board of elections for each county related to election costs and the administration, preparation, and implementation of all elections." The amended bill provides that nothing contained in the bill is to diminish the obligations of a county under a collective bargaining agreement with its employees in force on the bill's effective date. The bill requires the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this bill. Assembly Bill No. 4769 (1R) takes effect immediately and first applicable to the county budget year commencing January 1, 2017.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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The additional budgetary restrictions proposed by Senate Bill No. 3168 (1R) apply to select county government entities only. Some of these entities, such as county boards of taxation and the county constitutional officers (county clerks, sheriffs, and surrogates), are supported by State appropriations or fee revenues, and have a limited reliance on the property tax levy to fund their annual appropriations. For example, county boards of taxation are supported, in part, by property tax appeal filing fees, and State appropriations that support the salaries of the members of the county tax boards. County prosecutors are supported, in part, by revenues in their asset forfeiture accounts. The State reimburses county boards of elections for costs incurred due to the implementation of P.L.2001, c.245, which increased the required compensation to be paid to



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

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

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4769**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**216th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 16, 2015

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI**

**District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the annual budget requests of certain county  
2 entities, amending N.J.S.2A:158-7 and P.L.2007, c.62, and  
3 supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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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.2A:158-7 is amended to read as follows:

9 2A:158-7. All necessary expenses incurred by the prosecutor for  
10 each county in the detection, arrest, indictment and conviction of  
11 offenders against the laws shall, upon being certified to by the  
12 prosecutor and approved, under his hand, by a judge of the Superior  
13 Court, be paid by the county treasurer whenever the same shall be  
14 approved by the board of chosen freeholders of such county. The  
15 amount or amounts to be expended shall not exceed the amount  
16 fixed by the board of chosen freeholders in its regular or emergency  
17 appropriation, unless such expenditure is specifically authorized by  
18 order of the assignment judge of the Superior Court for such  
19 county; however, the assignment judge shall consider the financial  
20 impact of such an order on the governing body of the county, its  
21 residents, the limitations imposed upon the local unit's property tax  
22 levy pursuant to section 10 of P.L.2007, c.62 (C.40A:4-45.45), and  
23 county taxpayers.

24 (cf: P.L.1991, c.91, s.126)

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26 2. Section 9 of P.L.2007, c.62 (C.40A:4-45.44) is amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 9. For the purposes of sections 9 through 13 of P.L.2007, c.62  
29 (C.40A:4-45.44 through C.40A:4-45.47 and C.40A:4-45.3e):

30 "Adjusted tax levy" means an amount not greater than the  
31 amount to be raised by taxation of the previous fiscal year, less any  
32 waivers from a prior fiscal year required to be deducted by the  
33 Local Finance Board pursuant to section 11 of P.L.2007, c.62  
34 (C.40A:4-45.46), that result multiplied by 1.02, to which the sum of  
35 exclusions defined in subsection b. of section 10 of P.L.2007, c.62  
36 (C.40A:4-45.45) shall be added.

37 "Amount to be raised by taxation" means the property tax levy  
38 set in the annual budget of a local unit.

39 "Local unit" means a municipality, county, fire district, or solid  
40 waste collection district, but shall not include a municipality that  
41 had a municipal purposes tax rate of \$0.10 or less per \$100 for the  
42 previous tax year.

43 "New ratables" means the product of the taxable value of any  
44 new construction or improvements times the tax rate of a local unit  
45 for its previous tax year.

**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       “County entity budget authority” means the county tax  
2 administrator, county superintendent of election, county board of  
3 election, county register of deeds and mortgages, county clerk,  
4 county surrogate, county prosecutor, and county sheriff, in their role  
5 as the appointing authority of their respective offices.

6       “County entity” means a county board of taxation, office of the  
7 county superintendent of election, office of the county board of  
8 election, office of the county register of deeds and mortgages, office  
9 of the county clerk, office of the county surrogate, office of the  
10 county prosecutor, and county sheriff’s department.

11 (cf: P.L.2010, c.44, s.8)

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13       3. (New section) a. A budget request submitted to the county  
14 governing body by a county entity budget authority on behalf of a  
15 county entity shall be comprised of two parts: the amount to be  
16 raised by property taxation, and the amount to be funded wholly  
17 through federal or State funds, fees raised by the county entity, or  
18 other sources.

19       b. In the preparation of the portion of its budget request to be  
20 raised by property taxation, a county entity budget authority shall  
21 limit any increase in that portion of its budget request to 2.0% of  
22 the previous year’s budget request, or the cost of living adjustment,  
23 whichever is less, subject to the exceptions set forth in law.

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25       4. (New section) A county tax administrator shall prepare the  
26 annual budget request for the county board of taxation pursuant to  
27 the requirements of section 2 of P.L. , c (C. ) (pending before  
28 the Legislature as this bill).

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30       5. (New section) A county superintendent of election shall  
31 prepare the annual budget request for the office of the county  
32 superintendent of election pursuant to the requirements of section 3  
33 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
34 bill).

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36       6. (New section) A county register of deeds and mortgages  
37 shall prepare the annual budget request for the office of the county  
38 register of deeds and mortgages pursuant to the requirements of  
39 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
40 this bill).

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42       7. (New section) A county clerk shall prepare the annual  
43 budget request for the office of the county clerk pursuant to the  
44 requirements of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
45 the Legislature as this bill).

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47       8. (New section) A county surrogate shall prepare the annual  
48 budget request for the office of the county surrogate pursuant to the

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1 requirements of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
2 the Legislature as this bill).

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4 9. (New section) A county sheriff shall prepare the annual  
5 budget request for the county sheriff's department pursuant to the  
6 requirements of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
7 the Legislature as this bill).

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9 10. (New section) A county prosecutor shall prepare the annual  
10 budget request for the county prosecutor's office pursuant to the  
11 requirements of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
12 the Legislature as this bill).

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14 11. (New section) A county board of election shall prepare the  
15 annual budget request for the office of county board of election  
16 pursuant to the requirements of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
17 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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19 12. The Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department  
20 of the Treasury, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
21 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and  
22 regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this  
23 act.

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25 13. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
26 the county budget year next following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill would impose a 2% limit on annual increases in the  
32 portion of the budget of a county board of taxation, office of the  
33 county superintendent of election, office of the county board of  
34 election, office of the county register of deeds and mortgages, office  
35 of the county clerk, office of the county surrogate, office of the  
36 county prosecutor, and county sheriff's department, that is paid for  
37 out of the county property tax levy.

38 The bill would require that in the preparation of the portion of  
39 the budget request to be raised by property taxation, these county  
40 entity budget authorities limit any increase in that portion of its  
41 budget request to 2.0% of the previous year's budget request or the  
42 cost of living adjustment, whichever is less, subject to the  
43 exceptions set forth in law. Under the bill, a budget request  
44 submitted to a county governing body must be broken down into  
45 two parts: the amount to be raised by property taxation, and the  
46 amount to be funded wholly through federal or State funds, or fees  
47 raised by the county entity.

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1       In addition, since the county prosecutor can request additional  
2 funding through the county assignment judge, the bill amends  
3 N.J.S.2A:158-7 to require the judge to take the county's property  
4 tax levy cap into consideration.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 4769**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2016

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4769, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill limits increases in the annual budget requests of certain county entity budget authorities, including county boards of taxation, offices of the county superintendent of election, offices of the county board of election, offices of the county register of deeds and mortgages, offices of the county clerk, offices of the county surrogate, offices of the county prosecutor, and county sheriff's departments.

The bill requires that in the preparation of the portion of the budget request to be raised by property taxation, these county entity budget authorities must limit any increase in that portion of its budget request to 2% of the previous year's budget request. Under the bill, a budget request submitted to a county governing body by a county entity budget authority must be broken down into two parts: the amount to be raised by property taxation and the amount to be funded by federal or State funds, fees raised by the county entity, or other sources.

In addition, since the county prosecutor can request additional funding from property tax dollars through the county assignment judge of the Superior Court, the bill amends N.J.S.2A:158-7 to require the assignment judge to take the county's property tax levy cap into consideration when authorizing requests for funding.

The bill provides certain exceptions to the limits on increases in the annual budget requests of certain county entity budget authorities for election expenses. "Election expenses" are defined by the bill as "all necessary expenses incurred by the superintendent of elections, county clerk, and board of elections for each county related to election costs and the administration, preparation, and implementation of all elections, including all vendor related contract services; voting machine maintenance, repairs, parts and equipment, certification and technical coding; transportation of voting machines and election supplies; overtime for all staff related to election duty; food services during election; poll workers, machine technicians, and other temporary workers; supplies; office equipment; printing; postage; advertisement costs, upon being certified to by the superintendent of

elections, county clerk, and board of elections for each county; but does not mean or include staff salaries for the office of the superintendent of elections, staff salaries for the county clerk, or staff salaries for the county board of elections.”

The bill provides that nothing contained in the bill is to diminish the obligations of a county under a collective bargaining agreement with its employees in force on the bill’s effective date.

The bill requires the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this bill.

The bill takes effect immediately and will first apply to the county budget year commencing on January 1, 2017.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 3168 (1R).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Office of Legislative Services estimates the new limitations on annual budget requests by certain county entity budget authorities may potentially result in lower property tax levies than would otherwise occur under existing law, by indeterminate amounts. It is not feasible to estimate the degree to which this could be the case, or to quantify the amount by which future property tax levies would be altered by these limitations.

The OLS notes that budgetary decisions that determine the annual property tax levy reflect multiple factors, such as the provisions of labor contracts, costs of goods and services, and levels of local non-property tax revenues. The additional budgetary restrictions provided by the bill apply to select county government entities only. Some of these entities, such as county boards of taxation and the county constitutional officers, are supported by State appropriations or fee revenues, and have a limited reliance on the property tax levy to fund their annual appropriations. To the extent that the county entities affected by the bill have the authority to increase the other source of funding that support their operations, this bill may provide incentive to exercise that authority and increase non-property tax revenues.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:**

The amendments provide an exception to the bill’s limits on increases in the annual budget requests of certain county entity budget authorities for election expenses.

The amendments eliminate the cost of living adjustment alternative to the 2% limitation for increases in the annual budget requests of certain county entity budget authorities.

The amendments require the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs to promulgate rules and regulations (instead of the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury), change the



effective date of the bill so its provisions first apply to the county budget year commencing on January 1, 2017 (instead of the county budget year next following enactment), and clarify certain internal citations and cross references.

The amendments also stipulate that nothing in the bill is to diminish the obligations of a county under a collective bargaining agreement with its employees in force on the bill's effective date.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4769**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JANUARY 13, 2016

### SUMMARY

**Synopsis:** Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities.

**Type of Impact:** Potential restraining effect on county property tax levies.

**Agencies Affected:** Counties

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>County Property Tax Levy</b>	Indeterminate Potential Decrease – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the limits on budget requests by select county entities may result in lower levels of county property tax levies than would otherwise occur under existing law.
- This bill applies to county boards of taxation, county superintendents of elections, county boards of elections, county registers of deeds and mortgages, and county clerks, prosecutors, sheriffs, and surrogates.
- To the extent that the county entities affected by the bill have the authority to increase other sources of funding that support their operations; this bill may provide incentives to exercise that authority and increase non-property tax revenues.

### BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 4769 (1R) of 2015 limits increases in the annual budget requests of certain county entity budget authorities, including county boards of taxation, offices of the county superintendent of election, offices of the county board of election, office of the county

register of deeds and mortgages, office of the county clerk, offices of the county surrogate, offices of the county prosecutor, and county sheriff's departments.

The bill requires that in the preparation of the portion of the budget request to be raised by property taxation, each county entity budget authority must limit any increase in that portion of its budget request to two percent of the previous year's budget request. Under the bill, a budget request submitted to a county governing body by a county entity budget authority must be broken down into two parts: (1) the amount to be raised by property taxation and (2) the amount to be funded by federal or State funds, fees raised by the county entity, or amounts received from other sources. In addition, since the prosecutor can request, through the assignment judge of each Superior Court vicinage, additional funding over the amount authorized by the board of chosen freeholders, the bill amends N.J.S.2A:158-7 to require the assignment judge to take the county's property tax levy cap into consideration when authorizing requests for supplemental appropriations.

The bill provides certain exceptions to the limits on increases in the annual budget requests for certain county entity budget authorities for "election expenses," which are defined, in part as "all necessary expenses incurred by the superintendent of elections, county clerk, and board of elections for each county related to election costs and the administration, preparation, and implementation of all elections." The amended bill provides that nothing contained in the bill is to diminish the obligations of a county under a collective bargaining agreement with its employees in force on the bill's effective date. The bill requires the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this bill. Assembly Bill No. 4769 (1R) takes effect immediately and first applicable to the county budget year commencing January 1, 2017.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 Tags: [Weather](#)



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:

#### BILL SIGNINGS:

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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, Danielsens, 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, Rible, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Jimenez/Sweeney)** - Provides for licensure of chiropractic assistants
  
- **A-3228/S-2499 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle, 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 Huttle, 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 Huttle, 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, Danielsen)** - 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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