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LAWS OF: 2019 **CHAPTER:** 465
NJSA: 52:17B-194.17 to 52:17B-194.22 (Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene; designated as "Zackhary's Law.")
BILL NO: A1477 (Substituted for S3228)
SPONSOR(S) Annette Chaparro and others
DATE INTRODUCED: 1/9/2018
COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Law & Public Safety
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AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes
DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 6/20/2019
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DATE OF APPROVAL: 1/21/2020
FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted)	Yes						
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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	No
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	Yes

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 465, *approved January 21, 2020*
Assembly, No. 1477 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** establishing a Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program,
2 designated as “Zackhary’s Law,” and supplementing Title 52 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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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. As used in this act:

9 “Lead law enforcement agency” means a law enforcement
10 agency that is conducting an investigation to apprehend a person
11 involved in a motor vehicle accident resulting in serious bodily
12 injury to or the death of another person and who is suspected of
13 violating the provisions of R.S.39:4-129.

14 “Public entity” means the State and any county, municipality,
15 district, or political subdivision and any authority, agency, board, or
16 body thereof that, on the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
17 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), is under contract with a
18 wireless telephone company providing commercial mobile service
19 as defined in subsection (d) of 47 U.S.C. s.332 that participates in
20 the Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program.

21 “Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program ” means the voluntary
22 partnership between the wireless industry and State and local law
23 enforcement agencies to distribute Hit and Run Advisory text
24 messages to wireless subscribers who register to receive the
25 messages and are able to receive text messages on their wireless
26 telephones or electronic communication devices.

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28 2. a. The Attorney General shall establish a Statewide Hit and
29 Run Advisory Program pursuant to the provisions of P.L. ,
30 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to
31 facilitate the apprehension of persons involved in a motor vehicle
32 accident resulting in serious bodily injury to or the death of another
33 person and who are suspected of knowingly leaving the scene of
34 that accident, under circumstances that violate the provisions of
35 R.S.39:4-129. The program shall be a cooperative effort between
36 State and local law enforcement agencies, port, tunnel, highway,
37 and bridge authorities, and may include voluntary participation by

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted March 7, 2019.

1 the media including, but not limited to, print, radio, social media,
2 and television media outlets.

3 b. The Attorney General shall notify the media serving the
4 State of New Jersey of the establishment of the Statewide Hit and
5 Run Advisory Program and invite their voluntary participation.

6 c. The Attorney General ¹~~may~~ shall¹ adopt guidelines to
7 effectuate the purposes of this act.

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9 3. a. A Hit and Run Advisory authorized pursuant to this act
10 may be issued in accordance with the following criteria, which shall
11 be incorporated into the guidelines required by subsection c. of
12 section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
13 as this bill):

14 (1) the lead law enforcement agency confirms that a person has
15 been seriously injured or killed as a result of a motor vehicle
16 accident and the driver of a vehicle involved in the accident appears
17 to have left the scene of that accident under circumstances that may
18 constitute a violation of the provisions of R.S.39:4-129, and a
19 suspect has not been apprehended;

20 (2) there is sufficient information available to indicate that a Hit
21 and Run Advisory would assist in locating the vehicle involved in
22 the accident or the driver of the vehicle including, but not limited
23 to, the license plate number, make and model of the vehicle
24 involved, the nature of damage to the vehicle involved, or a
25 description or other identifying information about the driver or
26 passenger of the vehicle involved; and

27 (3) the lead law enforcement agency requests that a Hit and Run
28 Advisory be issued.

29 b. Nothing in this section shall require that a Hit and Run
30 Advisory be issued if the criteria under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)
31 of subsection a. of this section are met, but it is determined by the
32 lead law enforcement agency that the activation of a Hit and Run
33 Advisory would cause public harm or would compromise an
34 ongoing investigation.

35 c. When the State Police concur within the determination of the
36 lead law enforcement agency to issue a Hit and Run Advisory, the
37 State Police Operational Dispatch Unit shall immediately notify the
38 Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority,
39 and the South Jersey Transportation Authority as deemed
40 appropriate by the unit. The State Police Operational Dispatch Unit
41 shall ensure that employees of the New Jersey Transit Corporation
42 who are on duty at any time the Hit and Run Advisory is in effect
43 receive notice of the Hit and Run Advisory along with all pertinent
44 information.

45 d. The Hit and Run Advisory may be issued in a manner
46 designed to reach those members of the public in locations that are
47 relatively likely to observe the vehicle involved in the accident or
48 the suspect, based on the time and place of the accident. The range

1 of the advisory may be expanded over time when the vehicle
2 involved is not located or the suspect is not apprehended.

3 e. The State Police shall, in a timely manner, update the
4 broadcast media and any other entity receiving notice of a Hit and
5 Run Advisory with new information concerning the accident, when
6 appropriate.

7 f. The Hit and Run Advisory shall terminate upon notice from
8 the State Police.

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10 4. a. Any media outlet that participates in the Statewide Hit
11 and Run Advisory Program established pursuant to section 2 of
12 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
13 may voluntarily agree, upon notice of the issuance of a Hit and Run
14 Advisory, to transmit emergency advisories to provide the public
15 within the service regions of that media outlet with information
16 designed to enable members of the public to assist the lead law
17 enforcement agency in locating a vehicle or driver involved in a
18 motor vehicle accident resulting in serious bodily injury to or the
19 death of another person that left the scene of the accident under
20 circumstances that may violate the provisions of R.S.39:4-129. The
21 notice shall be provided through the lead law enforcement agency.

22 b. The emergency advisories shall be read after a distinctive
23 sound tone and the statement: "This is a Hit and Run Advisory."
24 The emergency advisories shall be broadcast as often as possible,
25 pursuant to the guidelines established by the New Jersey
26 Broadcasters' Association, for the first three hours. After the initial
27 three hours, the emergency advisory shall be rebroadcast at
28 intervals as the lead law enforcement agency and the participating
29 media deem appropriate.

30 c. The emergency advisories shall include a description of the
31 suspect or suspect's vehicle and any other information the lead law
32 enforcement agency deems appropriate. The lead law enforcement
33 agency shall, in a timely manner, update the media with new
34 information regarding the suspect, when appropriate.

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36 concerning the method by which members of the public who have
37 information relating to the suspect or the vehicle may contact the
38 lead law enforcement agency.

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40 the lead law enforcement agency.

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42 5. Every officer or employee of a public entity who possesses a
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46 telephone or device to receive text messages shall subscribe to the
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4 city of the officer's or employee's permanent residence and primary
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6 authorized to manage the account for the wireless telephone or
7 electronic communication device issued by a public entity, the
8 officer or employee shall request the administrator of the account to
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12 this act.

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16 campaign to inform the public about the Statewide Hit and Run
17 Advisory Program.

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19 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
20 month following enactment, but the Attorney General may take
21 anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be
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27 Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to
28 facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident
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ASSEMBLY, No. 1477

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

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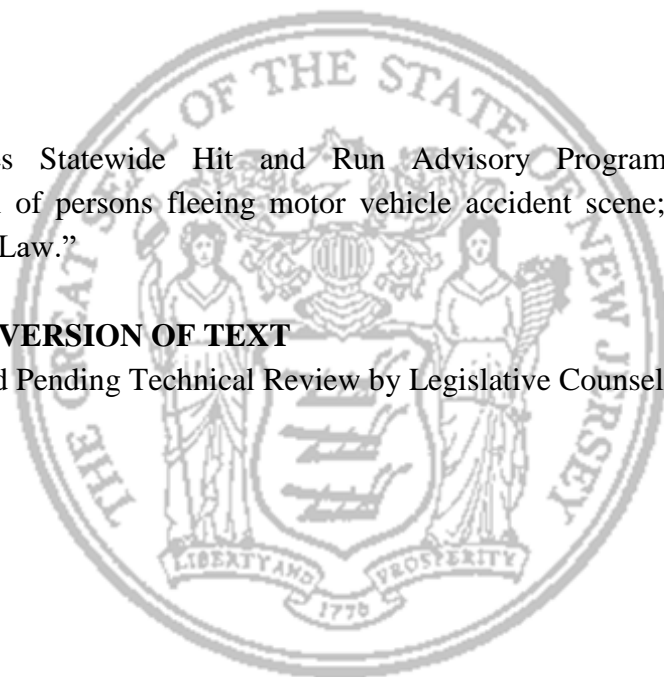
**Assemblymen Johnson, Caputo, Assemblywoman McKnight and
Assemblyman Houghtaling**

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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STATEMENT

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33 the accident appears to have illegally left the scene of that accident,
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35 would assist in locating the vehicle or the driver, and the lead agency
36 requests that a Hit and Run Advisory be issued. However, the bill
37 grants the lead law enforcement agency discretion to refrain from
38 authorizing a Hit and Run Advisory if it determines that the activation
39 of the alert would cause public harm or would compromise an ongoing
40 investigation.

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43 New Jersey Turnpike Authority, and the South Jersey Transportation
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48 the State Police.

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1 In addition, the bill provides for the issuance of Hit and Run
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7 text messages.
8 This bill is designated “Zackhary’s Law,” in honor of Zackhary
9 Simmons who was killed in Hoboken by a driver who fled the scene
10 and was later arrested in New York.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1477

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1477.

This bill designated as “Zackhary’s Law,” establishes a Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program. The purpose of the program is to facilitate the apprehension of persons involved in a motor vehicle accident resulting in serious bodily injury to or death of another person and who are suspected of leaving the scene of that accident.

The bill establishes a voluntary, cooperative effort between State and local law enforcement agencies and the media including, but not limited to, print, radio, social media, and television media outlets. The amended bill requires the Attorney General to notify the media serving this State of the establishment of the Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program and invite their voluntary participation. As amended, the Attorney General is required to adopt guidelines governing the program.

The bill requires the State Police to concur with the lead law enforcement agency’s decision to issue a Hit and Run Advisory. A Hit and Run Advisory may be issued when the lead law enforcement agency confirms that a person has been seriously injured or killed as a result of a motor vehicle accident, the driver of a vehicle involved in the accident appears to have illegally left the scene of that accident, there is sufficient information that indicates a Hit and Run Advisory would assist in locating the vehicle or the driver, and the lead agency requests that a Hit and Run Advisory be issued. However, the amended bill grants the lead law enforcement agency discretion to refrain from authorizing a Hit and Run Advisory if it determines that the activation of the alert would cause public harm or would compromise an ongoing investigation.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill would indeterminately increase the annual workload and expenditures of State, county, and local law enforcement agencies, as well as the Department of Transportation (DOT), the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA), the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA), and the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT). The magnitude of the increase would depend on the number of Statewide Hit and Run Advisories issued each year, with the Department of Law and Public Safety (LPS) primarily bearing the annual costs of administering the program. However, there are existing emergency alert systems in place that could be used to meet the requirements of this bill and minimize related expenditures.

The OLS estimates that there would be an indeterminate initial cost to the LPS to develop policies and procedures, provide training, and develop resource materials for implementing the new Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program. The bill requires the Attorney General, with the assistance of participating media, to develop and implement a Hit and Run Advisory public education campaign. The cost for public education campaigns varies depending on many factors, including the types of media utilized.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1477

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 2019

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments, Assembly Bill No. 1477.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1477 designated as “Zackhary’s Law,” establishes a Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program. The purpose of the program is to facilitate the apprehension of persons involved in a motor vehicle accident resulting in serious bodily injury to or death of another person and who are suspected of leaving the scene of that accident.

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According to the sponsor, this bill is designated “Zackhary’s Law,” in honor of Zackhary Simmons who was killed in Hoboken by a driver who fled the scene and was later arrested in New York.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As amended and reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to require the Attorney General to adopt guidelines governing the Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program; the introduced bill accorded the Attorney General discretion in adopting guidelines.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1477

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1477 (1R).

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1477

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 13, 2019

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene; designated as "Zackhary's Law."

Type of Impact: Annual State and local cost increases.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety; Department of Transportation; New Jersey Turnpike Authority; South Jersey Transportation Authority; New Jersey Transit Corporation; county and local law enforcement agencies.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SENATE, No. 3228

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 3, 2018

Sponsored by:
Senator VIN GOPAL
District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene; designated as “Zackhary’s Law.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program,
2 designated as “Zackhary’s Law,” and supplementing Title 52 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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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. As used in this act:

9 “Lead law enforcement agency” means a law enforcement
10 agency that is conducting an investigation to apprehend a person
11 involved in a motor vehicle accident resulting in serious bodily
12 injury to or the death of another person and who is suspected of
13 violating the provisions of R.S.39:4-129.

14 “Public entity” means the State and any county, municipality,
15 district, or political subdivision and any authority, agency, board, or
16 body thereof that, on the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
17 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), is under contract with a
18 wireless telephone company providing commercial mobile service
19 as defined in subsection (d) of 47 U.S.C. s.332 that participates in
20 the Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program.

21 “Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program ” means the voluntary
22 partnership between the wireless industry and State and local law
23 enforcement agencies to distribute Hit and Run Advisory text
24 messages to wireless subscribers who register to receive the
25 messages and are able to receive text messages on their wireless
26 telephones or electronic communication devices.

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28 2. a. The Attorney General shall establish a Statewide Hit and
29 Run Advisory Program pursuant to the provisions of P.L. ,
30 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to
31 facilitate the apprehension of persons involved in a motor vehicle
32 accident resulting in serious bodily injury to or the death of another
33 person and who are suspected of knowingly leaving the scene of
34 that accident, under circumstances that violate the provisions of
35 R.S.39:4-129. The program shall be a cooperative effort between
36 State and local law enforcement agencies, port, tunnel, highway,
37 and bridge authorities, and may include voluntary participation by
38 the media including, but not limited to, print, radio, social media,
39 and television media outlets.

40 b. The Attorney General shall notify the media serving the
41 State of New Jersey of the establishment of the Statewide Hit and
42 Run Advisory Program and invite their voluntary participation.

43 c. The Attorney General may adopt guidelines to effectuate the
44 purposes of this act.

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46 3. a. A Hit and Run Advisory authorized pursuant to this act
47 may be issued in accordance with the following criteria, which shall
48 be incorporated into the guidelines required by subsection c. of

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

3 (1) the lead law enforcement agency confirms that a person has
4 been seriously injured or killed as a result of a motor vehicle
5 accident and the driver of a vehicle involved in the accident appears
6 to have left the scene of that accident under circumstances that may
7 constitute a violation of the provisions of R.S.39:4-129, and a
8 suspect has not been apprehended;

9 (2) there is sufficient information available to indicate that a Hit
10 and Run Advisory would assist in locating the vehicle involved in
11 the accident or the driver of the vehicle including, but not limited
12 to, the license plate number, make and model of the vehicle
13 involved, the nature of damage to the vehicle involved, or a
14 description or other identifying information about the driver or
15 passenger of the vehicle involved; and

16 (3) the lead law enforcement agency requests that a Hit and Run
17 Advisory be issued.

18 b. Nothing in this section shall require that a Hit and Run
19 Advisory be issued if the criteria under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)
20 of subsection a. of this section are met, but it is determined by the
21 lead law enforcement agency that the activation of a Hit and Run
22 Advisory would cause public harm or would compromise an
23 ongoing investigation.

24 c. When the State Police concur within the determination of the
25 lead law enforcement agency to issue a Hit and Run Advisory, the
26 State Police Operational Dispatch Unit shall immediately notify the
27 Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority,
28 and the South Jersey Transportation Authority as deemed
29 appropriate by the unit. The State Police Operational Dispatch Unit
30 shall ensure that employees of the New Jersey Transit Corporation
31 who are on duty at any time the Hit and Run Advisory is in effect
32 receive notice of the Hit and Run Advisory along with all pertinent
33 information.

34 d. The Hit and Run Advisory may be issued in a manner
35 designed to reach those members of the public in locations that are
36 relatively likely to observe the vehicle involved in the accident or
37 the suspect, based on the time and place of the accident. The range
38 of the advisory may be expanded over time when the vehicle
39 involved is not located or the suspect is not apprehended.

40 e. The State Police shall, in a timely manner, update the
41 broadcast media and any other entity receiving notice of a Hit and
42 Run Advisory with new information concerning the accident, when
43 appropriate.

44 f. The Hit and Run Advisory shall terminate upon notice from
45 the State Police.

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47 4. a. Any media outlet that participates in the Statewide Hit
48 and Run Advisory Program established pursuant to section 2 of

1 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
2 may voluntarily agree, upon notice of the issuance of a Hit and Run
3 Advisory, to transmit emergency advisories to provide the public
4 within the service regions of that media outlet with information
5 designed to enable members of the public to assist the lead law
6 enforcement agency in locating a vehicle or driver involved in a
7 motor vehicle accident resulting in serious bodily injury to or the
8 death of another person that left the scene of the accident under
9 circumstances that may violate the provisions of R.S.39:4-129. The
10 notice shall be provided through the lead law enforcement agency.

11 b. The emergency advisories shall be read after a distinctive
12 sound tone and the statement: "This is a Hit and Run Advisory."
13 The emergency advisories shall be broadcast as often as possible,
14 pursuant to the guidelines established by the New Jersey
15 Broadcasters' Association, for the first three hours. After the initial
16 three hours, the emergency advisory shall be rebroadcast at
17 intervals as the lead law enforcement agency and the participating
18 media deem appropriate.

19 c. The emergency advisories shall include a description of the
20 suspect or suspect's vehicle and any other information the lead law
21 enforcement agency deems appropriate. The lead law enforcement
22 agency shall, in a timely manner, update the media with new
23 information regarding the suspect, when appropriate.

24 d. The emergency advisories also shall provide information
25 concerning the method by which members of the public who have
26 information relating to the suspect or the vehicle may contact the
27 lead law enforcement agency.

28 e. The emergency advisories shall terminate upon notice from
29 the lead law enforcement agency.

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31 5. Every officer or employee of a public entity who possesses a
32 wireless telephone or electronic communication device which is
33 issued by a public entity, is capable of receiving text messages, and
34 is enrolled in or subscribed to a service or plan that enables the
35 telephone or device to receive text messages shall subscribe to the
36 Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to receive wireless Hit
37 and Run Advisory text messages. The officer or employee shall, at
38 a minimum, enroll the wireless telephone or electronic
39 communication device in the program to receive wireless Hit and
40 Run Advisory text messages for a zip code that corresponds to the
41 city of the officer's or employee's permanent residence and primary
42 place of business. In the event that the officer or employee is not
43 authorized to manage the account for the wireless telephone or
44 electronic communication device issued by a public entity, the
45 officer or employee shall request the administrator of the account to
46 enroll the wireless telephone or electronic communication device in
47 the Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to receive Hit and

1 Run Advisory text messages in accordance with the provisions of
2 this act.

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4 6. The Attorney General, with the assistance of the
5 participating media, shall develop and undertake a public education
6 campaign to inform the public about the Statewide Hit and Run
7 Advisory Program.

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9 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
10 month following enactment, but the Attorney General may take
11 anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be
12 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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18 Hit and Run Advisory Program. The purpose of the program is to
19 facilitate the apprehension of persons involved in a motor vehicle
20 accident resulting in serious bodily injury to or death of another person
21 and who are suspected of leaving the scene of that accident.

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3228

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 2018

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3228.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill, designated as “Zackhary’s Law,” requires the Attorney General to establish a Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program. The purpose of the program is to facilitate the apprehension of persons involved in a motor vehicle accident resulting in serious bodily injury to or death of another person and who are suspected of leaving the scene of that accident.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to require the Attorney General to adopt guidelines governing the Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program; the introduced bill accorded the Attorney General discretion in adopting guidelines.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3228

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2020

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[First Reprint]

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: OCTOBER 30, 2019

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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/21/2020

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

S-62/A-2478 (Singleton, Oroho/DeAngelo, Houghtaling, Space) – Requires certain contractors to register under "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act"

S-358/A-4587 (Rice/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database with certain information about individuals elected to public office in this State

S-376/A-3839 (Madden, Gopal/Moriarty, Lagana, Mukherji, Murphy) – Eliminates eligibility time limit on tuition benefits for spouses of certain public safety workers killed in performance of their duties

S-497/A-4626 (Vitale, Madden/Mosquera, McKnight, Vainieri Huttle) – Allows certain prior statements by children to be admitted into evidence in child abuse and termination of parental rights cases

S-498/ACS for A-3391 (Vitale, Oroho/DeCroce, Johnson, DiMaso) – Makes various changes to "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971"

S-521/A-4378 (T. Kean, C.A. Brown, Pou, Ruiz/Caputo, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish "Artist District" designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation

S-589/ACS for A-422 (Weinberg/Mosquera, Jones, Moriarty) – Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database

S-700/A-3836 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Schaer, Mukherji, Jasey) – "Higher Education Citizenship Equality Act"; defines domicile for dependent students for purpose of eligibility for State student grants and scholarships, and resident tuition rate

S-721/A-1751 (Greenstein, Cunningham, Diegnan/Quijano, Benson) – Authorizes use of certain electric school buses

S-758/A-1987 (Cunningham, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano) – Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes

S-765/A-541 (Cunningham, T. Kean, Ruiz/Mazzeo, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Sumter, Benson) – Prohibits Higher Education Student Assistance Authority from referring defaulted loans under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program for certain actions if authority and borrower have entered into settlement agreement

S-782/A-1110 (Sarlo, Scutari/Downey, Houghtaling, Dancer) – Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot

S-834 wGR/A-4186 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin) – Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists

S-939/A-3331 (Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, McKnight) – Requires forms and materials for individuals with developmental disabilities to be available in languages other than English

S-974/A-3040 (Singleton, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttle, Timberlake, Mosquera) – Requires newborn infants be screened for spinal muscular atrophy

- S-1032/A-2389 (Vitale, Gopal/Schaer, Benson, Verrelli)** – Concerns expansion of services provided by DHS mental health screening services
- S-1146/A-2365 (Codey, Rice/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, Downey)** – Requires hospital patient's medical record to include notation if patient is at increased risk of confusion, agitation, behavioral problems, and wandering due to dementia related disorder
- S-1298/ACS for A-2972 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton/Mazzeo, Dunn, Space)** – Permits municipalities to provide information on property tax bills concerning amount of local tax dollars saved through shared services
- S-1318/A-3156 (Ruiz, Scutari/Lampitt, Mosquera)** – Permits counties and non-governmental, community-based agencies to establish family justice centers which provide coordinated, multi-agency governmental and non-governmental assistance to victims of certain crimes and offenses, including domestic violence, and their family members
- S-1505/A-1707 (Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Benson, Mosquera)** – Expands membership of NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
- S-1647/A-3181 (Diegnan, Codey/Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Murphy)** – Prohibits use of coupons, price rebates, and price reduction promotions in sales of tobacco and vapor products
- S-1683/A-4267 (Smith, Greenstein/McKeon, Space, Wirths)** – Concerns regulation of solid waste, hazardous waste, and soil and fill recycling industries
- S-1703/A-715 (Connors, Holzapfel/Gove, Rumpf, DiMaso)** – Exempts disabled veterans from beach buggy permit fees
- S-1791/A-3414 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling)** – Requires employers to disclose certain wage information to employees
- S-1796/A-4693 (Addiego, Sweeney/Murphy)** – Permits school district of residence to provide aid in-lieu-of transportation to pupil attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology provided certain conditions are met
- S-1832/A-211 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Chiaravalloti, Zwicker, Pintor Marin)** – Establishes loan redemption program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- S-2267/A-3616 (Sweeney, Corrado/Burzichelli, Holley, Calabrese)** – Gives State lottery winners option of remaining anonymous indefinitely
- S-2303/A-4843 (Sweeney, Ruiz, Cunningham/Wimberly, Karabinchak, Calabrese)** – Requires establishment of Work and Learn Consortiums by certain educational institutions to establish certificate and degree programs identified in high labor-demand industries
- S-2389 wGR/A-5449 (Singleton/Quijano, Downey, Houghtaling, Moriarty)** – Requires New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to establish prescription drug pricing disclosure website and certain pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to provide prescription drug price information
- S-2428/A-4965 (Scutari/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires that massage and bodywork therapists and employers carry professional liability insurance
- S-2469/A-3745 (Singleton, Oroho/Wirths, Mazzeo, Space)** – Prohibits person from contracting for public work if person is federally debarred from receiving federal contract
- S-2511/A-4020 (Madden/Mazzeo, Murphy, Johnson)** – Changes title of DEP "conservation officer" to "conservation police officer"
- S-2521/A-4087 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation program
- S-2522/A-4090 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Limits cross gender strip searches in

State correctional facilities

S-2532/A-4086 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake) – Requires correctional police officers receive 20 hours in-service training, including four hours in prevention of sexual misconduct, non-fraternization, and manipulation

S-2555/A-3990 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Benson, Karabinchak) – Allows dependent students whose parents or guardians hold H-1B visas to qualify for in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education provided they meet certain criteria

S-2564/A-3519 (Turner, Singleton/Benson, McKnight, Jasey) – Establishes "Restorative Justice in Education Pilot Program" in Department of Education

SCS for S-2599/ACS for A-1268 (Bateman, Beach/Tucker, Conaway, Lampitt, Quijano) – Authorizes veterans' property tax exemption and veterans' property tax deduction for honorably discharged veterans of United States Armed Forces who did not serve in time of war or other emergency

S-2826/A-3274 (Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Dancer, Benson) – Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes for adoption; designated the "Homes for Animal Heroes Act"

S-2849/A-4590 (A.M. Bucco/DiMaio, Caputo, Dunn) – Designates Seeing Eye® dog as State Dog

S-3036/A-1697 (Lagana, Scutari/Dancer, Downey) – Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies

S-3061/A-4603 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson) – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that participate in DOL registered apprenticeship programs; establishes grant program for tax-exempt organizations participating in DOL registered apprenticeship programs

S-3065/A-4657 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Benson, Timberlake) – Establishes youth apprenticeship pilot program in Department of Education

S-3067/A-4602 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Establishes five year Apprentice Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program

S-3116/A-4683 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker) – Requires certain medical facilities to undertake end-of-life planning and training

S-3117/A-4685 (Ruiz/Speight, Pinkin, Munoz) – Requires emergency departments to take certain measures concerning palliative care for patients

S-3126/A-4107 (Gopal/Benson, DeCroce, Chiaravalloti) – Requires drivers to stop at railroad crossing when on-track equipment is approaching railroad crossing

S-3170/A-5145 (Cryan, Pou/Quijano, Milam, Land) – Increases prenotification time and requires severance pay in certain plant closings, transfers, and mass layoffs

S-3227/A-5261 (Gopal/Tully, Pinkin, Swain) – Requires restaurants to post signs advising customers to notify servers of food allergies; requires restaurant managers to complete food allergen training

S-3265/A-3178 (Turner, Codey, Vitale/Conaway, Murphy, Vainieri Huttle) – Prohibits sale or distribution of flavored vapor products

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S-3330 wGR/A-5066 (Addiego, Singleton/Jones, Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Murphy) – Establishes pilot program in DCF to study impact of child care services provided by community providers operating in public school facilities; requires community providers to meet certain criteria

S-3422/A-6056 (Singer, T. Kean/Houghtaling, Downey, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires declaration of Code Blue

alert when National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower

S-3468/A-5105 (Sweeney, Singleton/Murphy, Karabinchak, Vainieri Huttle) – Establishes Task Force on Maximizing Employment for People with Disabilities

S-3511/A-5298 (Singer, T. Kean/Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle, Downey) – Authorizes certain health care and social service resources to be made available during Code Blue alert

S-3581/A-5963 (Singleton/Lopez, Quijano) – Prohibits certain business financing contracts that contain judgment by confession provisions

S-3685/A-5345 (Sarlo, Singleton/Mukherji, Conaway, McKnight) – Establishes program to increase participation of underrepresented students in New Jersey's science and engineering workforce

S-3756/A-6115 (Ruiz, Sarlo, O'Scanlon/Jasey, Jones, Wirths) – Requires limited purpose regional school districts to coordinate with constituent districts regarding school calendar and curriculum

S-3763/A-6116 (Addiego, Bateman, Sarlo/DeAngelo, Dancer, Space) – Renames joint meetings as regional service agencies; grandfathers existing joint meetings

S-3869/A-5561 (Sarlo/Burzichelli, Houghtaling) – Prohibits local governments from imposing fines on alarm companies in certain circumstances

S-3871/A-5427 (Bateman, Scutari/DePhillips, McKeon) – Adds member from Retired Judges Association of New Jersey to State Investment Council

SCS for S-3878/ACS for A-5394 (Ruiz, Weinberg, Cunningham/Moriarty, McKnight, Pinkin) – Reaffirms and clarifies that Attorney General and Division on Civil Rights may initiate actions in Superior Court to enforce "Law Against Discrimination"

S-3920 wGR/A-5552 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes

S-3923/A-5680 (Madden, Singleton/Giblin, Timberlake, Murphy) – Concerns labor harmony agreements for hospitality projects

SCS for S-3939 and 3944/ACS for A-5681 and 5682 (Smith, Greenstein, Bateman, Codey/Pinkin, Lopez, McKeon) – Establishes Recycling Market Development Council

S-3985/A-5663 (Smith/McKeon, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttle) – Amends "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act" to add definition of "open access offshore wind transmission facility" and revises law concerning "qualified offshore wind projects"

S-4025/A-5695 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Makes FY 2020 language allocation of \$1,000,000 appropriated to Grants for Urban Parks to Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson

S-4162/A-6014 (Smith, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin, Houghtaling) – Establishes NJ Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers University; appropriates up to \$500,000

S-4165/A-4364 (Rice/Giblin, Caputo, Tucker) – Expands University Hospital board of directors membership from 11 to 13 members

S-4188/A-6075 (Beach/Murphy, Dancer, Lampitt) – "Lindsay's Law"; provides tax benefits to organ and bone marrow donors and their employers, and provides paid time off to donors who are State or local government employees

S-4200/A-5855 (Ruiz, Turner/Coughlin, Lampitt, Holley) – Requires State to pay difference between federal allocation and total cost of reduced price breakfast or lunch; appropriates \$4.5 million

S-4247/A-6049 (Gopal, O'Scanlon/Conaway, Houghtaling, Downey) – Establishes criteria for distribution of Fiscal Year 2020 funding to Community Food Bank of New Jersey and partner organizations

S-4264/A-5962 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter, Calabrese) – Designates State Highway Route 19 as "William J. Pascrell Jr. Highway"

S-4275/A-6088 (Smith, Greenstein/Burzichelli) – Allows BPU to increase cost to customers of Class I renewable energy requirement for energy years 2022 through 2024, under certain conditions

S-4276/A-6109 (Corrado, Bateman/Armato, Calabrese, Land) – Appropriates \$32,153,936 to State Agriculture Development Committee, and amends 2017 appropriations for stewardship activities, for farmland preservation purposes

S-4277/A-6112 (Greenstein, Bateman/Freiman, Danielsen, Downey) – Appropriates \$5,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4278/A-6108 (Greenstein, Bateman/Taliaferro, Karabinchak, Kennedy) – Appropriates \$21 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4279/A-6106 (Smith, Bateman/Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Pinkin) – Appropriates \$1,350,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

S-4286/A-5890 (Vitale/Swain, Jones) – Clarifies procedures concerning collection of child support on behalf of child over age 19 when court has ordered such support

S-4309/A-6107 (Turner, Cruz-Perez/Mejia, Vainieri Huttie, Zwicker) – Appropriates \$13,902,723 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

S-4310/A-6114 (Codey, Bateman/Carter, Murphy, Lopez) – Appropriates \$8,872,682 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

S-4311/A-6113 (Greenstein, Bateman/Speight, Mukherji, Verrelli) – Appropriates \$77,450,448 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

S-4312/A-6111 (Smith, Bateman/Giblin, Mazzeo, Land) – Appropriates \$36.143 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

S-4313/A-6110 (Corrado, Bateman/Moriarty, McKeon, Swain) – Appropriates \$33.915 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects

SCS for S-4315/ACS for A-6063 (Beach, Turner/Jones, Zwicker) – Creates fund to reimburse local units of government for cost of certain mail-in ballot procedures; appropriates \$3,000,000

SJR-51/AJR-189 (Rice, Turner/Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Establishes the "New Jersey State Commission on Urban Violence"

SJR-65/AJR-90 (Weinberg, Addiego/DiMaso, Vainieri Huttie, Schepisi) – Designates March 19th "Women in Public Office Day" in New Jersey

SJR-80/AJR-121 (Lagana, Weinberg/Jones, Benson, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce) – Urges federal government to adhere to commitment to improve Northeast Corridor rail infrastructure by providing funding to complete Gateway Program

SJR-125/AJR-169 (Gopal, Codey/Wolfe, Pinkin) – Designates the second week of October of each year as "Obesity Care Week" in NJ

- A-344/S-1575 (Murphy, McKeon, Timberlake/Cruz-Perez, Singleton)** – Revises certain aspects of the New Jersey Individual Development Account Program
- A-1040/S-3928 (Houghtaling, Taliaferro/Andrzejczak)** – Establishes NJ "Landowner of the Year" award program
- A-1146/S-4330 (Wimberly, Holley/Pou, Singleton)** – Establishes "New Jersey Investing in You Promise Neighborhood Commission"
- A-1277/S-2629 (Tucker, Holley, Lopez/Singleton, Gopal)** – Requires hospitals and homeless shelters to provide information on services and resources to individuals who are homeless or military veterans
- A-1449/S-3168 (Benson, DeAngelo/Greenstein, Turner)** – Provides job security to certain organ and bone marrow donors
- A-1477/S-3228 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Jimenez, Mukherji, Downey/Gopal, Scutari)** – Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene; designated as "Zackhary's Law"
- A-1478/S-1648 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle/Diegnan, T. Kean)** – Revises law governing theater liquor licenses
- A-1604/S-2734 (Conaway, Murphy, Jimenez/Singleton)** – "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act"
- A-1796/S-2609 (McKeon, Downey/Lagana, Gopal)** – Prevents criminal defendant from asserting "gay and transgender panic" defense to murder charge in order to reduce charge to manslaughter committed in heat of passion
- A-1924/S-2930 (Mukherji, A.M. Bucco, DeAngelo, DeCroce/Beach)** – Exempts certain honorably discharged United States military veterans from initial insurance producer licensing fee
- A-1992/S-1780 (Sumter, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling, Wimberly/Diegnan, Turner)** – "New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act"
- A-2183/S-1687 (Land, Johnson/Cruz-Perez, Andrzejczak)** – "Music Therapist Licensing Act"
- ACS for A-2431 wGR/SCS for S-1865 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce/Weinberg, T. Kean)** – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage
- ACS for A-2444 and S-2656/S-2081 (Benson, Lampitt, Pinkin, Mukherji/Turner, Singleton)** – Provides for coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation benefits in Medicaid
- A-2767/S-2924 (Greenwald, Mosquera, McKnight/Greenstein, Singleton)** – Amends certain provisions of sexual assault statute to clarify elements necessary for conviction
- A-3312/S-1972 (Murphy, Lagana, Downey, Sumter/Gopal, Corrado)** – Requires Legislature to adopt and distribute policy prohibiting sexual harassment; requires members, officers, and employees of Legislature to complete online training on policy once every two years
- A-3670/S-995 (Benson, Giblin, Murphy/Vitale, Weinberg)** – Provides for designation of acute stroke ready hospitals, establishes Stroke Care Advisory Panel and Statewide stroke database, and requires development of emergency medical services stroke care protocols
- ACS for A-4136/SCS for S-2675 (Land, Milam/Andrzejczak, Van Drew)** – Establishes Possession In Excess of Daily Limit Vessel License for black sea bass and summer flounder; dedicates fees therefrom to marine fisheries programs
- A-4147/S-2744 (Lampitt, Houghtaling, Zwicker/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school districts and nonpublic schools to conduct audit of security features of buildings, grounds, and communication systems and to submit audit to NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and DOE

- A-4150/S-2742 (Lampitt, Jones, Timberlake/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires meeting between student and appropriate school personnel after multiple suspensions or proposed expulsion from public school to identify behavior or health difficulties
- A-4151/S-2745 (Swain, Tully, Jasey/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school security training for persons employed by public and nonpublic schools in substitute capacity and for employees and volunteers of youth programs operated in school buildings
- A-4260/S-4335 (Timberlake, Giblin, Tucker, Caputo/Pou, Scutari)** – Prohibits sale of certain toy guns and imitation firearms
- A-4370/S-2919 (Carroll/A.M. Bucco)** – Increases membership of board of trustees of Washington Association of New Jersey
- A-4377/S-2934 (Benson, Land, DeCroce/Greenstein)** – Requires DOT and OIT to develop materials concerning capabilities of airports in NJ and establishes "Public Use Airports Task Force"
- A-4517/S-4341 (Wimberly, Speight, Reynolds-Jackson/Singleton, Cunningham)** – Establishes "New Jersey Eviction Crisis Task Force"
- A-4529/S-3191 (Mazzeo, Armato/Gopal, Andrezejczak)** – Concerns reimbursements to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud
- A-4563/S-3096 (Zwicker, Benson/Greenstein, Gill)** – Prohibits use of bots to deceive person about origin and content of communication for certain commercial or election purposes
- A-4564/S-3087 (Zwicker, Freiman/Greenstein)** – Establishes "Voting Precinct Transparency Act;" requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data
- A-4699/S-2938 (Moriarty, Burzichelli, Bramnick/Turner)** – Regulates annual report filing services
- A-4803/S-4211 (Greenwald, Johnson, Pintor Marin/Cryan, Vitale)** – Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes
- A-4822/S-3408 (Wimberly, Tully, Swain/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Permits municipalities to lease vacant municipal land for tiny home occupancy; directs DCA to enhance regulatory guidance on acceptable tiny home construction and use
- A-4904 wGR/S-3347 (Mukherji, Quijano, Mazzeo/Cryan, Sweeney)** – Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property owned by certain federal employees or contractors under certain circumstances
- A-4954/S-3368 (Quijano, Murphy, Carter/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Revises requirements for provision of counseling and support services to emergency services personnel
- ACS for A-4972/SCS for S-1490 (Moriarty/Beach, Scutari)** – Establishes certain consumer protections related to arbitration organizations
- A-4978 wGR/S-3498 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttle/Greenstein, Cryan)** – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances
- A-5023/S-3467 (McKnight, Mukherji, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti/Cunningham)** – Exempts from DOT permitting requirements certain signs not located in protected areas that have been approved by municipality
- A-5028/S-3523 (Mukherji, Conaway, Pintor Marin/Vitale, Diegnan)** – Establishes "James Nicholas Rentas's Law," revises "New Jersey SmokeFree Air Act"
- A-5029/S-3522 (Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson, Johnson/Rice, T. Kean)** – Requires New Jersey Office on Minority and Multicultural Health to study racial disparities on sexual and reproductive health of African-American women

A-5031/S-3455 (Speight, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz) – Requires hospital emergency departments to ask person of childbearing age about recent pregnancy history

A-5314/S-3692 (Zwicker, Milam, Mazzeo/Cryan, Ruiz) – Requires DHS to study social isolation occurring in certain population groups

A-5344/S-3833 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Milam/Gopal, Corrado) – Establishes uniform standard for acceptable proof of veteran status for veteran's ID cards and various State and local programs

A-5388/S-3895 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz) – Requires specialized in-service training regarding crime victims for police departments in certain high-crime areas

A-5389/S-3896 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz) – Requires training or experience in crime victims' rights for certain members of Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board

A-5432/S-3796 (Milam, Land/Andrzejczak) – Requires DEP Commissioner to establish individual transferable quota system for menhaden purse seine fishery

A-5445/S-3909 (Swain, Tully, Spearman/T. Kean, Corrado) – Requires AG to establish program to detect fentanyl in State's illegal drug supply and make information related to presence of fentanyl available in database accessible by law enforcement

A-5511/S-1852 (Spearman, Jones, Reynolds-Jackson/Turner, Cruz-Perez) – Revises certain penalties for illegal operation of snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike

A-5580/S-3842 (Johnson, Moriarty, Greenwald/Weinberg, Sarlo) – Extends availability period for tax credits for certain expenses incurred for production of certain film and digital media content, raises annual cap related to film production, and provides for annual administration of film tax credits

A-5583/S-3919 (Pinkin, Lopez, Mukherji/Smith, Bateman) – Prohibits sale, lease, rent, or installation of certain equipment or products containing hydrofluorocarbons or other greenhouse gases

A-5630/S-3981 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg, Corrado) – Requires Civil Service Commission to establish and maintain hotline for State employees to submit reports of workplace discrimination and harassment

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A-5667/S-3933 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Armato, DeCroce, Karabinchak/Singer, Scutari) – "Charlie's Law"; requires pharmacy practice sites and hospice programs to furnish patients with information and means to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs and medications

A-5801/S-4064 (Coughlin, Houghtaling, Verrelli/Singleton, Sweeney) – Concerns responsibility of contractors for wage claims against subcontractors

A-5817/S-4263 (Mazzeo, Armato/Cunningham, Sweeney, C.A. Brown) – Allows certain persons to qualify for casino key employee license and casino employee registration

A-5916/S-4255 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight, Karabinchak/Cunningham, Weinberg) – Authorizes DOH to notify elected officials of financial distress of certain hospitals

A-5918/SCS for S-3741 and 4253 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Weinberg, Cunningham, Vitale) – Expands hospital reporting requirements

A-5970/S-4201 (Lopez, Speight, Chaparro/Codey) – Amends list of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding for FY2020 to include new projects, remove certain projects, and modify estimated loan amounts for certain projects

A-5971/S-4202 (Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Spearman/Bateman, Corrado) – Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend additional sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020

A-5972/S-4203 (Pinkin, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Singleton) – Makes changes to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank's enabling act

A-5977/S-4282 (Greenwald, Downey, Vainieri Huttie/Vitale, Singleton) – Provides for establishment of Regional Health Hub Program as replacement to Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project, and designates existing accountable care organizations and look-alike organizations as Regional Health Hubs

A-6119/S-4336 (Egan, Houghtaling/Madden) – Revises "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" and amends definition of registered apprenticeship program

AJR-35/SJR-159 (McKnight, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce/Cunningham, Greenstein) – Designates third full week in March as "Domestic Violence Services Awareness Week" to bring awareness of services available to domestic violence victims

AJR-103/SJR-70 (Rooney, DePhillips, Murphy/Corrado) – Permanently designates January as "NUT Carcinoma Awareness Month" in New Jersey

AJR-118/SJR-157 (McKnight, Timberlake, McKeon/Pou, Madden) – Designates April of each year as "Financial Literacy Month" in New Jersey

AJR-180/SJR-112 (DeAngelo, McKnight, Murphy/Singleton, Corrado) – Designates February in each year as "Career and Technical Education Month" in New Jersey

Governor Murphy declined to sign the following bills, meaning they expire without becoming law:

S-691/A-657 (Ruiz, Pou/Jasey, Caputo, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly) – Requires that if a school district satisfies 80% or more of the required NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum standards in an area of district effectiveness under State intervention, the State must return that area to local control

S-1083/A-544 (Cruz-Perez, Gopal/Mazzeo, Houghtaling, Holley, Dancer) – Establishes loan program and provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for establishment of new vineyards and wineries

S-2421/A-1030 (Smith, Bateman/Johnson, Kennedy, Benson, DeAngelo) – Concerns installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common interest communities

S-2425/A-3851 (Singleton, Andrzejczak/Conaway) – Revises law relating to common interest communities

S-2429/A-4028 (Scutari, Pou/Bramnick, Downey) – Requires automobile insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances

S-2835/A-3926 (Singleton, Ruiz/Conaway, Lampitt, Murphy) – Requires public schools to administer written screenings for depression for students in certain grades

S-2897/A-1433 (Madden, Singer/Benson, Wimberly, Carter) – Requires DCA to establish procedures for inspection and abatement of mold hazards in residential buildings and school facilities, and certification programs for mold inspectors and mold hazard abatement workers

S-2957/A-4712 (Stack/Mukherji, Chaparro) – Establishes five-year moratorium on conversions of certain residential rental premises in qualified counties

S-2958/A-4535 (Sarlo, Oroho/Zwicker, DePhillips, DeCroce) – Establishes the "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private Partnership Act"

S-3062/A-2049 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Howarth, Benson, Murphy) – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that employ apprentices in DOL registered apprenticeships

S-3063/A-4655 (Ruiz/Armato, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo) – Provides tuition fee waiver apprenticeship courses

S-3137/A-1308 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singleton/Greenwald, Milam, Land) – The "Electronic Construction Procurement Act"

S-3252/A-4713 (Greenstein, Stack/DeAngelo, Quijano) – "New Townhouse Fire Safety Act"; requires automatic fire sprinkler systems in new townhomes

S-3263/A-4837 (T. Kean, Diegnan/Vainieri Huttie, Chiaravalloti, McKnight) – Revises and updates membership and purpose of Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in DHS

S-3270/A-5095 (Pou/McKeon, Freiman, DeCroce) – Establishes certain requirements for stop loss insurance offered to small employers

S-3393/ACS for A-5384 and 5157 (Sarlo, Addiego/Mazzeo, Murphy, Houghtaling, Calabrese, Armato, Dancer) – Allows certain preserved farms to hold 14 special occasion events per year; imposes further event restrictions on residentially-exposed preserved farms

S-3770/A-6118 (Sarlo, Oroho, Sweeney/Greenwald, Jones) – Establishes "New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Review Commission" to provide ongoing review of State and local tax structure, economic conditions, and related fiscal issues

S-3888/A-5585 (Ruiz/Dancer, Pintor Marin) – Extends document submission deadlines under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program and Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit program

S-4035/A-5702 (Pou, Singleton/Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$1,700,000 for Thomas Edison State University

S-4281/A-6094 (Smith, Diegnan/Danielsen, Pinkin) – Requires State to sell and convey to Educational Services Commission of New Jersey certain land and improvements known as Piscataway Regional Day School

S-4331/A-4727 (Diegnan, Madden/Karabinchak, Holley, Jones) – Requires person taking written examination for permit to watch video of rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement; requires testing on rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement

A-491/S-4340 (Jimenez/Sacco, Stack) – Enhances PFRS accidental death pension for surviving spouse by providing for minimum of \$50,000 annually

A-1044/S-1441 (Houghtaling, Downey, DiMaio, Space/Doherty, Madden) – Requires Director of Division of Taxation to examine feasibility of centralized property tax information system to verify property taxes paid by homestead property tax reimbursement claimants

A-1045/S-2856 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Oroho) – Clarifies sales tax collection responsibilities of horse-boarding businesses in New Jersey

A-1526/S-1048 (Zwicker, Johnson/Vitale) – Concerns payment of independent contractors

A-2731/S-3407 (Taliaferro, Space/Sweeney, Oroho) – Removes statutory limitation on number of permits that may be issued by Division of Fish and Wildlife for the taking of beaver

A-4382/S-2815 (Pinkin, Lopez, Kennedy/Beach, Smith) – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

A-4463/S-3927 (Freiman, Egan, Karabinchak/Oroho, Andrzejczak) – Establishes "Electronic Permit Processing Review System"

A-4788/S-3880 (Karabinchak, Freiman, Calabrese/Diegnan) – Establishes expedited construction inspection program

A-5072/S-3496 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Cryan) – "Defense Against Porch Pirates Act"; creates new category of theft, with penalties including mandatory restitution and community service, for taking package delivered to residence by cargo carrier

A-5446/S-3907 (Land, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/T. Kean, Lagana) – Requires reporting of opioid deaths

A-5629/S-3980 (Pintor Marin, Munoz/Weinberg, Corrado) – Clarifies provisions concerning disclosure of existence and content of discrimination or harassment complaints; requires certain disclosures to person against whom complaint is made

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ACS for A-5922 and 5923/SCS for S-4223 and 4224 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Pinkin/Vitale, Sweeney) – Revises requirements for sale of tobacco and vapor products; increases penalties for prohibited sales; increases fees for cigarette and vapor business licensure

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