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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: No

SENATE: Yes Law & Public
Safety
Budget & Approp.

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 489, *approved January 21, 2020*
Assembly, No. 4803 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning victims of crime and supplementing Title 52 of
2 the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. In the event that a person is the victim of a firearm or
8 stabbing injury incurred during the course of an offense described
9 in subsection b. of section 11 of P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-11), and
10 the person receives counseling in connection with the injury, the
11 entity providing counseling services may directly bill the Victims of
12 Crime Compensation ¹**[Agency]** Office¹ for the counseling
13 services, provided that:

14 (1) the counseling was provided by a licensed psychiatrist,
15 psychologist, social worker, or therapist, or by a peer or support
16 counselor or other individual authorized by the Victims of Crime
17 Compensation ¹**[Agency]** Office¹ to provide such counseling while
18 under the supervision of a licensed professional;

19 (2) the person providing the counseling is affiliated with the
20 hospital where the victim received treatment for the injury or is
21 affiliated with a hospital-based or hospital-linked violence
22 intervention program recognized by the Victims of Crime
23 Compensation ¹**[Agency]** Office¹;

24 (3) the victim reported the injury to law enforcement within nine
25 months after its occurrence or reasonable discovery, except that,
26 notwithstanding the requirements of section 18 of P.L.1971, c.317
27 (C.52:4B-18), a report made after such time shall not be deemed to
28 bar a claim for compensation for counseling services if the victim
29 was admitted to the hospital for the injury and the victim consents
30 to the hospital releasing records of the admission to the Victims of
31 Crime Compensation ¹**[Agency]** Office¹; ¹**[and]**¹

32 (4) the victim has consented in writing to the entity directly
33 billing the Victims of Crime Compensation ¹**[Agency]** Office¹
34 pursuant to this section ¹; and

35 (5) the victim has filed a claim with the Victims of Crime
36 Compensation Office that is deemed eligible for counseling services
37 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-1 et seq.).

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 AAP committee amendments adopted June 13, 2019.

1 Compensation to be paid for counseling services provided under
2 this section shall be determined in accordance with the provisions
3 of subsection b. of this section and section 19 of P.L.1971, c.317
4 (C.52:4B-19)¹.

5 b. The Victims of Crime Compensation ¹**[Agency]** Office¹
6 shall establish by regulation the maximum amount of compensation
7 that may directly billed pursuant to subsection a. of this section,
8 which in any case shall not exceed \$1,000 in connection with a
9 given injury.

10 c. An entity that directly bills for counseling services pursuant
11 to subsection a. of this section shall not bill the victim or any other
12 person or entity in any amount for any counseling services for
13 which it received compensation from the Victims of Crime
14 Compensation ¹**[Agency]** Office¹ pursuant to this section.

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16 2. The Victims of Crime Compensation ¹**[Agency]** Office¹
17 may, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
18 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt such rules and
19 regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this
20 act.

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22 3. This act shall take effect the first day of the fourth month
23 next following the date of enactment.

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29 Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime
30 Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of
firearm and stabbing crimes.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4803

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 10, 2018

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman LOUIS D. GREENWALD

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblywoman ELIANA PINTOR MARIN

District 29 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson, Assemblyman Benson,

Assemblywomen Speight and Murphy

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Agency for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/26/2019)

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30 to the hospital releasing records of the admission to the Victims of
31 Crime Compensation Agency; and

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33 billing the Victims of Crime Compensation Agency pursuant to this
34 section.

35 b. The Victims of Crime Compensation Agency shall establish
36 by regulation the maximum amount of compensation that may
37 directly billed pursuant to subsection a. of this section, which in any
38 case shall not exceed \$1,000 in connection with a given injury.

39 c. An entity that directly bills for counseling services pursuant
40 to subsection a. of this section shall not bill the victim or any other
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STATEMENT

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30 of the injury and the victim consents to the hospital releasing
31 records of the admission to the Agency.

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33 of compensation that may directly billed pursuant to the bill, which,
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35 injury. An entity that directly bills, and receives compensation
36 from the Agency, for counseling services as provided under the bill
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38 entity in any amount for those same services.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4803

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 2019

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4803.

This bill authorizes certain entities providing counseling services to crime victims who suffered a firearm or stabbing injury to directly bill the Victims of Crime Compensation Agency for the provision of counseling services.

In order to directly bill for counseling services, the bill requires that the counseling have been provided by a licensed psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or therapist, or by a peer or support counselor or other individual authorized by the Agency to provide such counseling while under the supervision of a licensed professional. Additionally, the person providing the counseling is to be affiliated with the hospital where the victim was treated for the injury or affiliated with a hospital-based or hospital-linked violence intervention program recognized by the Agency. Finally, the bill requires that the victim have consented in writing to the entity directly billing the Agency for counseling services.

Under current law, subject to certain exceptions, the Agency will not provide compensation to a crime victim unless the victim reported the crime to law enforcement within nine months after its occurrence or reasonable discovery. The bill expands this deadline for the limited purposes of the bill, such that direct billing for counseling services provided to a firearm or stabbing victim may be allowed even if the crime was reported after the statutory deadline, provided that the victim was admitted to the hospital for treatment of the injury and the victim consents to the hospital releasing records of the admission to the Agency.

The Agency is to establish by regulation the maximum amount of compensation that may directly billed pursuant to the bill, which, in any case, may not exceed \$1,000 in connection with a given injury. An entity that directly bills, and receives compensation from the Agency, for counseling services as provided under the bill will be prohibited from billing the victim or any other person or entity in any amount for those same services.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4803

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4803.

As amended, this bill authorizes certain entities providing counseling services to crime victims who suffered a firearm or stabbing injury to directly bill the Victims of Crime Compensation Office for the provision of counseling services.

In order to directly bill for counseling services, the bill requires that the counseling have been provided by a licensed psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or therapist, or by a peer or support counselor or other individual authorized by the Office to provide such counseling while under the supervision of a licensed professional. Additionally, the person providing the counseling is to be affiliated with the hospital where the victim was treated for the injury or affiliated with a hospital-based or hospital-linked violence intervention program recognized by the Office. Finally, the bill requires that the victim have consented in writing to the entity directly billing the Office for counseling services and the filed a claim with the Victims of Crime Compensation Office.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

This committee amended the bill to correctly identify the VCCO and to add a fifth condition for when the VCCO may be directly billed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services finds the annual expenditure increases associated with this proposed legislation to be indeterminate. There is no data with which to evaluate the fiscal impact on the Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) resulting from additional administrative expenses and the payment of additional claims.

The Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) may experience a workload increase as a result of increased claims. Depending on the resource allocation policies of the VCCO, the added responsibilities may or may not augment State and local government administrative expenditures.

Although mental health counseling is an allowable reimbursable expense, the bill permits the VCCO to be directly billed for counseling services not exceed \$1,000 in connection with a given injury. Reimbursement may be requested for additional counseling services after the direct billing has exceeding \$1,000, but further claims must be submitted through the VCCO reimbursement process. The approved maximum reimbursable amount per claim remains at \$25,000. In 2017, the VCCO reported awards of \$691,109.06 for mental health reimbursements.

The bill expands the deadline for the reimbursement of mental health claims for firearm and stabbing victims which may increase the amount of claims, however the maximum reimbursable amount per claim remains at \$25,000.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4803

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2019

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4803 (1R)

As reported by the committee, this bill authorizes certain entities providing counseling services to crime victims who suffered a firearm or stabbing injury to directly bill the Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) for the provision of these services.

Under the bill, an entity providing counseling services may directly bill the VCCO for the services if: 1) the counseling was provided by a licensed psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or therapist, or by a peer or support counselor or other individual authorized by the VCCO to provide counseling while under the supervision of a licensed professional; 2) the person providing the counseling is affiliated with the hospital where the victim was treated for the injury or affiliated with a hospital-based or hospital-linked violence intervention program recognized by the VCCO; 3) the victim reported the injury to law enforcement within nine months after its occurrence or reasonable discovery, except a report made after that time is not to be deemed to bar a claim for these services if the victim was admitted to the hospital for the injury and the victim consents to the hospital releasing records of the admission to the VCCO; 4) the victim consented in writing to the entity directly billing the VCCO for the counseling services; and 5) the victim has filed a claim with the VCCO.

The provisions of this bill require the VCCO to establish by regulation the maximum amount of compensation that may be directly billed, which is not to exceed \$1,000 in connection with a given injury. Under the bill, an entity that directly bills and receives compensation from the VCCO for counseling services is prohibited from billing the victim or any other person or entity in any amount for those same services.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 4211, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4803

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4803 (1R).

This bill authorizes certain entities providing counseling services to crime victims who suffered a firearm or stabbing injury to directly bill the Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) for the provision of these services.

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As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4803 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 4211, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds the annual expenditure increases associated with this proposed legislation to be indeterminate. There is no data with which to evaluate the fiscal impact on the VCCO resulting from additional administrative expenses and the payment of additional claims.

The VCCO may experience a workload increase as a result of increased claims. Depending on the resource allocation policies of the VCCO, the added responsibilities may or may not augment State and local government administrative expenditures.

The bill expands the deadline for the reimbursement of mental health claims for firearm and stabbing victims, which may increase the amount of claims.

While mental health counseling is currently an allowable reimbursable expense, the bill permits the VCCO to be directly billed for counseling services up to \$1,000 in connection with a given injury. Reimbursement may be requested for additional counseling services after the direct billing has exceeded \$1,000, but further claims must be submitted through the VCCO reimbursement process. The maximum reimbursable amount per claim remains at \$25,000.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4803

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 21, 2019

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State Expenditure Increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds the annual expenditure increases associated with this proposed legislation to be indeterminate. There is no data with which to evaluate the fiscal impact on the Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) resulting from additional administrative expenses and the payment of additional claims.
- The VCCO may experience a workload increase as a result of increased claims. Depending on the resource allocation policies of the VCCO, the added responsibilities may or may not augment State and local government administrative expenditures.
- The bill expands the deadline for the reimbursement of mental health claims for firearm and stabbing victims, which may increase the amount of claims.
- While mental health counseling is currently an allowable reimbursable expense, the bill permits the VCCO to be directly billed for counseling services up to \$1,000 in connection with a given injury. Reimbursement may be requested for additional counseling services after the direct billing has exceeded \$1,000, but further claims must be submitted through the VCCO reimbursement process. The maximum reimbursable amount per claim remains at \$25,000.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes certain entities providing counseling services to crime victims who suffered a firearm or stabbing injury to directly bill the VCCO for the provision of counseling services.

Under current law, subject to certain exceptions, the VCCO will not provide compensation to a crime victim unless the victim reported the crime to law enforcement within nine months after its occurrence or reasonable discovery. The bill expands this deadline such that direct billing for counseling services provided to a firearm or stabbing victim may be allowed even if the crime was reported after the statutory deadline, provided that the victim was admitted to the hospital for treatment of the injury and the victim consents to the hospital releasing records of the admission to the VCCO.

The VCCO is to establish by regulation the maximum amount of compensation that may be directly billed pursuant to this legislation, which, in any case, may not exceed \$1,000 in connection with a given injury and \$25,000 per claim. An entity that directly bills and receives compensation from the VCCO for counseling services will be prohibited from billing the victim or any other person or entity in any amount for those same services.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds the annual expenditure increases associated with this proposed legislation to be indeterminate. There is no data with which to evaluate the fiscal impact on the Victims of Crime Compensation Office resulting from additional administrative expenses and the payment of additional claims.

VCCO Expenditures: The VCCO may experience a workload increase as a result of increased claims. Depending on the resource allocation policies of the VCCO, the added responsibilities may or may not augment State and local government administrative expenditures.

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The bill expands the deadline for the reimbursement of mental health claims for firearm and stabbing victims, which may increase the amount of claims. However, the maximum reimbursable amount per claim remains at \$25,000.

VCCO Background - The VCCO is the payer of last resort and will award compensation for the balance of crime-related expenses not reimbursed first from other sources such as medical insurance or disability benefits. Currently, VCCO compensation benefits may be awarded up to

a maximum of \$25,000 per claim (\$10,000 for crimes before December 5, 1982) pursuant to N.J.S.A.52:4B-18.1. The maximum award for relocation expenses is \$2,500 pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:75-4.7.

According to the VCCO's 2017 Annual Report, in Fiscal Year 2017 the VCCO awarded \$8.3 million to victims of crime, received 3,619 applications, and processed 4,042 claims.

The VCCO is funded by penalties assessed in both Municipal and Superior Court. Additional funding comes from the Federal Victims of Crime Act compensation grant, State appropriation, and the Commissary Surcharge on all items purchased in the Department of Corrections facilities.

The current approved reimbursable items under the maximum claim of \$25,000 (\$10,000 for crimes before December 5, 1982) include the following:

- Medically related expenses;
- Loss of earnings in personal injury cases;
- Loss of support from the victim for dependents in homicide cases;
- Loss of earnings for surviving spouse whose earning capacity has been reduced in case of a victim's or spouse's death;
- Loss of support from the offender in domestic violence cases;
- Limited transportation costs;
- Mental health counseling for victim and immediate family members;
- Limited domestic service, child care, day care, and after school care costs up to \$6,500;
- Funeral allowances of up to \$5,000;
- Loss of prescription eyeglasses;
- Crime scene cleanup of up to \$3,000;
- Relocation expenses of up to \$2,500;
- Emergency financial assistance of up to \$1,500;
- For crimes committed after June 26, 1995, if a claimant is at least 60 years old or determined to be disabled and meets guidelines, the claimant may be eligible for reimbursement for up to \$200 in stolen cash resulting from an assault and robbery; and
- Legal fees are paid if awarded compensation. Attorneys are limited to receiving certain fees that are set by statute and by the VCCO.

Section: Law and Public Safety

*Analyst: Kristin Brunner Santos
Senior Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: Frank W. Haines III
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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

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

SENATE, No. 4211

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 14, 2019

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH P. CRYAN

District 20 (Union)

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Cunningham, Greenstein and Madden

SYNOPSIS

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 4211

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2019

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4803 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 4211

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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impact on the VCCO resulting from additional administrative expenses and the payment of additional claims.

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The bill expands the deadline for the reimbursement of mental health claims for firearm and stabbing victims, which may increase the amount of claims.

While mental health counseling is currently an allowable reimbursable expense, the bill permits the VCCO to be directly billed for counseling services up to \$1,000 in connection with a given injury. Reimbursement may be requested for additional counseling services after the direct billing has exceeded \$1,000, but further claims must be submitted through the VCCO reimbursement process. The maximum reimbursable amount per claim remains at \$25,000.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 4211
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 31, 2019

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State Expenditure Increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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

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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes certain entities providing counseling services to crime victims who suffered a firearm or stabbing injury to directly bill the VCCO for the provision of counseling services.

Under current law, subject to certain exceptions, the VCCO will not provide compensation to a crime victim unless the victim reported the crime to law enforcement within nine months after its occurrence or reasonable discovery. The bill expands this deadline such that direct billing for counseling services provided to a firearm or stabbing victim may be allowed even if the crime was reported after the statutory deadline, provided that the victim was admitted to the hospital for treatment of the injury and the victim consents to the hospital releasing records of the admission to the VCCO.

The VCCO is to establish by regulation the maximum amount of compensation that may be directly billed pursuant to this legislation, which, in any case, may not exceed \$1,000 in connection with a given injury and \$25,000 per claim. An entity that directly bills and receives compensation from the VCCO for counseling services will be prohibited from billing the victim or any other person or entity in any amount for those same services.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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VCCO Background - The VCCO is the payer of last resort and will award compensation for the balance of crime-related expenses not reimbursed first from other sources such as medical insurance or disability benefits. Currently, VCCO compensation benefits may be awarded up to a maximum of \$25,000 per claim (\$10,000 for crimes before December 5, 1982) pursuant to

N.J.S.A.52:4B-18.1. The maximum award for relocation expenses is \$2,500 pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:75-4.7.

According to the VCCO's 2017 Annual Report, in Fiscal Year 2017 the VCCO awarded \$8.3 million to victims of crime, received 3,619 applications, and processed 4,042 claims.

The VCCO is funded by penalties assessed in both Municipal and Superior Court. Additional funding comes from the Federal Victims of Crime Act compensation grant, State appropriation, and the Commissary Surcharge on all items purchased in the Department of Corrections facilities.

The current approved reimbursable items under the maximum claim of \$25,000 (\$10,000 for crimes before December 5, 1982) include the following:

- Medically related expenses;
- Loss of earnings in personal injury cases;
- Loss of support from the victim for dependents in homicide cases;
- Loss of earnings for surviving spouse whose earning capacity has been reduced in case of a victim's or spouse's death;
- Loss of support from the offender in domestic violence cases;
- Limited transportation costs;
- Mental health counseling for victim and immediate family members;
- Limited domestic service, child care, day care, and after school care costs up to \$6,500;
- Funeral allowances of up to \$5,000;
- Loss of prescription eyeglasses;
- Crime scene cleanup of up to \$3,000;
- Relocation expenses of up to \$2,500;
- Emergency financial assistance of up to \$1,500;
- For crimes committed after June 26, 1995, if a claimant is at least 60 years old or determined to be disabled and meets guidelines, the claimant may be eligible for reimbursement for up to \$200 in stolen cash resulting from an assault and robbery; and
- Legal fees are paid if awarded compensation. Attorneys are limited to receiving certain fees that are set by statute and by the VCCO.

Section: Law and Public Safety

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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.).

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 Huttle, 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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