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"J Aid package protects against eviction," Suburban Trends, March 22, 2020

"Murphy signs aid package halting evictions and" The Record, March 22, 2020

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P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 12, *approved March 20, 2020*

Assembly, No. 3851

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219th LEGISLATURE

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ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3851

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 16, 2020

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3851.

As reported by the committee, the current authority of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs to extend the statutory dates for the introduction and approval, and for the adoption, of county and municipal budgets when the Governor has declared a Public Health Emergency or State of Emergency.

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SENATE, No. 2295

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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

03/20/2020

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

A-3095/S-1982 (Mazzeo/Beach, Turner) – Provides county clerks with additional week to mail ballots for 2020 primary election; requires ballot position draw to occur one day early if statutory date falls on holiday

A-3840/S-2281 (Lampitt, Dunn, Quijano/Ruiz, Cunningham) – Requires school districts to provide school meals or meal vouchers to students eligible for free and reduced price school meals during school closures due to COVID-19 epidemic

A-3843/S-2283 (McKeon, Bramnick, Chaparro/Vitale, Lagana, Pou, Bateman) – Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency

A-3849/S-2302 (Johnson, Moen, Timberlake/A.M. Bucco, Cruz-Perez, Weinberg, Ruiz, Addiego, Madden, C.A. Brown, Holzapfel, Singer, O'Scanlon) – Modifies deadline by which public agency is required to respond to request for government record during period of emergency

A-3850/S-2294 (Murphy, DeCroce, Moen/Beach, A.M. Bucco, Weinberg, Cruz-Perez, Ruiz, Addiego, Madden, Holzapfel, Singer, O'Scanlon) – Allows public bodies to conduct meetings, and provide notice, by electronic means during periods of emergency

A-3851/S-2295 (Schaer, Scharfenberger, Reynolds-Jackson/A.M. Bucco, Gopal, Cruz-Perez, Madden, Ruiz, Scutari, Bateman, C.A. Brown, Holzapfel, Singer, O'Scanlon, Oroho) – Permits extension of deadlines for adoption of county and municipal budgets under certain circumstances

A-3854/S-2286 (Conaway, Munoz, Benson/Vitale, Gill, Cruz-Perez, Ruiz, Addiego, Greenstein, T. Kean, C.A. Brown, Holzapfel, Singer, O'Scanlon) – Authorizes all licensed health care facilities and laboratories to collect specimens to test for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); allows waiver of staffing ratio requirements

A-3855/S-2287 (Mosquera, Stanfield, Vainieri Huttler/T. Kean, Codey, Cruz-Perez, Ruiz, Addiego, Pennacchio, C.A. Brown, Holzapfel, Singer, O'Scanlon) – Requires food access information be displayed on websites of 2-1-1 system and executive branch departments during public health emergencies to the extent practicable

A-3861/S-2290 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Greenwald/Diegnan, Ruiz, Testa, C.A. Brown, Holzapfel, Singer) – Permits corporations to hold shareholders' meetings in part or solely by means of remote communication during state of emergency

A-3865/S-2291 (Chaparro, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Addiego, Bateman, Pou, Ruiz, C.A. Brown, Holzapfel, Singer, Turner) – Limits return of items purchased from retail food stores under certain circumstances

AJR-158/SJR-77 (DeAngelo, DePhillips/Cruz-Perez, Pou, Ruiz, Greenstein, T. Kean, C.A. Brown, Holzapfel, Singer, O'Scanlon) – Urges FCC to take temporary measures to secure broadband access for those affected by COVID-19