

# LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**CHAPTER:** 3

**NJSA:** 34:13A-30

(Public employee labor unions -- restrict office holding following conviction of crime)

**BILL NO:** A192

**SPONSOR(S):** Geist & O'Toole

**DATE INTRODUCED:** Pre-filed

**COMMITTEE:**

*ASSEMBLY:* Labor

*SENATE:* Commerce

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:**No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**

*ASSEMBLY:* June 11, 1998

*SENATE:* December 10, 1998

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** January 21, 1999

### THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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**FINAL TEXT OF BILL:** Assembly Substitute [Corrected Copy]  
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

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### **Assembly Substitute for A192**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

*ASSEMBLY:*No

**SENATE:***Yes*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *No*

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## A192

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**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** *Yes*

**SENATE:** *No*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *No*

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**VETO MESSAGE:** *No*

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ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 192**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

ADOPTED MAY 18, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman GEORGE F. GEIST**  
**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**  
**Assemblyman KEVIN J. O'TOOLE**  
**District 21 (Essex and Union)**

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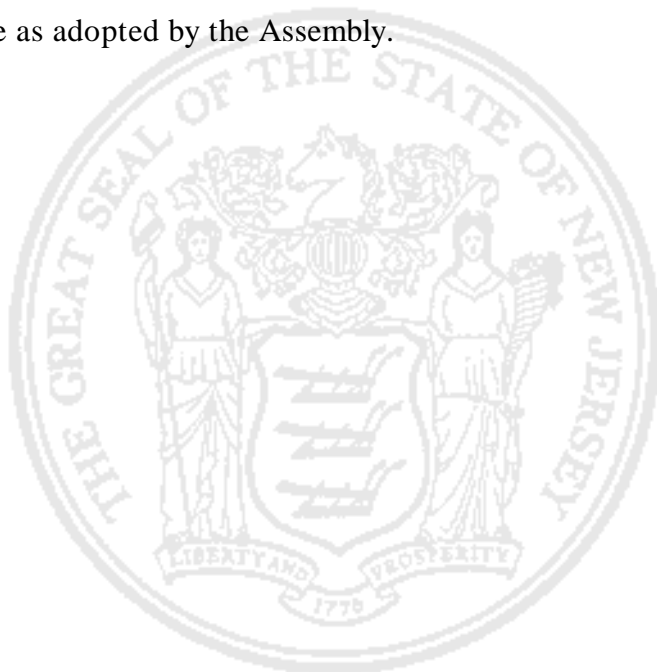
**Assemblywoman Previte**

**SYNOPSIS**

Concerns public employee labor organizations.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly.



1 AN ACT concerning public employee labor organizations and  
2 supplementing P.L.1941, c.100, (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

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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. During the period in which an individual, pursuant to section  
8 504 of Pub.L.86-257 (29 U.S.C.s.504), is prohibited from serving: as  
9 a consultant or adviser to any labor organization; as an officer,  
10 director, trustee, member of any executive board or similar governing  
11 body, business agent, manager, organizer, employee or representative  
12 in any capacity of any labor organization; as a labor relations  
13 consultant or adviser to a person engaged in an industry or activity  
14 affecting commerce, or as an officer, director, agent or employee of  
15 any group or association of employers dealing with any labor  
16 organization, or in a position having specific collective bargaining  
17 authority or direct responsibility in the area of labor-management  
18 relations in any corporation or association engaged in an industry or  
19 activity affecting commerce; in a position which permits the individual  
20 to receive a share of the proceeds from providing goods or services to  
21 any labor organization, or as an officer, executive or administrative  
22 employee of any entity, the activities of which are in whole or  
23 substantial part devoted to providing goods or services to any labor  
24 organization; or in any capacity involving decision-making authority  
25 over, or custody or control of, the moneys, funds, assets or property  
26 of a labor organization, the individual shall also be prohibited from  
27 serving:

28 (a) As a consultant or adviser to any organization representing  
29 public employees;

30 (b) As an officer, director, trustee, member of any governing  
31 body, business agent, manager, organizer, employee or representative  
32 in any capacity of any organization representing public employees;

33 (c) As a labor relations consultant or adviser to any public  
34 employer, or as an officer, director, agent or employee of any group  
35 or association of public employers, or in a position in which the  
36 individual has collective bargaining authority or responsibility in the  
37 area of labor-management relations for a public employer;

38 (d) In a position which permits the individual to receive a share of  
39 the proceeds from providing goods or services to any organization  
40 representing public employees, or as an officer, executive or  
41 administrative employee of any entity the activities of which are in  
42 whole or substantial part devoted to providing goods or services to  
43 any organization representing public employees; or

44 (e) In any capacity involving decision-making authority over, or  
45 custody or control of, the moneys, funds, assets or property of an  
46 organization representing public employees,

1 For the purposes of this section, "labor organization" means a  
2 labor organization as defined in section 3 of Pub.L.86-257 (29 U.S.C.  
3 s.402).

4  
5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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7 STATEMENT

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9 Current federal law, section 504 of Pub.L.86-257 (29 U.S.C.  
10 s.504), prohibits an individual who has been convicted of certain  
11 offenses from serving for specified periods of time in any of the  
12 following capacities with respect to the private sector: as an adviser,  
13 official, representative or employee of a labor organization; as an  
14 adviser to an employer; as an official or employee of an employer  
15 organization; in a position with an employer involving collective  
16 bargaining or labor-management relations; in a position permitting the  
17 individual to receive a share in the proceeds from sales to a labor  
18 organization, as an official of any provider of goods or services to a  
19 labor organization; or in any position involving authority over funds  
20 or property of a labor organization.

21 This bill provides that, during the period that the individual is  
22 prohibited from serving in the indicated capacities under federal law  
23 with respect to the private sector, the individual shall also be  
24 prohibited from serving in comparable capacities in connection with  
25 labor organizations, employers and employer organizations which are  
26 related to State and local government in New Jersey.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 192**

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**208th LEGISLATURE**

ADOPTED MAY 18, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

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**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Previte**

**SYNOPSIS**

Concerns public employee labor organizations.

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10 director, trustee, member of any executive board or similar governing  
11 body, business agent, manager, organizer, employee or representative  
12 in any capacity of any labor organization; as a labor relations  
13 consultant or adviser to a person engaged in an industry or activity  
14 affecting commerce, or as an officer, director, agent or employee of  
15 any group or association of employers dealing with any labor  
16 organization, or in a position having specific collective bargaining  
17 authority or direct responsibility in the area of labor-management  
18 relations in any corporation or association engaged in an industry or  
19 activity affecting commerce; in a position which permits the individual  
20 to receive a share of the proceeds from providing goods or services to  
21 any labor organization, or as an officer, executive or administrative  
22 employee of any entity, the activities of which are in whole or  
23 substantial part devoted to providing goods or services to any labor  
24 organization; or in any capacity involving decision-making authority  
25 over, or custody or control of, the moneys, funds, assets or property  
26 of a labor organization, the individual shall also be prohibited from  
27 serving:

28 (a) As a consultant or adviser to any organization representing  
29 public employees;

30 (b) As an officer, director, trustee, member of any governing  
31 body, business agent, manager, organizer, employee or representative  
32 in any capacity of any organization representing public employees;

33 (c) As a labor relations consultant or adviser to any public  
34 employer, or as an officer, director, agent or employee of any group  
35 or association of public employers, or in a position in which the  
36 individual has collective bargaining authority or responsibility in the  
37 area of labor-management relations for a public employer;

38 (d) In a position which permits the individual to receive a share of  
39 the proceeds from providing goods or services to any organization  
40 representing public employees, or as an officer, executive or  
41 administrative employee of any entity the activities of which are in  
42 whole or substantial part devoted to providing goods or services to  
43 any organization representing public employees; or

44 (e) In any capacity involving decision-making authority over, or  
45 custody or control of, the moneys, funds, assets or property of an  
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12 following capacities with respect to the private sector: as an adviser,  
13 official, representative or employee of a labor organization; as an  
14 adviser to an employer; as an official or employee of an employer  
15 organization; in a position with an employer involving collective  
16 bargaining or labor-management relations; in a position permitting the  
17 individual to receive a share in the proceeds from sales to a labor  
18 organization, as an official of any provider of goods or services to a  
19 labor organization; or in any position involving authority over funds  
20 or property of a labor organization.

21 This bill provides that, during the period that the individual is  
22 prohibited from serving in the indicated capacities under federal law  
23 with respect to the private sector, the individual shall also be  
24 prohibited from serving in comparable capacities in connection with  
25 labor organizations, employers and employer organizations which are  
26 related to State and local government in New Jersey.



SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 192**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 24, 1998

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 192 (AS).

Current federal law, section 504 of Pub.L.86-257 (29 U.S.C.s.504), prohibits an individual who has been convicted of certain offenses from serving for specified periods of time in any of the following capacities with respect to the private sector: as an adviser, official, representative or employee of a labor organization; as an adviser to an employer; as an official or employee of an employer organization; in a position with an employer involving collective bargaining or labor-management relations; in a position permitting the individual to receive a share in the proceeds from sales to a labor organization; as an official of any provider of goods or services to a labor organization; or in any position involving authority over funds or property of a labor organization.

This bill provides that, during the period that the individual is prohibited from serving in the indicated capacities under federal law with respect to the private sector, the individual shall also be prohibited from serving in comparable capacities in connection with labor organizations, employers and employer organizations which are related to State and local government in New Jersey.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 192

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1998 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman GEORGE F. GEIST**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Assemblyman KEVIN J. O'TOOLE**

**District 21 (Essex and Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Bars certain persons from positions of influence in public employee labor organizations.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning public employee labor organizations and  
2 supplementing P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

3  
4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

6  
7 1. a. No individual who has been convicted of a crime indicated in  
8 subsection b. of this section shall serve or be permitted to serve:

9 (1) As a consultant or adviser to any labor organization  
10 representing public employees;

11 (2) As an officer, director, trustee, member of any governing body,  
12 business agent, manager, organizer, employee, or representative in any  
13 capacity of any labor organization representing public employees;

14 (3) As a labor relations consultant or adviser to any public  
15 employer, or as an officer, director, agent or employee of any group  
16 or association of public employers, or in a position in which the  
17 individual has collective bargaining authority or responsibility in the  
18 area of labor-management relations for a public employer;

19 (4) In a position which permits the individual to a share of the  
20 proceeds of providing goods or services to any labor organization  
21 representing public employees; or as an officer, executive or  
22 administrative employee of any entity the activities of which are in  
23 whole or substantial part devoted to providing the goods or services  
24 to any labor organization representing public employees; or

25 (5) In any capacity involving decision-making authority over, or  
26 custody or control of the moneys, funds, assets, or property of a labor  
27 organization representing public employees,

28 during the period of 13 years following the conviction or the end of  
29 imprisonment resulting from the conviction, whichever is later, unless  
30 the sentencing court, upon the motion of the convicted individual, sets  
31 a shorter period of time, but not less than three years, following the  
32 conviction or end of imprisonment, or unless the commission  
33 determines that individual's service in any of the capacities referred to  
34 in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection is not contrary to the  
35 purposes of this act. Prior to making the determination, the  
36 commission shall hold a hearing and shall notify the State, county and  
37 Federal prosecuting officials in the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in  
38 which the individual was convicted. A period of parole shall not be  
39 considered as part of a period of imprisonment. No person shall  
40 knowingly hire, retain, employ, place or permit the individual to serve  
41 in any capacity referred to in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this  
42 subsection during the period of time provided by this section, but no  
43 provision of this act shall be construed as preventing an individual who  
44 is a public employee from being a member of a labor organization  
45 representing public employees, provided that the individual shall  
46 comply with the requirements of this section to refrain from serving in

1 any capacity which the individual is prohibited from serving pursuant  
2 to paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection.

3 For the purposes of this section the individual shall be deemed to  
4 have been convicted and under the disability of conviction from the  
5 date of judgment of the trial court regardless of whether that judgment  
6 remains under appeal. If the individual is barred from office or other  
7 position with a labor organization representing public employees  
8 pursuant to the provisions of this section as the result of a conviction  
9 and has filed an appeal of the conviction, any salary which would  
10 otherwise be due to the individual because of the office or position  
11 shall be placed in escrow by the employer or organization responsible  
12 for the payment of the salary. Payment of the salary into the escrow  
13 account shall continue for the duration of the appeal or for the period  
14 of time during which the salary would be otherwise due, whichever  
15 period is shorter. Upon the final reversal of the individual's  
16 conviction, the amounts in escrow shall be paid to the individual, and  
17 the individual shall no longer be barred from any office or position  
18 under the provisions of this section. Upon the final sustaining of the  
19 conviction on appeal, the amount in escrow shall be returned to the  
20 employer or organization responsible for the payment of the salary.

21 b. The crimes for which an individual may be prohibited from  
22 serving in the capacities indicated in paragraphs (1) through (5) of  
23 subsection a. of this section are:

24 (1) Any violation of the provisions of N.J.S.2C:5-1, 2C:11-3,  
25 2C:12-1b, 2C:14-2, 2C:15-1, 2C:17-1, 2C:18-2, 2C:20-3 through  
26 2C:20-5 or chapters 35 or 36 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes  
27 or any violation of the equivalent provisions of the laws of any other  
28 jurisdiction;

29 (2) Any violation of subchapter III or IV of the "Labor-  
30 Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959," Pub.L. 86-257  
31 (29 U.S.C. §431 et seq.);

32 (3) Any violation of the provisions of chapters 21 and 27 through  
33 30 of Title 2C the New Jersey Statutes or violation of the equivalent  
34 provisions of the laws of any other jurisdiction that constitutes a  
35 felony and involves the abuse or misuse of the individual's position or  
36 employment with a labor organization, including a labor organization  
37 representing public employees, or with an employee benefit plan,  
38 including a plan for the benefit of public employees, to seek or obtain  
39 an illegal gain at the expense of the members of the organization, or  
40 the beneficiaries of the plan;

41 (4) Conspiracy to commit any of the crimes enumerated in  
42 subparagraphs (1) through (3) of this subparagraph; or

43 (5) A crime in which any of the crimes enumerated in  
44 subparagraphs (1) through (3) of this subparagraph is an element.

45 c. Any individual who willfully violates this section shall be fined  
46 not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years, or

1 both.

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3 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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8 This bill restricts individuals convicted of certain crimes from  
9 holding office or serving in other positions of influence in public  
10 employee labor organizations. It is designed to mirror the federal law  
11 governing private-sector labor organization, section 504 of the  
12 "Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959" (29  
13 U.S.C. §504.

14 Specifically, the bill prohibits any individual who has been convicted  
15 of robbery, theft, extortion, embezzlement, burglary, arson, violation  
16 of narcotics laws, murder, sexual assault, aggravated and simple  
17 assault, certain violations of the federal "Labor-Management  
18 Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959," any felony involving abuse or  
19 misuse of the individual's position or employment with a public or  
20 private sector labor organization or employee benefit plan to seek or  
21 obtain an illegal gain at the expense of the members of an organization  
22 or the beneficiaries of the plan, conspiracy to commit any of these  
23 crimes, or a crime in which any of the foregoing crimes is an element,  
24 from serving:

25 1. As a consultant or adviser to any public employee labor  
26 organization;

27 2. As an officer, director, trustee, member of any governing body,  
28 business agent, manager, organizer, employee, or representative of a  
29 public employee labor organization;

30 3. As a labor relations consultant or adviser to any public  
31 employer, or as an officer, director, agent or employee of any public  
32 employer organization, or in a position with collective bargaining  
33 authority or responsibility in the area of labor-management relations  
34 for a public employer;

35 4. In a position which permits the individual to share in the  
36 proceeds of providing goods or services to any public employee labor  
37 organization, or as an officer, executive or administrative employee of  
38 any entity with a significant involvement in providing the goods or  
39 services to a public employee labor organization; or

40 5. In any capacity involving decision making authority over, or  
41 custody or control of the moneys, funds, assets, or property of a public  
42 employee labor organization.

43 The bill requires that the prohibition stay in effect for 13 years  
44 following the individual's conviction or imprisonment, whichever is  
45 later, unless the sentencing court sets a shorter period of time,  
46 following the conviction or imprisonment, or unless the Public

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1 Employment Relation Commission determines that the prohibition is  
2 unnecessary. The bill provides that the prohibition applies from the  
3 time of conviction even if an appeal is filed, but that any salary to  
4 which the individual is entitled during the appeal period will be held in  
5 escrow until the appeal is resolved.

# ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 192**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 1998

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 192.

This bill, as amended by the committee, restricts individuals convicted of certain crimes from holding office or serving in other positions of influence in public employee labor organizations. It is designed to mirror the federal law governing private-sector labor organization, section 504 of the "Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959" (29 U.S.C. s.504).

Specifically, the bill, as amended, prohibits any individual who has been convicted of violating a law which results in the forfeiture of public office or employment or would had if the individual was an public office-holder or employee when the violation occurred, certain violations of the federal "Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959," any felony involving abuse or misuse of the individual's position or employment with a public or private sector labor organization or employee benefit plan to seek or obtain an illegal gain at the expense of the members of an organization or the beneficiaries of the plan, conspiracy to commit any of these crimes, or a crime in which any of the foregoing crimes is an element, from serving:

1. As a consultant or adviser to any public employee labor organization;

2. As an officer, director, trustee, member of any governing body, business agent, manager, organizer, employee, or representative of a public employee labor organization;

3. As a labor relations consultant or adviser to any public employer, or as an officer, director, agent or employee of any public employer organization, or in a position with collective bargaining authority or responsibility in the area of labor-management relations for a public employer;

4. In a position which permits the individual to share in the proceeds of providing goods or services to any public employee labor organization, or as an officer, executive or administrative employee of any entity with a significant involvement in providing the goods or services to a public employee labor organization; or

5. In any capacity involving decision making authority over, or custody or control of the moneys, funds, assets, or property of a public employee labor organization.

The bill requires that the prohibition stay in effect for 13 years following the individual's conviction or imprisonment, whichever is later, unless the sentencing court sets a shorter period of time, following the conviction or imprisonment, or unless the Public Employment Relation Commission determines that the prohibition is unnecessary. The bill provides that the prohibition applies from the time of conviction even if an appeal is filed, but that any salary to which the individual is entitled during the appeal period will be held in escrow until the appeal is resolved.

The committee amendments add the provision that the prohibition may apply to an individual for a violation of a law which has or would have resulted in the individual's forfeiture of public office or employment. This prohibition took the place of a provision in the unamended bill that the prohibition may apply to an individual for the violation of any of a list of specific statutes which were included in the unamended bill.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1998 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.



*Office of the Governor*  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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RELEASE: January 21, 1999

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

**A-2008**, sponsored by Assembly Members George F. Geist (R- Camden/Gloucester) and Arline M. Friscia (D-Middlesex), raises the state minimum wage rate to bring it into concurrence with the federal minimum wage rate, which is currently \$5.15 per hour. Under the bill, any future changes in the federal minimum wage would be automatically incorporated into state minimum wage law.

**A-1697**, sponsored by Assembly Members John S. Wisniewski (D- Middlesex) and David W. Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Joseph F. Vitale (D-Middlesex) and Jack Sinagra (R-Middlesex), creates the School Bus Enhanced Safety Act. The bill, which implements the recommendations of the Governor's School Bus Safety Task Force, authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to establish a semi-annual or annual in-terminal school bus inspection program and establish standards and requirements pertaining to equipment, maintenance and repair of school buses; maintenance, repair and inspection records and driver employment records and any other records or credentials deemed necessary by the director. It also authorizes the DMV Director to implement a fee and fine schedule for such inspections. The bill will enhance the in-terminal semi-annual inspection program that the Director of DMV, through his administrative powers, implemented on July 6. This program includes both a safety and a vehicle emissions inspection.

**A-1427**, sponsored by Assembly Members Raul "Rudy" Garcia (D- Hudson) and George F. Geist (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Senator Bernard F. Kenny, Jr. (D-Hudson), increases penalties for violations of workplace standards in the apparel industry. The bill establishes a minimum penalty equal to the current maximum penalty and doubles the maximum penalties for violations of workplace laws. For instance, under the previous laws fines for first violations ranged up to \$1,000 while the new law provides that penalties for first violations will not be less than \$1,000 or more than \$2,000.

**A-192**, sponsored by Assembly Members George F. Geist (R- Camden/Gloucester) and Kevin J. O'Toole (R-Essex/Union), conforms New Jersey law regarding public sector labor organizations with federal law pertaining to penalties imposed in the private sector for individuals in labor organizations convicted of certain crimes. The bill provides that during the period in which an individual convicted under federal law of certain crimes is prohibited from serving in various private sector labor union capacities, the individual shall also be prohibited from serving in comparable capacities in connection with labor organizations, employers and employer organizations which are related to State and local government in New Jersey.

**S-1324**, sponsored by Senators Robert E. Littell (R- Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Henry P. McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Assembly Members Guy R. Gregg (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Sam Thompson (R-Middlesex/Monmouth), appropriates \$3,166,577 in funds from the Port of New Jersey Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration, and Delaware Bay Area Economic Development Bond Act of 1996 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for lake restoration projects in Northern New Jersey. Six local government entities in Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, and Sussex counties are eligible for funding totaling \$849,927 under the bill. Also, under the bill, the DEP's Division of Parks and Forestry will be eligible for funding totaling \$816,650 for projects in Morris, Sussex, Hunterdon, Middlesex and Warren counties and three private lake associations, as co-applicants with local governments, in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties will be eligible for a total of \$1.5 million in loans.

**S-1419**, sponsored by Senators Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Joseph A. Palaia (R-Monmouth), appropriates \$1,833,423 in funds from the Port of New Jersey Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration, and Delaware Bay Area Economic Development Bound Act of 1996 to the DEP for lake restoration projects in Southern New Jersey. Under the bill, grants totaling \$1,724,473 will be distributed by the DEP to eight local governments in Atlantic, Burlington, Gloucester, Monmouth and Ocean counties. DEP also will award grants to its Division of Parks and Forestry (\$75,000 for a project in Burlington County) and to its Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife (\$33,950 for a project that spans Gloucester and Salem Counties).

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