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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 408, *approved January 21, 2020*  
Senate, No. 2521 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning inmates and supplementing Title 30 of the  
2 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. For the purposes of this act:

8 “Employee” means a person employed by the State to work at a  
9 State correctional facility or a person employed by a private entity  
10 under contract with the State to provide contracted services at a  
11 State correctional facility.

12 “State correctional facility” means a correctional facility listed in  
13 section 8 of P.L.1976, c.98 (C.30:1B-8).

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15 2. a. Any employee of a State correctional facility, who, as a  
16 result of information obtained in the course of his employment, has  
17 reasonable cause to suspect or believe that an inmate is being or has  
18 been abused by any other employee of the State correctional facility  
19 shall report the information in a timely manner to the person  
20 designated by the Commissioner of Corrections to receive the report  
21 pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
22 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

23 b. Any other person having reasonable cause to suspect or  
24 believe that an inmate is being or has been abused by an employee  
25 of a State correctional facility may report the information to the  
26 person designated by the Commissioner of Corrections to receive  
27 the report pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of  
28 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

29 c. The report shall contain the name of the inmate; <sup>1</sup>the name  
30 of the employee who is suspected of abusing the inmate, if known;<sup>1</sup>  
31 the name of the correctional facility and the unit in which the  
32 inmate is confined, if known; information regarding the nature of  
33 the suspected abuse; and any other information which might be  
34 helpful in an investigation of the case and the protection of the  
35 inmate.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SLP committee amendments adopted May 14, 2018.

<sup>2</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted July 26, 2018.

1       3. a. The Commissioner of Corrections shall establish an  
2 inmate abuse reporting program for State correctional facilities.  
3 The program shall provide, at a minimum, that employees of a State  
4 correctional facility are:

5       (1) trained in recognizing probable incidents of or behavior that  
6 constitutes inmate abuse and other abuse prevention strategies;

7       (2) informed of the duty to report the suspected inmate abuse  
8 pursuant to this act; and

9       (3) provided with the name and telephone number of the person  
10 designated by the Commissioner of Corrections who shall be  
11 notified of any suspected inmate abuse.

12       b. The Commissioner of Corrections shall designate one or  
13 more employees of the Department of Corrections who are not  
14 employees of any State correctional facility to serve as a contact  
15 person for an employee of a State correctional facility or any other  
16 person to notify if the employee or person has reasonable cause to  
17 suspect that an inmate is being or has been abused by any other  
18 employee of the correctional facility.

19       c. The designated contact person shall transmit all reported  
20 incidents or allegations of inmate abuse to the Commissioner of  
21 Corrections or a designee. The commissioner shall cause a prompt  
22 investigation of any report of inmate abuse.

23       d. The Commissioner of Corrections <sup>2</sup>or a designee<sup>2</sup> shall  
24 promptly report all instances of suspected inmate abuse, as  
25 determined by an investigation, to the county prosecutor of the  
26 county in which the State correctional facility is located. The report  
27 to the county prosecutor shall be in accordance with regulations <sup>2</sup>or  
28 internal policies<sup>2</sup> adopted by the commissioner in consultation with  
29 the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey and the Attorney  
30 General.

31       e. Upon receipt of a report pursuant to subsection d. of this  
32 section, the county prosecutor may conduct a review of the  
33 suspected inmate abuse and take any appropriate action.

34       f. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Special  
35 Investigations Division in the Department of Corrections from  
36 conducting an investigation.

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38       4. a. The name of any person who reports suspected inmate  
39 abuse pursuant to this act shall not be disclosed <sup>2</sup>publicly<sup>2</sup>, unless  
40 the person who reported the abuse specifically requests the  
41 disclosure <sup>2</sup>[or] , there is<sup>2</sup> a judicial proceeding <sup>2</sup>[results]  
42 resulting<sup>2</sup> from the report <sup>2</sup>, or the disclosure is in accordance with  
43 the law<sup>2</sup>.

44       b. A person who reports suspected abuse pursuant to this act or  
45 who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising  
46 from the report or testimony shall have immunity from any civil or  
47 criminal liability <sup>2</sup>and shall not be retaliated against<sup>2</sup> on account of

1 the report or testimony, unless the person has acted in bad faith or  
2 with malicious purpose.

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4 5. <sup>2</sup>**[Any]** a. After all administrative appeals are exhausted  
5 and a final adjudication is made, any<sup>2</sup> person required to report  
6 suspected inmate abuse pursuant to this act who fails to make the  
7 report shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$5,000. The  
8 penalty shall be collected and enforced <sup>2</sup>[pursuant to Title 11A of  
9 the New Jersey Statutes] by summary proceedings pursuant to the  
10 provisions of the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999,  
11 c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.)<sup>2</sup>. Each violation of this act shall  
12 constitute a separate offense.

13 <sup>2</sup>b. Notwithstanding the penalty imposed pursuant to subsection  
14 a. of this section, any person required to report suspected inmate  
15 abuse pursuant to this act who fails to make the report shall be  
16 subject to internal departmental disciplinary action by the  
17 Department of Corrections.<sup>2</sup>

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19 6. The Commissioner of Corrections shall adopt rules and  
20 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
21 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to effectuate the purposes of  
22 this act.

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24 <sup>2</sup>7. An inmate chosen by inmates in a housing unit as the liaison  
25 between the correctional facility administration and the inmate  
26 population shall be provided with a copy of P.L. , c. (C. )  
27 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The liaison also shall  
28 be provided with a summary of the requirements under  
29 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
30 for dissemination to the inmates in the housing unit.<sup>2</sup>

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32 <sup>2</sup>**[7.] 8.<sup>2</sup>** This act shall take effect on the first day of the  
33 seventh month after enactment, but the Commissioner of  
34 Corrections may take any administrative action in advance of the  
35 effective date as may be necessary.

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40 Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State  
41 correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation  
42 program.

# SENATE, No. 2521

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 10, 2018

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH P. CRYAN**

**District 20 (Union)**

**Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/11/2018)**

1 AN ACT concerning inmates and supplementing Title 30 of the  
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
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7 1. For the purposes of this act:

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17 reasonable cause to suspect or believe that an inmate is being or has  
18 been abused by any other employee of the State correctional facility  
19 shall report the information in a timely manner to the person  
20 designated by the Commissioner of Corrections to receive the report  
21 pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
22 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

23 b. Any other person having reasonable cause to suspect or  
24 believe that an inmate is being or has been abused by an employee  
25 of a State correctional facility may report the information to the  
26 person designated by the Commissioner of Corrections to receive  
27 the report pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of P.L. ,  
28 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

29 c. The report shall contain the name of the inmate; the name of  
30 the correctional facility and the unit in which the inmate is  
31 confined, if known; information regarding the nature of the  
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40 constitutes inmate abuse and other abuse prevention strategies;

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44 designated by the Commissioner of Corrections who shall be  
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1 person for an employee of a State correctional facility or any other  
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3 suspect that an inmate is being or has been abused by any other  
4 employee of the correctional facility.

5 c. The designated contact person shall transmit all reported  
6 incidents or allegations of inmate abuse to the Commissioner of  
7 Corrections or a designee. The commissioner shall cause a prompt  
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9 d. The Commissioner of Corrections shall promptly report all  
10 instances of suspected inmate abuse, as determined by an  
11 investigation, to the county prosecutor of the county in which the  
12 State correctional facility is located. The report to the county  
13 prosecutor shall be in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
14 commissioner in consultation with the County Prosecutors  
15 Association of New Jersey and the Attorney General.

16 e. Upon receipt of a report pursuant to subsection d. of this  
17 section, the county prosecutor may conduct a review of the  
18 suspected inmate abuse and take any appropriate action.

19 f. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Special  
20 Investigations Division in the Department of Corrections from  
21 conducting an investigation.

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23 4. a. The name of any person who reports suspected inmate  
24 abuse pursuant to this act shall not be disclosed, unless the person  
25 who reported the abuse specifically requests the disclosure or a  
26 judicial proceeding results from the report.

27 b. A person who reports suspected abuse pursuant to this act or  
28 who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising  
29 from the report or testimony shall have immunity from any civil or  
30 criminal liability on account of the report or testimony, unless the  
31 person has acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.

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33 5. Any person required to report suspected inmate abuse  
34 pursuant to this act who fails to make the report shall be liable to a  
35 penalty of not more than \$5,000. The penalty shall be collected and  
36 enforced pursuant to Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes. Each  
37 violation of this act shall constitute a separate offense.

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39 6. The Commissioner of Corrections shall adopt rules and  
40 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
41 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to effectuate the purposes of  
42 this act.

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44 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh  
45 month after enactment, but the Commissioner of Corrections may  
46 take any administrative action in advance of the effective date as  
47 may be necessary.



1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill requires the reporting of inmate abuse by employees of  
4 State correctional facilities and establishes a reporting and  
5 investigation program.

6 Specifically, under the provisions of this bill, an employee of a  
7 State correctional facility who has reasonable cause to suspect or  
8 believe that an inmate is being or has been abused by another  
9 employee of the State correctional facility is required to report that  
10 information to a person designated by the Commissioner of  
11 Corrections.

12 In addition, any other person that suspects or believes that an  
13 inmate is being abused by an employee of a State correctional  
14 facility may also report that information to the person designated by  
15 the commissioner.

16 The report is to contain the name of the inmate; the name of the  
17 correctional facility and the unit in which the inmate is confined, if  
18 known; information regarding the nature of the suspected abuse and  
19 any other information that may be helpful in an investigation of the  
20 case and protection of the inmate.

21 In addition, the bill requires the commissioner to establish an  
22 inmate abuse reporting program for State correctional facilities.  
23 The program is to provide, at a minimum, that State correctional  
24 facility employees are: 1) trained in the recognition of probable  
25 incidents of abuse and abuse prevention activities; 2) informed of  
26 the duty to report the suspected abuse; and 3) provided with the  
27 name and telephone number of the person designated by the  
28 commissioner who is to be notified of any suspected inmate abuse.

29 Under the bill, the commissioner is to designate an employee of  
30 the Department of Corrections who is not an employee of a State  
31 correctional facility to receive the report of suspected abuse. The  
32 designated person is to transmit all incidents or allegations of  
33 inmate abuse to the commissioner or a designee, who is to promptly  
34 investigate the report.

35 In addition, the bill requires the commissioner to report all  
36 instances of suspected abuse to the county prosecutor of the county  
37 in which the correctional facility is located. The county prosecutor  
38 may conduct his or her own review of the suspected abuse and take  
39 appropriate action.

40 Further, the bill provides that the name of any person who  
41 reports suspected abuse is not to be disclosed, unless the person  
42 who reported the abuse requests disclosure or a judicial proceeding  
43 results from the report. In addition, a person reporting inmate abuse  
44 under the bill or who testifies in an administrative or judicial  
45 proceeding is to have immunity from civil or criminal liability on  
46 account of the report or testimony, unless the person acted in bad  
47 faith or with malicious purpose.

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1       Finally, under the bill, a person who is required to report  
2       suspected inmate abuse and fails to do so is liable to a penalty of up  
3       to \$5,000, which is to be collected and enforced pursuant to Title  
4       11A of the New Jersey Statutes. The bill provides that each  
5       violation is to constitute a separate offense.

# SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 2521**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 14, 2018

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2521.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill requires the reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes a reporting and investigation program.

Specifically, under the provisions of this amended bill, an employee of a State correctional facility who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that an inmate is being or has been abused by another employee of the State correctional facility is required to report that information to a person designated by the Commissioner of Corrections.

In addition, any other person that suspects or believes that an inmate is being abused by an employee of a State correctional facility may also report that information to the person designated by the commissioner.

The report is to contain the name of the inmate; the name of the employee who is suspected of abusing the inmate, if known; the name of the correctional facility and the unit in which the inmate is confined, if known; information regarding the nature of the suspected abuse; and any other information that may be helpful in an investigation of the case and protection of the inmate.

In addition, the amended bill requires the commissioner to establish an inmate abuse reporting program for State correctional facilities. The program is to provide, at a minimum, that State correctional facility employees are: 1) trained in the recognition of probable incidents of abuse and abuse prevention activities; 2) informed of the duty to report the suspected abuse; and 3) provided with the name and telephone number of the person designated by the commissioner who is to be notified of any suspected inmate abuse.

Under the amended bill, the commissioner is to designate an employee of the Department of Corrections who is not an employee of a State correctional facility to receive the report of suspected abuse. The designated person is to transmit all incidents or allegations of inmate abuse to the commissioner or a designee, who is to promptly investigate the report.

In addition, the amended bill requires the commissioner to report all instances of suspected abuse to the county prosecutor of the county in which the correctional facility is located. The county prosecutor may conduct his or her own review of the suspected abuse and take appropriate action.

Further, the amended bill provides that the name of any person who reports suspected abuse is not to be disclosed, unless the person who reported the abuse requests disclosure or a judicial proceeding results from the report. In addition, a person reporting inmate abuse under the amended bill or who testifies in an administrative or judicial proceeding is to have immunity from civil or criminal liability on account of the report or testimony, unless the person acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.

Finally, under the amended bill, a person who is required to report suspected inmate abuse and fails to do so is liable to a penalty of up to \$5,000, which is to be collected and enforced pursuant to Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes. The amended bill provides that each violation is to constitute a separate offense.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to require the report of inmate abuse to include the name of the employee who is suspected of abusing the inmate, if known.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 2521**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator CRYAN)

ADOPTED: JULY 26, 2018

Senate Bill No. 2521 (1R) requires the reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes a reporting and investigation program.

Under the bill, the name of any person who reports suspected abuse is not to be disclosed, unless the person who reported the abuse requests disclosure or a judicial proceeding results from the report.

These Senate amendments clarify that the name of the person who reports the suspected abuse is not to be disclosed publicly. The amendments also provide that the person's name who reported the abuse may be disclosed in accordance with the law, in addition to when the person who reported the abuse specifically requests the disclosure or there is a judicial proceeding resulting from the report.

In addition, the bill provides that a person who reports suspected abuse or who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from the report or testimony is to have immunity from any civil or criminal liability on account of the report. These Senate amendments provide that the person who reports the suspected abuse is also not to be retaliated against.

Further, the bill provides that any person required to report suspected inmate abuse who fails to make the report is liable to a penalty of up to \$5,000. These Senate amendments clarify that the person would be liable to this penalty after all administrative appeals are exhausted and a final adjudication is made.

Under the bill, this penalty is to be collected and enforced pursuant to Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes. These Senate amendments provide that the penalty is to instead be collected and enforced by summary proceedings pursuant to the provisions of the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999."

These Senate amendments also provide that notwithstanding the penalty imposed under the bill, any person required to report suspected inmate abuse who fails to do so is to be subject to internal departmental disciplinary action by the Department of Corrections.

Additionally, these Senate amendments require that inmate housing liaisons in the correctional facility be provided with a copy of this law. The liaison also is to be provided with a summary of the requirements under this law for dissemination to the inmates in the housing unit.

Finally, these Senate amendments make other clarifying changes.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4087

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 4, 2018

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblywoman YVONNE LOPEZ**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblywoman BRITNEE N. TIMBERLAKE**

**District 34 (Essex and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywomen McKnight, Pinkin and Murphy**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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Under the bill, the commissioner is to designate an employee of the Department of Corrections who is not an employee of a State correctional facility to receive the report of suspected abuse. The designated person is to transmit all incidents or allegations of inmate abuse to the commissioner or a designee, who is to promptly investigate the report.

In addition, the bill requires the commissioner to report all instances of suspected abuse to the county prosecutor of the county in which the correctional facility is located. The county prosecutor may conduct his or her own review of the suspected abuse and take appropriate action.

Further, the bill provides that the name of any person who reports suspected abuse is not to be disclosed, unless the person who reported the abuse requests disclosure or a judicial proceeding results from the report. In addition, a person reporting inmate abuse under the bill or who testifies in an administrative or judicial proceeding is to have immunity from civil or criminal liability on account of the report or testimony, unless the person acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.

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1       Finally, under the bill, a person who is required to report  
2       suspected inmate abuse and fails to do so is liable to a penalty of up  
3       to \$5,000, which is to be collected and enforced pursuant to Title  
4       11A of the New Jersey Statutes. The bill provides that each  
5       violation is to constitute a separate offense.

# ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4087

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 11, 2018

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4087.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4087 requires the reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes a reporting and investigation program.

Specifically, under the provisions of the bill, an employee of a State correctional facility who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that an inmate is being or has been abused by another employee of the State correctional facility is required to report that information to a person designated by the Commissioner of Corrections.

In addition, any other person who suspects or believes that an inmate is being abused by an employee of a State correctional facility may also report that information to the person designated by the commissioner.

The report is required to contain the name of the inmate; the name of the employee who is suspected of abusing the inmate, if known; the name of the correctional facility and the unit in which the inmate is confined, if known; information regarding the nature of the suspected abuse; and any other information that may be helpful in an investigation of the case and protection of the inmate.

In addition, the bill requires the commissioner to establish an inmate abuse reporting program for State correctional facilities. The program is to provide, at a minimum, that State correctional facility employees are: 1) trained in the recognition of probable incidents of abuse and abuse prevention activities; 2) informed of the duty to report the suspected abuse; and 3) provided with the name and telephone number of the person designated by the commissioner who is to be notified of any suspected inmate abuse.

Under the bill, the commissioner is to designate an employee of the Department of Corrections who is not an employee of a State correctional facility to receive the report of suspected abuse. The designated person is to transmit all incidents or allegations of inmate abuse to the commissioner or a designee, who is to promptly investigate the report.

In addition, the bill requires the commissioner to report all instances of suspected abuse to the county prosecutor of the county in which the correctional facility is located. The county prosecutor

may conduct his or her own review of the suspected abuse and take appropriate action.

Further, the bill provides that the name of any person who reports suspected abuse is not to be disclosed, unless the person who reported the abuse requests disclosure or a judicial proceeding results from the report. In addition, a person reporting inmate abuse under the bill or who testifies in an administrative or judicial proceeding is to have immunity from civil or criminal liability on account of the report or testimony, unless the person acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.

Finally, under the bill, a person who is required to report suspected inmate abuse and fails to do so is liable to a penalty of up to \$5,000, which is to be collected and enforced pursuant to Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes. The bill provides that each violation is to constitute a separate offense.

**STATEMENT TO**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4087**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblywoman VAINIERI HUTTLE)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 13, 2020

Assembly Bill No. 4087 requires the reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes a reporting and investigation program.

Under the bill, the name of any person who reports suspected abuse is not to be disclosed, unless the person who reported the abuse requests disclosure or a judicial proceeding results from the report.

These Assembly amendments clarify that the name of the person who reports the suspected abuse is not to be disclosed publicly. The amendments also provide that the person's name who reported the abuse may be disclosed in accordance with the law, in addition to when the person who reported the abuse specifically requests the disclosure or there is a judicial proceeding resulting from the report.

In addition, the bill provides that a person who reports suspected abuse or who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from the report or testimony is to have immunity from any civil or criminal liability on account of the report. These Assembly amendments provide that the person who reports the suspected abuse is also not to be retaliated against.

Further, the bill provides that any person required to report suspected inmate abuse who fails to make the report is liable to a penalty of up to \$5,000. These Assembly amendments clarify that the person would be liable to this penalty after all administrative appeals are exhausted and a final adjudication is made.

Under the bill, this penalty is to be collected and enforced pursuant to Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes. These Assembly amendments provide that the penalty is to instead be collected and enforced by summary proceedings pursuant to the provisions of the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999."

These Assembly amendments also provide that notwithstanding the penalty imposed under the bill, any person required to report suspected inmate abuse who fails to do so is to be subject to internal departmental disciplinary action by the Department of Corrections.

Additionally, these Assembly amendments require that inmate housing liaisons in the correctional facility be provided with a copy of this law. The liaison also is to be provided with a summary of the requirements under this law for dissemination to the inmates in the housing unit.

Finally, these Assembly amendments make other clarifying changes.

# 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 Huttie)** – Establishes Task Force on Maximizing Employment for People with Disabilities

**S-3511/A-5298 (Singer, T. Kean/Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, 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 Huttie)** – 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 Huttie, 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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