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"Jersey bans gay, trans 'panic' as defense of," Associated Press State Wire: New Jersey, January 21, 2020  
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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 468, *approved January 21, 2020*  
Assembly, No. 1796 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning homicide committed in the heat of passion and  
2 amending N.J.S.2C:11-4.

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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. N.J.S.2C:11-4 is amended to read as follows:  
8 2C:11-4. Manslaughter. a. Criminal homicide constitutes  
9 aggravated manslaughter when:

10 (1) The actor recklessly causes death under circumstances  
11 manifesting extreme indifference to human life; or

12 (2) The actor causes the death of another person while fleeing or  
13 attempting to elude a law enforcement officer in violation of  
14 subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2. Notwithstanding the provision of  
15 any other law to the contrary, the actor shall be strictly liable for a  
16 violation of this paragraph upon proof of a violation of subsection  
17 b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2 which resulted in the death of another person.  
18 As used in this paragraph, "actor" shall not include a passenger in a  
19 motor vehicle.

20 b. Criminal homicide constitutes manslaughter when:

21 (1) It is committed recklessly; or

22 (2) A homicide which would otherwise be murder under  
23 **[section]** N.J.S.2C:11-3 is committed in the heat of passion  
24 resulting from a reasonable provocation.

25 <sup>1</sup>[For purposes of determining the heat of passion under this  
26 paragraph, a provocation is not objectively reasonable if it is based  
27 on the] The<sup>1</sup> discovery of, knowledge about, or potential disclosure  
28 of the homicide victim's actual or perceived gender identity or  
29 expression, or affectional or sexual orientation, <sup>1</sup>[including] which  
30 occurred<sup>1</sup> under <sup>1</sup>any<sup>1</sup> circumstances <sup>1</sup>, including but not limited to  
31 circumstances<sup>1</sup> in which the victim made an unwanted, non-forcible  
32 romantic or sexual advance toward the actor, or if the victim and  
33 actor dated or had a romantic or sexual relationship <sup>1</sup>, shall not be  
34 reasonable provocation pursuant to this paragraph<sup>1</sup> . As used  
35 herein, the <sup>1</sup>[term] terms<sup>1</sup> "gender identity or expression" <sup>1</sup>and  
36 "affectional or sexual orientation"<sup>1</sup> shall have the same meaning as  
37 in <sup>1</sup>[subsection rr. of]<sup>1</sup> section 5 of P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-5) <sup>1</sup>[,  
38 and "affectional or sexual orientation" shall have the same meaning  
39 as in subsection hh. of that section]<sup>1</sup> .

40 c. Aggravated manslaughter under paragraph (1) of subsection  
41 a. of this section is a crime of the first degree and upon conviction  
42 thereof a person may, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph

**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 SJU committee amendments adopted December 12, 2019.

1 (1) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:43-6, be sentenced to an ordinary  
2 term of imprisonment between 10 and 30 years.  
3 Aggravated manslaughter under paragraph (2) of subsection a. of  
4 this section is a crime of the first degree. Manslaughter is a crime  
5 of the second degree.  
6 (cf: P.L.2001, c.412, s.1)

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 Prevents criminal defendant from asserting “gay and transgender  
14 panic” defense to murder charge in order to reduce charge to  
15 manslaughter committed in heat of passion.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1796

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOHN F. MCKEON**

**District 27 (Essex and Morris)**

**Assemblyman TIM EUSTACE**

**District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman REED GUSCIORA**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Assemblywoman JOANN DOWNEY**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywomen Caride, Vainieri Huttel, Lampitt and Assemblyman Burzichelli**

**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits “gay panic” defense for murder; prevents reduction of murder charge to manslaughter committed in heat of passion under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/28/2019)**

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2 amending N.J.S.2C:11-4.

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7 1. N.J.S.2C:11-4 is amended to read as follows:

8 2C:11-4. Manslaughter. a. Criminal homicide constitutes  
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10 (1) The actor recklessly causes death under circumstances  
11 manifesting extreme indifference to human life; or

12 (2) The actor causes the death of another person while fleeing or  
13 attempting to elude a law enforcement officer in violation of  
14 subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2. Notwithstanding the provision of  
15 any other law to the contrary, the actor shall be strictly liable for a  
16 violation of this paragraph upon proof of a violation of subsection  
17 b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2 which resulted in the death of another person.  
18 As used in this paragraph, "actor" shall not include a passenger in a  
19 motor vehicle.

20 b. Criminal homicide constitutes manslaughter when:

21 (1) It is committed recklessly; or

22 (2) A homicide which would otherwise be murder under  
23 **[section]** N.J.S.2C:11-3 is committed in the heat of passion  
24 resulting from a reasonable provocation.

25 For purposes of determining the heat of passion under this  
26 paragraph, a provocation is not objectively reasonable if it is based  
27 on the discovery of, knowledge about, or potential disclosure of the  
28 homicide victim's actual or perceived gender identity or expression,  
29 or affectional or sexual orientation, including under circumstances  
30 in which the victim made an unwanted, non-forcible romantic or  
31 sexual advance toward the actor, or if the victim and actor dated or  
32 had a romantic or sexual relationship. As used herein, the term  
33 "gender identity or expression" shall have the same meaning as in  
34 subsection rr. of section 5 of P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-5), and  
35 "affectional or sexual orientation" shall have the same meaning as  
36 in subsection hh. of that section.

37 c. Aggravated manslaughter under paragraph (1) of subsection  
38 a. of this section is a crime of the first degree and upon conviction  
39 thereof a person may, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph  
40 (1) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:43-6, be sentenced to an ordinary  
41 term of imprisonment between 10 and 30 years. Aggravated  
42 manslaughter under paragraph (2) of subsection a. of this section is  
43 a crime of the first degree. Manslaughter is a crime of the second  
44 degree.

45 (cf: P.L.2001, c.412, s.1)

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill would prohibit the use of a so-called “gay panic”  
7 defense for the commission of murder. The bill is intended to  
8 prevent a defendant from seeking the reduction of a murder charge  
9 to a charge of manslaughter committed in the heat of passion,  
10 allegedly provoked by the discovery of, knowledge about, or  
11 potential disclosure of the homicide victim’s actual or perceived  
12 gender identity or expression, or affectional or sexual orientation.  
13 Under current law, a homicide which would otherwise be murder is  
14 reduced to manslaughter if the jury finds that the homicide was  
15 committed “in the heat of passion resulting from a reasonable  
16 provocation.” N.J.S.2C:11-4, subsection b., paragraph (2).

17       A provoked, heat of passion manslaughter is graded as a crime of  
18 the second degree, ordinarily punishable by five to 10 years  
19 imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both, while murder is a  
20 crime of the first degree, punishable by a term of imprisonment for  
21 a period ranging from 30 years to life, depending upon the  
22 circumstances of the act (see N.J.S.2C:11-3), a fine of up to  
23 \$200,000, or both.

24       The bill’s provisions would most notably prevent the use of the  
25 “gay panic” defense to seek a reduction to manslaughter under  
26 circumstances in which the homicide victim made an unwanted,  
27 non-forcible romantic or sexual advance toward the actor, or if the  
28 victim and actor dated or had a romantic or sexual relationship.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1796

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1796.

This bill would prohibit the use of a so-called “gay panic” defense for the commission of murder. The bill is intended to prevent a defendant from seeking the reduction of a murder charge to a charge of manslaughter committed in the heat of passion, allegedly provoked by the discovery of, knowledge about, or potential disclosure of the homicide victim’s actual or perceived gender identity or expression, or affectional or sexual orientation. Under current law, a homicide which would otherwise be murder is reduced to manslaughter if the jury finds that the homicide was committed “in the heat of passion resulting from a reasonable provocation.” N.J.S.2C:11-4, subsection b., paragraph (2).

A provoked, heat of passion manslaughter is graded as a crime of the second degree, ordinarily punishable by five to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both, while murder is a crime of the first degree, punishable by a term of imprisonment for a period ranging from 30 years to life, depending upon the circumstances of the act (see N.J.S.2C:11-3), a fine of up to \$200,000, or both.

The bill’s provisions would most notably prevent the use of the “gay panic” defense to seek a reduction to manslaughter under circumstances in which the homicide victim made an unwanted, non-forcible romantic or sexual advance toward the actor, or if the victim and actor dated or had a romantic or sexual relationship.

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



# SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 1796

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1796.

This bill, as amended, would prevent a criminal defendant from being able to assert a so-called “gay and transgender panic” defense to a murder charge in order to reduce that charge to manslaughter committed in the heat of passion.

Under current law, a homicide which would otherwise be murder is reduced to manslaughter if the jury finds that the homicide was committed “in the heat of passion resulting from a reasonable provocation.” N.J.S.2C:11-4, subsection b., paragraph (2). The bill is intended to prevent a defendant from seeking the reduction of a murder charge to a charge of manslaughter committed in the heat of passion when the act was allegedly provoked by the discovery of, knowledge about, or potential disclosure of the homicide victim’s actual or perceived gender identity or expression, or affectional or sexual orientation.

A provoked, heat-of-passion manslaughter is graded as a crime of the second degree, punishable by five to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both, while murder is a crime of the first degree, punishable by a term of imprisonment for a period ranging from 30 years to life, depending upon the circumstances of the act (see N.J.S.2C:11-3), a fine of up to \$200,000, or both.

The bill’s provisions would prevent the use of the “gay and transgender panic” defense to seek a reduction to manslaughter under any circumstances, including but not limited to circumstances in which the homicide victim made an unwanted, non-forcible romantic or sexual advance toward the actor, or if the victim and actor dated or had a romantic or sexual relationship.

This bill, as amended and reported by the committee, is identical to Senate Bill No. 2609, also amended and reported today by the committee.

The committee amendments to the bill:

- clarify the bill’s scope to better ensure that the “gay and transgender panic” defense would not be available to reduce a murder charge under any circumstances occurring relative to the

discovery of, knowledge about, or potential disclosure of the victim's actual or perceived gender identity or expression, or affectional or sexual orientation;

- remove cross-references to the specific subsections that define "gender identity or expression" and "affectional or sexual orientation" within the definitions section of the "Law Against Discrimination," section 5 of P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-5), but retain the more general cross-reference to that section, resulting in the meaning of those terms, as originally presented in the bill, remaining the same; and

- revise the bill synopsis to more accurately reflect the bill's purpose, with respect to both the amendments and provisions of the bill as originally introduced.

# SENATE, No. 2609

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 31, 2018

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA**

**District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Senator VIN GOPAL**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Singleton, Weinberg and Gill**

**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits “gay panic” defense for murder; prevents reduction of murder charge to manslaughter committed in heat of passion under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/13/2019)**

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15 any other law to the contrary, the actor shall be strictly liable for a  
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24 resulting from a reasonable provocation.

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# SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 2609**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

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The bill’s provisions would prevent the use of the “gay and transgender panic” defense to seek a reduction to manslaughter under any circumstances, including but not limited to circumstances in which the homicide victim made an unwanted, non-forcible romantic or sexual advance toward the actor, or if the victim and actor dated or had a romantic or sexual relationship.

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- revise the bill synopsis to more accurately reflect the bill's purpose, with respect to both the amendments and provisions of the bill as originally introduced.

# Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Ban "Gay and Trans Panic" Legal Defense

01/21/2020

*New Jersey to Become 9th State to Issue Ban on Legal Defense Rooted in Homophobia*

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed A1796 into law, which prohibits the use of “gay or trans panic” defenses for charges of criminal homicide. The signing of this bill builds on the Governor’s commitment to expand rights and protections for New Jersey’s LGBTQ+ community.

“We will always stand with our LGBTQ+ community and promote full equality for all our residents,” **said Governor Murphy**. “Gay and trans panic defenses are rooted in homophobia and abhorrent excuses that should never be used to justify violence against vulnerable populations. With this new law, we are enacting critical measures to protect our friends and neighbors in the LGBTQ+ community.”

Defendants have successfully argued that gay or trans panic constitutes heat of passion provocation in order to reduce charges of murder to manslaughter. Under this law, a defendant would be prohibited from using a victim’s actual or perceived gender identity or expression or affectional or sexual orientation as a heat of passion defense to murder in New Jersey courts.

Primary sponsors of this legislation include Assemblymembers John McKeon and Joann Downey and Senators Joe Lagana and Vin Gopal.

“The ‘gay panic or trans panic’ defense is not a freestanding defense to criminal liability, but rather a legal tactic. It’s used to diminish the reason for a defendant’s violent reaction that asks a jury to find a victim’s sexual orientation or gender/expression as the cause,” **said Assemblyman John McKeon**. “Whether the person was gay, transgender or heterosexual, sexual orientation should not have any bearing on determining a person’s guilt in a murder trial. It is prejudiced against the LGBTQ community.”

“This new is a major step forward in addressing discrimination in our court system, and showing New Jersey’s LGBTQ community that we stand with them in solidarity against any type of discrimination and hatred,” **said Assemblywoman Joann Downey**. “The so-called ‘gay panic defense’ or ‘trans panic defense’ has never been more than a transparent attempt to allow the assault or murder of LGBTQ individuals to happen with impunity, and it is long past time that we ended this dark chapter in American legal history.”

“Gay and trans panic defenses, which reduce the punishment for horrible crimes, amount to legal malpractice and cannot be allowed to stand,” **said Senator Joe Lagana**. “Discrimination of any kind has no place in New Jersey, and we will fight for all of our residents, especially during this period of increased discrimination, to ensure that our state is safe for everyone.”

“Members of the LGBTQ community deserve protection from bigotry and hate - and the so-called ‘gay panic’ or ‘trans panic’ defense has no place in our courts,” **said Senator Vin Gopal**. “Now, it’s time for New Jersey to step up and make sure that no LGBTQ person has to fear for their lives or their safety because of their sexuality or gender identity.”

“Make no mistake, the ‘panic’ defense is flat-out discriminatory legal malpractice, and no one should ever be excused from murder because their victim is gay or transgender,” **said Christian Fuscarino, Executive Director for Garden State Equality**. “As hate crimes against LGBTQ New Jerseyans continue to rise and trans people are murdered across the nation, it’s more imperative than ever that we ensure our criminal justice system protects LGBTQ people equally — full stop. Thank you to Governor Murphy for signing this ban into law and sending an unequivocal message that we fully value the lives and dignity of LGBTQ people in New Jersey.”

“Hyacinth applauds Governor Murphy for taking action on this historic legislation to protect LGBTQ New Jerseyans,” **said Kathy Aheran-O’ Brien, Executive Director of Hyacinth AIDS Foundation**. “We need to ensure that homophobia and transphobia are never used as an excuse for hate, and with the discriminatory ‘panic’ defense off-the-books, New Jersey is moving another step closer to securing equality for all.”



“Transgender women of color are victims to murder, violence, and harassment every day of our lives simply for living authentically as ourselves,” **said La’Nae Grant, a trans community member from East Orange.** “We deserve to live with dignity and safety in our communities. Knowing that the ‘panic’ defense is banned in New Jersey is another victory and moment of empowerment for black trans women like myself, but there’s still more work to do for our community.”

# 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 Huttel/Greenstein, Cryan)** – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances
- A-5023/S-3467 (McKnight, Mukherji, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti/Cunningham)** – Exempts from DOT permitting requirements certain signs not located in protected areas that have been approved by municipality
- A-5028/S-3523 (Mukherji, Conaway, Pintor Marin/Vitale, Diegnan)** – Establishes "James Nicholas Rentas's Law," revises "New Jersey SmokeFree Air Act"
- A-5029/S-3522 (Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson, Johnson/Rice, T. Kean)** – Requires New Jersey Office on Minority and Multicultural Health to study racial disparities on sexual and reproductive health of African-American women



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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