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LAWS OF: 2019 **CHAPTER:** 470

NJSA: 34:21-8 to 34:21-15 ("New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act")

BILL NO: A1992 (Substituted for S1780)

SPONSOR(S) Shavonda E. Sumter and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 1/9/2018

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Labor

Appropriations

SENATE: SLA

Budget & Appropriations

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY:

SENATE:

DATE OF APPROVAL: 1/21/2020

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted)
Yes

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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes Labor

Appropriations

SENATE: Yes Labor

Budget &

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(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: Yes

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill) Yes

Budget & Appropriations (Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at <u>www.njleg.state.nj.us</u>) FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: Yes **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No **VETO MESSAGE:** No **GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** Yes **FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:** To check for circulating copies, contact New Jersey State Government Publications at the State Library (609) 278-2640 ext. 103 or mailto:refdesk@njstatelib.org **REPORTS:** No **HEARINGS:** No **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:** No

ASSEMBLY:

SENATE:

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 470, approved January 21, 2020 Assembly, No. 1992 (First Reprint)

1 **An Act** concerning the relocation of call centers and supplementing chapter 21 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act."

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2. For the purposes of this act:

"Call center" means a facility or other operation whereby workers receive telephone calls or emails or other electronic communication for the purpose of providing customer assistance or other service.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development.

"Employer" means any business entity that employs 50 or more full-time workers or 50 or more workers that in the aggregate work at least 1,500 hours per week, excluding overtime hours, for the purpose of staffing a call center.

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- 3. a. Any employer with a call center within the State of New Jersey shall maintain a staffing level capable of handling no less than ¹[70] 65¹ percent of customer volume of telephone calls, emails, or other electronic communications, when measured against the previous six month average volume of those operations, originating in the State of New Jersey or an account with a service address within the State of New Jersey. If the staffing level of a call center falls below the amount required pursuant to this subsection, the employer shall notify the commissioner immediately.
- b. Any employer that relocates a call center, or transfers one or more facilities or operating units comprising at least 20 percent of a call center's total operating volume of telephone calls, emails, or other electronic communications when measured against the previous 12 month average volume of those operations, from the State of New Jersey to one or more foreign countries shall notify

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

the commissioner at least 90 days prior to the relocation or transfer
 of operations.

c. Any employer that violates the notification requirement pursuant to this section shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for each day the employer fails to provide the notification, collectible by the commissioner in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.). The commissioner shall have the authority to waive this penalty.

4. The commissioner shall compile and maintain a list of all employers that provide notification pursuant to section 3 of this act. The commissioner shall update the list on a monthly basis and an employer shall remain on the list for a period not to exceed 36 months after each instance of notification pursuant to section 3 of this act. The commissioner shall make the list of employers available to the public and prominently display a link to the list on the Internet website of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

5. ¹[a.]¹ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, an employer that is added to the list compiled and maintained by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of this act shall be ineligible to receive any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support for the 36 months following the date upon which the employer is added to the list, except that the employer's inclusion on the list shall not prevent the employer from receiving any grant to provide training or other employment assistance to individuals who are members of specific groups selected as being in particular need of training or other employment assistance, including, but not limited to, employees of the employer whose employment is being affected due to the transfer or relocation of the employer's facility or operating unit, veterans, minority groups and women.

¹[b. An employer that is added to the list compiled and maintained by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of this act shall remit to the appropriate governmental entity the unamortized value of any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support provided to the employer by the State governmental entity, except that the employer's inclusion on the list shall not require the employer to remit any portion of a grant to provide training or other employment assistance to individuals who are members of specific groups selected as being in particular need of training or other employment assistance, including, but not limited to, employees of the employer whose employment is being affected due to the transfer or relocation of the employer's facility or operating unit, veterans, minority groups and women.

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c. The commissioner, in consultation with the appropriate governmental entity providing any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, or any other financial support to an employer, may waive the requirement provided for in subsection b. of this section if it is demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, that the requirement of subsection b. of this section would result in a substantial loss of jobs in this State or harm the environment.

As used in this section, "tax benefit" means a tax advantage awarded by a State governmental entity that has the effect of reducing a taxpayer's liability under the "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act," N.J.S.54A:1-1 et seq., or section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5).

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6. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a State department or agency, in making or awarding a contract for call center services, shall grant a preference for such contract to qualified businesses located in the State and employing residents of the State, up to the limits set forth under rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to section 8 of this act.

7. Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit the withholding or denial of payments, compensation, or benefits under any State law, including unemployment benefits, disability benefits, or worker retraining or readjustment benefits to workers employed by employers that relocate a call center or transfer one or more facilities or operating units of a call center to a foreign country.

8. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to identify qualified businesses under section 6 of this act. The rules and regulations shall also set forth limits on the amount of preference that may be given to a qualified business located in the State employing residents of the State.

9. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month following the date of enactment, and shall apply to a relocation of a call center, or to a transfer of one or more facilities or operating units of a call center, occurring after the effective date.

"New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act."

ASSEMBLY, No. 1992

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

218th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman SHAVONDA E. SUMTER

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman TIM EUSTACE

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District 11 (Monmouth)

Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Lagana, Assemblywoman Jimenez, Assemblymen Zwicker and Egan

SYNOPSIS

"New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/19/2018)

A1992 SUMTER, EUSTACE

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

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2. For the purposes of this act:

"Call center" means a facility or other operation whereby workers receive telephone calls or emails or other electronic communication for the purpose of providing customer assistance or other service.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development.

"Employer" means any business entity that employs 50 or more full-time workers or 50 or more workers that in the aggregate work at least 1,500 hours per week, excluding overtime hours, for the purpose of staffing a call center.

- 3. a. Any employer with a call center within the State of New Jersey shall maintain a staffing level capable of handling no less than 70 percent of customer volume of telephone calls, emails, or other electronic communications, when measured against the previous six month average volume of those operations, originating in the State of New Jersey or an account with a service address within the State of New Jersey. If the staffing level of a call center falls below the amount required pursuant to this subsection, the employer shall notify the commissioner immediately.
- b. Any employer that relocates a call center, or transfers one or more facilities or operating units comprising at least 20 percent of a call center's total operating volume of telephone calls, emails, or other electronic communications when measured against the previous 12 month average volume of those operations, from the State of New Jersey to one or more foreign countries shall notify the commissioner at least 90 days prior to the relocation or transfer of operations.
- c. Any employer that violates the notification requirement pursuant to this section shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for each day the employer fails to provide the notification, collectible by the commissioner in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.). The commissioner shall have the authority to waive this penalty.

4. The commissioner shall compile and maintain a list of all employers that provide notification pursuant to section 3 of this act.

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The commissioner shall update the list on a monthly basis and an employer shall remain on the list for a period not to exceed 36 months after each instance of notification pursuant to section 3 of this act. The commissioner shall make the list of employers available to the public and prominently display a link to the list on the Internet website of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

- 5. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, an employer that is added to the list compiled and maintained by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of this act shall be ineligible to receive any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support for the 36 months following the date upon which the employer is added to the list, except that the employer's inclusion on the list shall not prevent the employer from receiving any grant to provide training or other employment assistance to individuals who are members of specific groups selected as being in particular need of training or other employment assistance, including, but not limited to, employees of the employer whose employment is being affected due to the transfer or relocation of the employer's facility or operating unit, veterans, minority groups and women.
- b. An employer that is added to the list compiled and maintained by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of this act shall remit to the appropriate governmental entity the unamortized value of any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support provided to the employer by the State governmental entity, except that the employer's inclusion on the list shall not require the employer to remit any portion of a grant to provide training or other employment assistance to individuals who are members of specific groups selected as being in particular need of training or other employment assistance, including, but not limited to, employees of the employer whose employment is being affected due to the transfer or relocation of the employer's facility or operating unit, veterans, minority groups and women.
- c. The commissioner, in consultation with the appropriate governmental entity providing any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, or any other financial support to an employer, may waive the requirement provided for in subsection b. of this section if it is demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, that the requirement of subsection b. of this section would result in a substantial loss of jobs in this State or harm the environment.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a State department or agency, in making or awarding a contract for call center services, shall grant a preference for such

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contract to qualified businesses located in the State and employing residents of the State, up to the limits set forth under rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to section 8 of this act.

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7. Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit the withholding or denial of payments, compensation, or benefits under any State law, including unemployment benefits, disability benefits, or worker retraining or readjustment benefits to workers employed by employers that relocate a call center or transfer one or more facilities or operating units of a call center to a foreign country.

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STATEMENT

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The bill requires any employer that relocates a call center, or transfers one or more facilities or operating units comprising at least 20 percent of a call center's total operating volume of communications, when measured against the previous 12 month average volume of those operations, to one or more foreign countries to notify the commissioner at least 90 days prior to the relocation or transfer. The bill also requires any employer with a call center within the State of New Jersey to maintain a staffing level capable of handling no less than 70 percent of customer of telephone calls, emails, or other electronic volume communications, when measured against the previous six month average volume of those operations, originating in the State of New Jersey or an account with a service address within the State of New Jersey. If the staffing level of a call center falls below the required amount, the employer is required to notify the commissioner.

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The bill defines a "call center" as a facility or operation where workers receive incoming telephone calls, emails, or other electronic communication to provide customer assistance or other service. The bill defines "employer" as a business entity that employs 50 or more full-time workers or 50 or more workers at a call center for at least 1,500 hours per week, excluding overtime hours.

The bill requires the commissioner to maintain a list of all employers that give a notice as required by the bill and update the list on a monthly basis. An employer will remain on the list for a period not to exceed 36 months after giving the required notification. The bill also requires the commissioner to make the list public, including through the internet. An employer's being on the list will not prevent the employer from receiving, or require the employer to remit, training grants or other employment assistance to members of groups with particular need of training or other assistance, including veterans, minority groups and women.

The bill also bars any employer added to the list from receiving any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, or other financial support from the State for 36 months following the date on which the employer is added to the list. An employer added to this list is also required to remit to the commissioner the unamortized value of any such financial support already provided to the employer.

The commissioner may waive the remittance requirement if the commissioner finds that the requirement would result in a substantial loss of jobs in this State or harm the environment.

Finally, the bill provides that a State department or agency, in making or awarding a contract for call center services, will grant a preference to qualified businesses located in the State and employing residents of the State, as set forth in regulations adopted by the commissioner.

ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1992

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 18, 2018

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1992.

This bill requires that any employer relocating a call center from the State of New Jersey to one or more foreign countries must notify the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and remit the unamortized value of any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support provided by the State to the employer.

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Finally, the bill provides that a State department or agency, in making or awarding a contract for call center services, will grant a preference to qualified businesses located in the State and employing residents of the State, as set forth in regulations adopted by the commissioner.

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.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1992

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 22, 2018

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1992.

This bill requires that any employer relocating a call center from the State of New Jersey to one or more foreign countries must notify the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and remit the unamortized value of any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support provided by the State to the employer.

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The commissioner may waive the remittance requirement if the commissioner finds that the requirement would result in a substantial loss of jobs in this State or harm the environment.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill has not been certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1992

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2018

The Senate Labor Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill, No. 1992.

This bill requires any employer relocating a call center from this State to one or more foreign countries to notify the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and remit the unamortized value of any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support provided by the State to the employer.

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The bill imposes on an employer who violates a notification requirement a civil penalty of up to \$7,500 for each day the violation continues.

The bill defines a "call center" as a facility or operation where workers receive phone calls, emails, or other electronic communication to provide customer assistance or other service. The bill defines "employer" as a business that employs 50 or more full-time workers or 50 or more workers for at least 1,500 hours per week, excluding overtime hours.

The bill requires the commissioner to maintain and update a list of all employers required to give notice. An employer will remain on the list for up to 36 months after giving the required notification. The bill also requires the commissioner to make the list public, including through the internet. An employer's being on the list will not prevent the employer from receiving, or require the employer to remit, training grants or other employment assistance to members of groups with particular need of training or other assistance, including veterans, minority groups and women.

The bill bars listed employers from receiving State grants, loans, tax benefits, or other financial support from the State for 36 months

after being added to the list. A listed employer is required to remit the unamortized value of any financial support already provided.

The commissioner may waive the remittance requirement if it would result in substantial job losses or environmental harm.

Finally, the bill requires State agencies awarding contracts for call center services to give preference to businesses in the State employing State residents.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1992

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 17, 2019

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1992.

This bill requires any employer relocating a call center from this State to one or more foreign countries to notify the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and remit the unamortized value of any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support provided by the State to the employer.

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Lastly, the bill requires State agencies awarding contracts for call center services to give preference to businesses in the State employing State residents.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1780, as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill has not been certified as requiring a fiscal note.

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1992

with Senate Floor Amendments (Proposed by Senator DIEGNAN)

ADOPTED: MARCH 25, 2019

These amendments:

- 1. Reduce the minimum staffing level to be maintained at call centers subject to the bill, from the level needed to handle at least 70 percent, to the level needed to handle at least 65 percent, of the volume of customer communications, compared to the volume in the previous six months;
- 2. Remove the provision of the bill that a call center employer who is on the list of call center employers prohibited from receiving financial support from the State is also required to pay back the unamortized value of financial support already provided; and
- 3. Define "tax benefit" as a tax advantage awarded by a State governmental entity that has the effect of reducing a taxpayer's liability under the "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act," N.J.S.54A:1-1 et seq., or section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5).

SENATE, No. 1780

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Sponsored by:

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Stack, Lagana and Greenstein

SYNOPSIS

"New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

S1780 DIEGNAN, TURNER

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47 4. The commissioner shall compile and maintain a list of all employers that provide notification pursuant to section 3 of this act.

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The commissioner shall update the list on a monthly basis and an employer shall remain on the list for a period not to exceed 36 months after each instance of notification pursuant to section 3 of this act. The commissioner shall make the list of employers available to the public and prominently display a link to the list on the Internet website of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

- 5. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, an employer that is added to the list compiled and maintained by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of this act shall be ineligible to receive any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support for the 36 months following the date upon which the employer is added to the list, except that the employer's inclusion on the list shall not prevent the employer from receiving any grant to provide training or other employment assistance to individuals who are members of specific groups selected as being in particular need of training or other employment assistance, including, but not limited to, employees of the employer whose employment is being affected due to the transfer or relocation of the employer's facility or operating unit, veterans, minority groups and women.
- b. An employer that is added to the list compiled and maintained by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of this act shall remit to the appropriate governmental entity the unamortized value of any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support provided to the employer by the State governmental entity, except that the employer's inclusion on the list shall not require the employer to remit any portion of a grant to provide training or other employment assistance to individuals who are members of specific groups selected as being in particular need of training or other employment assistance, including, but not limited to, employees of the employer whose employment is being affected due to the transfer or relocation of the employer's facility or operating unit, veterans, minority groups and women.
- c. The commissioner, in consultation with the appropriate governmental entity providing any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, or any other financial support to an employer, may waive the requirement provided for in subsection b. of this section if it is demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, that the requirement of subsection b. of this section would result in a substantial loss of jobs in this State or harm the environment.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a State department or agency, in making or awarding a contract for call center services, shall grant a preference for such

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contract to qualified businesses located in the State and employing residents of the State, up to the limits set forth under rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to section 8 of this act.

7. Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit the withholding or denial of payments, compensation, or benefits under any State law, including unemployment benefits, disability benefits, or worker retraining or readjustment benefits to workers employed by employers that relocate a call center or transfer one or more facilities or operating units of a call center to a foreign country.

8. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to identify qualified businesses under section 6 of this act. The rules and regulations shall also set forth limits on the amount of preference that may be given to a qualified business located in the State employing residents of the State.

9. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month following the date of enactment, and shall apply to a relocation of a call center, or to a transfer of one or more facilities or operating units of a call center, occurring after the effective date.

STATEMENT

This bill requires that any employer relocating a call center from the State of New Jersey to one or more foreign countries must notify the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and remit the unamortized value of any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support provided by the State to the employer.

The bill requires any employer that relocates a call center, or transfers one or more facilities or operating units comprising at least 20 percent of a call center's total operating volume of communications, when measured against the previous 12 month average volume of those operations, to one or more foreign countries to notify the commissioner at least 90 days prior to the relocation or transfer. The bill also requires any employer with a call center within the State of New Jersey to maintain a staffing level capable of handling no less than 70 percent of customer volume of telephone calls, emails, or other electronic communications, when measured against the previous six month average volume of those operations, originating in the State of New Jersey or an account with a service address within the State of New Jersey. If the staffing level of a call center falls below the required amount, the employer is required to notify the commissioner.

The bill makes any employer that violates a notification requirement subject to a civil penalty of up to \$7,500 for each day the violation continues.

The bill defines a "call center" as a facility or operation where workers receive incoming telephone calls, emails, or other electronic communication to provide customer assistance or other service. The bill defines "employer" as a business entity that employs 50 or more full-time workers or 50 or more workers at a call center for at least 1,500 hours per week, excluding overtime hours.

The bill requires the commissioner to maintain a list of all employers that give a notice as required by the bill and update the list on a monthly basis. An employer will remain on the list for a period not to exceed 36 months after giving the required notification. The bill also requires the commissioner to make the list public, including through the internet. An employer's being on the list will not prevent the employer from receiving, or require the employer to remit, training grants or other employment assistance to members of groups with particular need of training or other assistance, including veterans, minority groups and women.

The bill also bars any employer added to the list from receiving any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, or other financial support from the State for 36 months following the date on which the employer is added to the list. An employer added to this list is also required to remit to the commissioner the unamortized value of any such financial support already provided to the employer.

The commissioner may waive the remittance requirement if the commissioner finds that the requirement would result in a substantial loss of jobs in this State or harm the environment.

Finally, the bill provides that a State department or agency, in making or awarding a contract for call center services, will grant a preference to qualified businesses located in the State and employing residents of the State, as set forth in regulations adopted by the commissioner.

SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1780

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2018

The Senate Labor Committee reports favorably Senate Bill, No.1780.

This bill requires any employer relocating a call center from this State to one or more foreign countries to notify the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and remit the unamortized value of any direct or indirect State grant, guaranteed loan, tax benefit, and any other financial support provided by the State to the employer.

The bill requires any employer that relocates a call center, or transfers one or more facilities or operating units comprising at least 20 percent of a call center's total operating volume to one or more foreign countries to notify the commissioner at least 90 days prior to the relocation or transfer. The bill also requires any employer with a call center in the State to maintain a staffing level capable of handling at least 70 percent of customer volume of telephone calls, emails, or other electronic communications originating within the State or an account with a service address within the State. The employer is required to notify the commissioner if the staffing levels fall below what is required.

The bill imposes on an employer who violates a notification requirement a civil penalty of up to \$7,500 for each day the violation continues.

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The bill requires the commissioner to maintain and update a list of all employers required to give notice. An employer will remain on the list for up to 36 months after giving the required notification. The bill also requires the commissioner to make the list public, including through the internet. An employer's being on the list will not prevent the employer from receiving, or require the employer to remit, training grants or other employment assistance to members of groups with particular need of training or other assistance, including veterans, minority groups and women.

The bill bars listed employers from receiving State grants, loans, tax benefits, or other financial support from the State for 36 months

after being added to the list. A listed employer is required to remit the unamortized value of any financial support already provided.

The commissioner may waive the remittance requirement if it would result in substantial job losses or environmental harm.

Finally, the bill requires State agencies awarding contracts for call center services to give preference to businesses in the State employing State residents.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1780

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 17, 2019

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1780.

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Lastly, the bill requires State agencies awarding contracts for call center services to give preference to businesses in the State employing State residents.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1992, as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill has not been certified as requiring a fiscal note.

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1780

with Senate Floor Amendments (Proposed by Senator DIEGNAN)

ADOPTED: MARCH 25, 2019

These amendments:

- 1. Reduce the minimum staffing level to be maintained at call centers subject to the bill, from the level needed to handle at least 70 percent, to the level needed to handle at least 65 percent, of the volume of customer communications, compared to the volume in the previous six months;
- 2. Remove the provision of the bill that a call center employer who is on the list of call center employers prohibited from receiving financial support from the State is also required to pay back the unamortized value of financial support already provided; and
- 3. Define "tax benefit" as a tax advantage awarded by a State governmental entity that has the effect of reducing a taxpayer's liability under the "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act," N.J.S.54A:1-1 et seq., or section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5).

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/21/2020

TRENTON - Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-62/A-2478 (Singleton, Oroho/DeAngelo, Houghtaling, Space) – Requires certain contractors to register under "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act"

S-358/A-4587 (Rice/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database with certain information about individuals elected to public office in this State

S-376/A-3839 (Madden, Gopal/Moriarty, Lagana, Mukherji, Murphy) – Eliminates eligibility time limit on tuition benefits for spouses of certain public safety workers killed in performance of their duties

S-497/A-4626 (Vitale, Madden/Mosquera, McKnight, Vainieri Huttle) – Allows certain prior statements by children to be admitted into evidence in child abuse and termination of parental rights cases

S-498/ACS for A-3391 (Vitale, Oroho/DeCroce, Johnson, DiMaso) – Makes various changes to "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971"

S-521/A-4378 (T. Kean, C.A. Brown, Pou, Ruiz/Caputo, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish "Artist District" designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation

S-589/ACS for A-422 (Weinberg/Mosquera, Jones, Moriarty) – Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database

S-700/A-3836 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Schaer, Mukherji, Jasey) – "Higher Education Citizenship Equality Act"; defines domicile for dependent students for purpose of eligibility for State student grants and scholarships, and resident tuition rate

S-721/A-1751 (Greenstein, Cunningham, Diegnan/Quijano, Benson) – Authorizes use of certain electric school buses

S-758/A-1987 (Cunningham, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano) – Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes

S-765/A-541 (Cunningham, T. Kean, Ruiz/Mazzeo, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Sumter, Benson) – Prohibits Higher Education Student Assistance Authority from referring defaulted loans under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program for certain actions if authority and borrower have entered into settlement agreement

S-782/A-1110 (Sarlo, Scutari/Downey, Houghtaling, Dancer) – Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot

S-834 wGR/A-4186 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin) – Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists

S-939/A-3331 (Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, McKnight) – Requires forms and materials for individuals with developmental disabilities to be available in languages other than English

S-974/A-3040 (Singleton, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttle, Timberlake, Mosquera) – Requires newborn infants be screened for spinal muscular atrophy

- **S-1032/A-2389 (Vitale, Gopal/Schaer, Benson, Verrelli)** Concerns expansion of services provided by DHS mental health screening services
- **S-1146/A-2365 (Codey, Rice/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, Downey)** Requires hospital patient's medical record to include notation if patient is at increased risk of confusion, agitation, behavioral problems, and wandering due to dementia related disorder
- **S-1298/ACS for A-2972 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton/Mazzeo, Dunn, Space)** Permits municipalities to provide information on property tax bills concerning amount of local tax dollars saved through shared services
- **S-1318/A-3156 (Ruiz, Scutari/Lampitt, Mosquera)** Permits counties and non-governmental, community-based agencies to establish family justice centers which provide coordinated, multi-agency governmental and non-governmental assistance to victims of certain crimes and offenses, including domestic violence, and their family members
- **S-1505/A-1707 (Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Benson, Mosquera)** Expands membership of NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
- **S-1647/A-3181 (Diegnan, Codey/Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Murphy)** Prohibits use of coupons, price rebates, and price reduction promotions in sales of tobacco and vapor products
- **S-1683/A-4267 (Smith, Greenstein/McKeon, Space, Wirths)** Concerns regulation of solid waste, hazardous waste, and soil and fill recycling industries
- S-1703/A-715 (Connors, Holzapfel/Gove, Rumpf, DiMaso) Exempts disabled veterans from beach buggy permit fees
- **S-1791/A-3414 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling)** Requires employers to disclose certain wage information to employees
- **S-1796/A-4693 (Addiego, Sweeney/Murphy)** Permits school district of residence to provide aid in-lieu-of transportation to pupil attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology provided certain conditions are met
- **S-1832/A-211 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Chiaravalloti, Zwicker, Pintor Marin)** Establishes loan redemption program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- S-2267/A-3616 (Sweeney, Corrado/Burzichelli, Holley, Calabrese) Gives State lottery winners option of remaining anonymous indefinitely
- **S-2303/A-4843 (Sweeney, Ruiz, Cunningham/Wimberly, Karabinchak, Calabrese)** Requires establishment of Work and Learn Consortiums by certain educational institutions to establish certificate and degree programs identified in high labor-demand industries
- **S-2389 wGR/A-5449 (Singleton/Quijano, Downey, Houghtaling, Moriarty)** Requires New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to establish prescription drug pricing disclosure website and certain pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to provide prescription drug price information
- **S-2428/A-4965 (Scutari/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle)** Requires that massage and bodywork therapists and employers carry professional liability insurance
- **S-2469/A-3745 (Singleton, Oroho/Wirths, Mazzeo, Space)** Prohibits person from contracting for public work if person is federally debarred from receiving federal contract
- **S-2511/A-4020 (Madden/Mazzeo, Murphy, Johnson)** Changes title of DEP "conservation officer" to "conservation police officer"
- **S-2521/A-4087 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation program
- S-2522/A-4090 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake) Limits cross gender strip searches in

State correctional facilities

- **S-2532/A-4086 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** Requires correctional police officers receive 20 hours in-service training, including four hours in prevention of sexual misconduct, non-fraternization, and manipulation
- **S-2555/A-3990 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Benson, Karabinchak)** Allows dependent students whose parents or guardians hold H-1B visas to qualify for in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education provided they meet certain criteria
- **S-2564/A-3519 (Turner, Singleton/Benson, McKnight, Jasey)** Establishes "Restorative Justice in Education Pilot Program" in Department of Education
- SCS for S-2599/ACS for A-1268 (Bateman, Beach/Tucker, Conaway, Lampitt, Quijano) Authorizes veterans' property tax exemption and veterans' property tax deduction for honorably discharged veterans of United States Armed Forces who did not serve in time of war or other emergency
- **S-2826/A-3274 (Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Dancer, Benson)** Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes for adoption; designated the "Homes for Animal Heroes Act"
- S-2849/A-4590 (A.M. Bucco/DiMaio, Caputo, Dunn) Designates Seeing Eye® dog as State Dog
- **S-3036/A-1697 (Lagana, Scutari/Dancer, Downey)** Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies
- **S-3061/A-4603 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson)** Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that participate in DOL registered apprenticeship programs; establishes grant program for tax-exempt organizations participating in DOL registered apprenticeship programs
- **S-3065/A-4657 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Benson, Timberlake)** Establishes youth apprenticeship pilot program in Department of Education
- S-3067/A-4602 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) Establishes five year Apprentice Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program
- S-3116/A-4683 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker) Requires certain medical facilities to undertake end-of-life planning and training
- **S-3117/A-4685 (Ruiz/Speight, Pinkin, Munoz)** Requires emergency departments to take certain measures concerning palliative care for patients
- **S-3126/A-4107 (Gopal/Benson, DeCroce, Chiaravalloti)** Requires drivers to stop at railroad crossing when on-track equipment is approaching railroad crossing
- **S-3170/A-5145 (Cryan, Pou/Quijano, Milam, Land)** Increases prenotification time and requires severance pay in certain plant closings, transfers, and mass layoffs
- **S-3227/A-5261 (Gopal/Tully, Pinkin, Swain)** Requires restaurants to post signs advising customers to notify servers of food allergies; requires restaurant managers to complete food allergen training
- S-3265/A-3178 (Turner, Codey, Vitale/Conaway, Murphy, Vainieri Huttle) Prohibits sale or distribution of flavored vapor products

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- **S-3330 wGR/A-5066 (Addiego, Singleton/Jones, Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Murphy)** Establishes pilot program in DCF to study impact of child care services provided by community providers operating in public school facilities; requires community providers to meet certain criteria
- S-3422/A-6056 (Singer, T. Kean/Houghtaling, Downey, Vainieri Huttle) Requires declaration of Code Blue

alert when National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower

S-3468/A-5105 (Sweeney, Singleton/Murphy, Karabinchak, Vainieri Huttle) – Establishes Task Force on Maximizing Employment for People with Disabilities

S-3511/A-5298 (Singer, T. Kean/Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle, Downey) – Authorizes certain health care and social service resources to be made available during Code Blue alert

S-3581/A-5963 (Singleton/Lopez, Quijano) – Prohibits certain business financing contracts that contain judgment by confession provisions

S-3685/A-5345 (Sarlo, Singleton/Mukherji, Conaway, McKnight) – Establishes program to increase participation of underrepresented students in New Jersey's science and engineering workforce

S-3756/A-6115 (Ruiz, Sarlo, O'Scanlon/Jasey, Jones, Wirths) – Requires limited purpose regional school districts to coordinate with constituent districts regarding school calendar and curriculum

S-3763/A-6116 (Addiego, Bateman, Sarlo/DeAngelo, Dancer, Space) – Renames joint meetings as regional service agencies; grandfathers existing joint meetings

S-3869/A-5561 (Sarlo/Burzichelli, Houghtaling) – Prohibits local governments from imposing fines on alarm companies in certain circumstances

S-3871/A-5427 (Bateman, Scutari/DePhillips, McKeon) – Adds member from Retired Judges Association of New Jersey to State Investment Council

SCS for S-3878/ACS for A-5394 (Ruiz, Weinberg, Cunningham/Moriarty, McKnight, Pinkin) – Reaffirms and clarifies that Attorney General and Division on Civil Rights may initiate actions in Superior Court to enforce "Law Against Discrimination"

S-3920 wGR/A-5552 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes

S-3923/A-5680 (Madden, Singleton/Giblin, Timberlake, Murphy) – Concerns labor harmony agreements for hospitality projects

SCS for S-3939 and 3944/ACS for A-5681 and 5682 (Smith, Greenstein, Bateman, Codey/Pinkin, Lopez, McKeon) – Establishes Recycling Market Development Council

S-3985/A-5663 (Smith/McKeon, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttle) – Amends "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act" to add definition of "open access offshore wind transmission facility" and revises law concerning "qualified offshore wind projects"

S-4025/A-5695 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Makes FY 2020 language allocation of \$1,000,000 appropriated to Grants for Urban Parks to Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson

S-4162/A-6014 (Smith, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin, Houghtaling) – Establishes NJ Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers University; appropriates up to \$500,000

S-4165/A-4364 (Rice/Giblin, Caputo, Tucker) – Expands University Hospital board of directors membership from 11 to 13 members

S-4188/A-6075 (Beach/Murphy, Dancer, Lampitt) – "Lindsay's Law"; provides tax benefits to organ and bone marrow donors and their employers, and provides paid time off to donors who are State or local government employees

S-4200/A-5855 (Ruiz, Turner/Coughlin, Lampitt, Holley) – Requires State to pay difference between federal allocation and total cost of reduced price breakfast or lunch; appropriates \$4.5 million

S-4247/A-6049 (Gopal, O'Scanlon/Conaway, Houghtaling, Downey) – Establishes criteria for distribution of Fiscal Year 2020 funding to Community Food Bank of New Jersey and partner organizations

- **S-4264/A-5962 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter, Calabrese)** Designates State Highway Route 19 as "William J. Pascrell Jr. Highway"
- **S-4275/A-6088 (Smith, Greenstein/Burzichelli)** Allows BPU to increase cost to customers of Class I renewable energy requirement for energy years 2022 through 2024, under certain conditions
- **S-4276/A-6109 (Corrado, Bateman/Armato, Calabrese, Land)** Appropriates \$32,153,936 to State Agriculture Development Committee, and amends 2017 appropriations for stewardship activities, for farmland preservation purposes
- **S-4277/A-6112 (Greenstein, Bateman/Freiman, Danielsen, Downey)** Appropriates \$5,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes
- **S-4278/A-6108 (Greenstein, Bateman/Taliaferro, Karabinchak, Kennedy)** Appropriates \$21 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes
- **S-4279/A-6106 (Smith, Bateman/Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Pinkin)** Appropriates \$1,350,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes
- **S-4286/A-5890 (Vitale/Swain, Jones)** Clarifies procedures concerning collection of child support on behalf of child over age 19 when court has ordered such support
- **S-4309/A-6107 (Turner, Cruz-Perez/Mejia, Vainieri Huttle, 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 Huttle, 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 Sandyimpacted 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 Huttle, 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 Huttle, 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 Huttle/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 Huttle, 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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