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certain infrastructure projects.)

BILL NO: S828 (Substituted for A2101 (2R))

SPONSOR(S) Lagana, Joseph A. and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 1/14/2020

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Appropriations

SENATE: Economic Growth

Budget & Appropriations

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: 6/24/2021

SENATE: 2/19/2021

DATE OF APPROVAL: 11/8/2021

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted)

Yes

S828

INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes Appropriations

SENATE: Yes Economic Growth

Budget & Appropriations

(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: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: Yes 2/25/2021

A2101 (2R)

INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes Telecom. & Utilities

Appropriations

SENATE: No

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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 263, approved November 8, 2021 Senate, No. 828 (First Reprint)

AN ACT concerning prior notification of certain local unit and public utility infrastructure projects and supplementing Title 48 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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EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Revised Statutes that provides gas, electricity, heat, power, water, or sewer service to a municipality or the residents thereof.

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- b. Notwithstanding the notification requirements of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), within 60 days of the receipt of the notice required pursuant to subsection a. of this section, a local unit and local utility shall examine any underground utility facility 1 owned or operated by the local unit or local utility¹ to the extent feasible and notify the public utility whether ¹[an] such ¹ underground utility facility needs repair or replacement and if the local unit or local utility intends to undertake a local infrastructure project within the scope of the public utility infrastructure project. The local unit, local utility, and public utility shall coordinate to provide timely notification of any changes to their respective project plans or schedule and, when feasible, to jointly establish a timeframe for scheduled work.
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3. a. A local unit and local utility shall notify each public utility that provides service within the borders of a local unit and local utility service area of any local infrastructure project that the local unit or local utility plans to undertake at least 180 days prior

to initiating work on the local infrastructure project. The notice shall include a summary of the purpose and scope of the local infrastructure project, a local infrastructure project schedule, and a map of the local infrastructure project location.

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5. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain inoperative for ¹[90] 180¹ days following the date of enactment.

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Requires public utilities and local units to provide notice prior to initiating certain infrastructure projects.

SENATE, No. 828

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA District 38 (Bergen and Passaic) Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Requires public utilities and local units to provide notice prior to initiating certain infrastructure projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



S828 LAGANA, GREENSTEIN

1 AN ACT concerning prior notification of certain local unit and 2 public utility infrastructure projects and supplementing Title 48 3 of the Revised Statutes.

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

 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

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"Public utility infrastructure project" means the construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, restoration, or alteration of facilities under ownership or control of the public utility that requires approval by the board, but shall not include temporary traffic control, leak surveying, snow plowing, vegetation management in or around public utility rights-of-way, mark outs, landscaping, meter work, or equipment repairs occurring during an emergency.

2. a. A public utility shall notify a local unit and local utility of any public utility infrastructure project that the public utility plans to undertake within the borders of that local unit and local

utility service area at least 180 days prior to initiating work on the 1 2 public utility infrastructure project. The notice shall include a 3 summary of the purpose and scope of the public utility 4 infrastructure project, a public utility infrastructure project 5 schedule, and a map of the public utility infrastructure project 6 location.

- b. Notwithstanding the notification requirements of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the 9 Legislature as this bill), within 60 days of the receipt of the notice 10 required pursuant to subsection a. of this section, a local unit and local utility shall examine any underground utility facility to the 12 extent feasible and notify the public utility whether an underground 13 utility facility needs repair or replacement and if the local unit or 14 local utility intends to undertake a local infrastructure project within 15 the scope of the public utility infrastructure project. The local unit, 16 local utility, and public utility shall coordinate to provide timely 17 notification of any changes to their respective project plans or 18 schedule and, when feasible, to jointly establish a timeframe for 19 scheduled work.
 - c. A public utility, upon completing a public utility infrastructure project that requires road, street, or highway excavation work in a local unit, shall restore the road, street, or highway to the condition that is required pursuant to ordinance in that local unit or to a condition which has been agreed upon by the public utility, local unit, and local utility.

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b. Notwithstanding the notification requirements of subsection a. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), within 60 days of the receipt of the notice required pursuant to subsection a. of this section, a public utility shall examine any underground utility facility within the borders of a local unit and local utility service area to the extent feasible and notify the local unit and local utility whether an underground utility facility needs repair or replacement and if the public utility intends to construct a public utility infrastructure project within the scope of the local infrastructure project. The local unit, local utility, and public utility shall coordinate to provide timely notification of any changes to their respective project plans or schedule and, when feasible, to jointly establish a timeframe for scheduled work.

S828 LAGANA, GREENSTEIN

4. The Board of Public Utilities, in consultation with the Department of Community Affairs, shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to implement the provisions of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

5. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain inoperative for 90 days following the date of enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill provides that a public utility regulated by the Board of Public Utilities, a "local unit," and a "local utility" as those terms are defined in the bill, are to notify each other within 180 days, of an infrastructure project the public utility, local unit, or local utility plans to undertake. The notice is to include a summary of the purpose and scope of the infrastructure project, the infrastructure project schedule, and a map of the infrastructure project location.

Within 60 days of the receipt of the required notice, the public utility, local unit, and local utility are to examine any underground utility facility within the borders of the infrastructure project to the extent feasible and notify each other whether an underground utility facility needs repair or replacement and if any of them intend to undertake an infrastructure project within the scope of the other's infrastructure project. The bill requires the public utility, local unit, and local utility to coordinate to provide timely notification of any changes to their respective project plans or schedule and, when feasible, to jointly establish a timeframe for scheduled work.

Finally, the bill requires a public utility, upon completing a project that requires road, street, or highway excavation work in a local unit, to restore the road, street, or highway to the condition that is required pursuant to ordinance in that local unit or to a condition which has been agreed upon by the public utility, local unit, and local utility.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint] **SENATE, No. 828**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 24, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 828 (1R).

As amended and reported, this bill provides that a public utility regulated by the Board of Public Utilities, a local unit, and a local utility, are to notify each other within 180 days of the start of a public utility infrastructure project and a local infrastructure project that a public utility, local unit, or local utility plans to undertake. The bill defines a "local infrastructure project," "local unit," "local utility," and "public utility infrastructure project." The notice is to include a summary of the purpose and scope of the public or local infrastructure project (infrastructure project), the infrastructure project schedule, and a map of the infrastructure project location.

Within 60 days of the receipt of the required notice, the public utility, local unit, and local utility are to examine any underground utility facility owned or operated by the public utility, local unit, or local utility to the extent feasible and notify each other whether any such underground utility facility needs repair or replacement and if any of these entities intend to undertake an infrastructure project within the scope of the other's infrastructure project. The bill requires the public utility, local unit, and local utility to coordinate to provide timely notification of any changes to their respective project plans or schedule and, when feasible, to jointly establish a timeframe for scheduled work.

The bill requires the Board of Public Utilities, in consultation with the Department of Community Affairs, to adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 828 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2101 (1R), which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will have a minimal direct fiscal impact on local governments and local utilities through additional requirements to provide advanced notice to public utilities concerning pending infrastructure work. By having

advanced knowledge about future public utility work, there is a possibility that local decisions concerning the timing and nature of local infrastructure projects will be impacted. The short term impact could be more or less local spending, but in either situation long term local costs are likely to be reduced.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 828

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 24, 2020

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 828.

As reported, this bill requires a public utility regulated by the Board of Public Utilities, a "local unit," and a "local utility," as those terms are defined in the bill, to notify each other within 180 days, of an infrastructure project the public utility, local unit, or local utility plans to undertake. The notice is to include a summary of the purpose and scope of the infrastructure project, the infrastructure project schedule, and a map of the infrastructure project location.

Within 60 days of the receipt of the required notice, the public utility, local unit, and local utility are required to examine any underground utility facility within the borders of the infrastructure project to the extent feasible and notify each other whether an underground utility facility needs repair or replacement and if any of them intend to undertake an infrastructure project within the scope of the other's infrastructure project. The bill requires the public utility, local unit, and local utility to coordinate to provide timely notification of any changes to their respective project plans or schedule and, when feasible, to jointly establish a timeframe for scheduled work.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 828

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 22, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 828, with committee amendments.

As amended and reported, this bill provides that a public utility regulated by the Board of Public Utilities, a local unit, and a local utility, are to notify each other within 180 days of the start of a public utility infrastructure project and a local infrastructure project that a public utility, local unit, or local utility plans to undertake. The bill defines a "local infrastructure project," "local unit," "local utility," and "public utility infrastructure project." The notice is to include a summary of the purpose and scope of the public or local infrastructure project (infrastructure project), the infrastructure project schedule, and a map of the infrastructure project location.

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The bill requires the Board of Public Utilities, in consultation with the Department of Community Affairs, to adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

1) remove the requirement that, upon completing an infrastructure project that requires road, street, or highway excavation work in a local unit, a public utility is to restore the road, street, or highway to the condition that is required pursuant to an ordinance of that local unit or to a condition which has been agreed upon by the public utility, local unit, and local utility;

- 2) require a public utility, local unit, and local utility to only examine their own underground utility facilities within the scope of the other's infrastructure project prior to work being initiated on the infrastructure project;
- 3) modify the definition of a "public utility infrastructure project"; and
 - 4) delay, by 90 days, the operative date of the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services notes that the bill adds to the responsibilities of local governments, and thus may require affected local governments in incur additional costs. The added responsibilities are minor relative to current responsibilities, and can be expected to be absorbed within existing resources in most instances.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 828 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 25, 2021

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires public utilities and local units to provide notice prior to

initiating certain infrastructure projects.

Type of Impact: Indeterminate annual municipal and county cost impact.

Agencies Affected: Municipalities and counties.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
Local Cost Impact	Indeterminate

• The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will have a minimal direct fiscal impact on local governments and local utilities through additional requirements to provide advanced notice to public utilities concerning pending infrastructure work. By having advanced knowledge about future public utility work, there is a possibility that local decisions concerning the timing and nature of local infrastructure projects will be impacted. The short term impact could be more or less local spending, but in either situation long term local costs are likely to be reduced.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides that a public utility regulated by the Board of Public Utilities, a local unit, and a local utility, as those terms are defined in the bill, are to notify each other within 180 days of the start of an infrastructure project the public utility, local unit, or local utility plans to undertake. The notice is to include a summary of the purpose and scope of the infrastructure project, the infrastructure project schedule, and a map of the infrastructure project location.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the bill will have a minimal direct fiscal impact on local governments and local utilities through additional requirements to provide advanced notice to public utilities concerning pending infrastructure work. There should be little to no cost for a local government or local utility to inform a public utility about work that it already has planned.

The indirect impact on local units from having further advanced knowledge about pending public utility projects is indeterminate and based on future repair cycles and infrastructure conditions.

Public utility work is damaging to the roadways and bridges located above the public utility infrastructure. In order to access those utility assets, pavement needs to be ripped up. When the utility work is completed, the roadways are generally repaired with asphalt patches, rather than full reconstruction of the roadway. The seams where these patches are placed are especially susceptible to seasonal freeze and thaw effects that break down the asphalt and create potholes. As a result, the useful life of a road where asphalt has been damaged in this way by public utility work is significantly shorter than a roadway that has been repaved without patches in the surface of the asphalt.

Any local action that times major roadway repair and reconstruction to periods after major public utility work, when no additional public utility work will be expected for 10 to 15 years, will yield significant lifecycle cost savings for those roadways.

If a town has numerous pending public utility projects and roadways in generally poor condition, this could accelerate repair cycles planned around the completion of public utility projects, leading to greater local road expenditures, but reducing lifecycle costs when road repair work is synchronized with public utility work.

If a town has numerous pending public utility projects in an area where it was about to begin work, it will likely now postpone that work, due to the expected damage to pavement caused by public utility work. This will reduce local costs in the near term by deferring projects, but also likely reduce lifecycle costs, because they will avoid damage to newly repaired roadway by a public utility project when they do choose to complete the roadway project.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

Analyst: Patrick Brennan Principal Fiscal Analyst

Approved: Thomas Koenig

Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

ASSEMBLY, No. 2101

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LISA SWAIN
District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)
Assemblyman P. CHRISTOPHER TULLY
District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)
Assemblyman ANTHONY S. VERRELLI
District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Karabinchak, Assemblywomen Vainieri Huttle, Timberlake and Mosquera

SYNOPSIS

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5. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain inoperative for 90 days following the date of enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill provides that a public utility regulated by the Board of Public Utilities, a "local unit," and a "local utility" as those terms are defined in the bill, are to notify each other within 180 days, of an infrastructure project the public utility, local unit, or local utility plans to undertake. The notice is to include a summary of the purpose and scope of the infrastructure project, the infrastructure project schedule, and a map of the infrastructure project location.

Within 60 days of the receipt of the required notice, the public utility, local unit, and local utility are to examine any underground utility facility within the borders of the infrastructure project to the extent feasible and notify each other whether an underground utility facility needs repair or replacement and if any of them intend to undertake an infrastructure project within the scope of the other's infrastructure project. The bill requires the public utility, local unit, and local utility to coordinate to provide timely notification of any changes to their respective project plans or schedule and, when feasible, to jointly establish a timeframe for scheduled work.

Finally, the bill requires a public utility, upon completing a project that requires road, street, or highway excavation work in a local unit, to restore the road, street, or highway to the condition that is required pursuant to ordinance in that local unit or to a condition which has been agreed upon by the public utility, local unit, and local utility.

ASSEMBLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2101

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 20, 2020

The Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2101.

As amended and reported, this bill provides that a public utility regulated by the Board of Public Utilities, a "local unit," and a "local utility," as those terms are defined in the bill, are to notify each other within 180 days of the start of an infrastructure project the public utility, local unit, or local utility plans to undertake. The notice is to include a summary of the purpose and scope of the infrastructure project, the infrastructure project schedule, and a map of the infrastructure project location.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to remove the requirement that, upon completing a project that requires road, street, or highway excavation work in a local unit, a public utility is to restore the road, street, or highway to the condition that is required pursuant to an ordinance of that local unit or to a condition which has been agreed upon by the public utility, local unit, and local utility.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint] ASSEMBLY, No. 2101

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 24, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2101 (1R), with committee amendments.

As amended and reported, this bill provides that a public utility regulated by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), a local unit, and a local utility, are to notify each other within 180 days of the start of a public utility infrastructure project and a local infrastructure project that a public utility, local unit, or local utility plans to undertake. The bill defines a "local infrastructure project," "local unit," "local utility," and "public utility infrastructure project." The notice is to include a summary of the purpose and scope of the public utility or local utility infrastructure project (infrastructure project), the infrastructure project schedule, and a map of the infrastructure project location.

Within 60 days of the receipt of the required notice, the public utility, local unit, and local utility are to examine any underground utility facility owned or operated by the public utility, local unit, or local utility to the extent feasible and notify each other whether any such underground utility facility needs repair or replacement and if any of these entities intend to undertake an infrastructure project within the scope of the other's infrastructure project. The bill requires the public utility, local unit, and local utility to coordinate to provide timely notification of any changes to their respective project plans or schedule and, when feasible, to jointly establish a timeframe for scheduled work.

The bill requires the BPU, in consultation with the Department of Community Affairs, to adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

As amended and reported, Assembly Bill No. 2101 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 828 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

1) require a public utility, local unit, and local utility to only examine their own underground utility facilities within the scope of the

other's infrastructure project prior to work being initiated on the infrastructure project;

- 2) modify the definition of a "public utility infrastructure project"; and
 - 3) delay, by 90 days, the operative date of the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will have a minimal direct fiscal impact on local governments and local utilities through additional requirements to provide advanced notice to public utilities concerning pending infrastructure work. By having advanced knowledge about future public utility work, there is a possibility that local decisions concerning the timing and nature of local infrastructure projects will be impacted. The short term impact could be more or less local spending, but in either situation long term local costs are likely to be reduced.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2101 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 12, 2021

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires public utilities and local units to provide notice prior to

initiating certain infrastructure projects.

Type of Impact: Indeterminate annual municipal and county cost impact.

Agencies Affected: Municipalities and counties.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
Local Cost Impact	Indeterminate

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the bill will have a minimal direct fiscal impact on local governments and local utilities through additional requirements to provide advanced notice to public utilities concerning pending infrastructure work. There should be little to no cost for a local government or local utility to inform a public utility about work that it already has planned.

The indirect impact on local units from having further advanced knowledge about pending public utility projects is indeterminate and based on future repair cycles and infrastructure conditions.

Public utility work is damaging to the roadways and bridges located above the public utility infrastructure. In order to access those utility assets, pavement needs to be ripped up. When the utility work is completed, the roadways are generally repaired with asphalt patches, rather than full reconstruction of the roadway. The seams where these patches are placed are especially susceptible to seasonal freeze and thaw effects that break down the asphalt and create potholes. As a result, the useful life of a road where asphalt has been damaged in this way by public utility work is significantly shorter than a roadway that has been repaved without patches in the surface of the asphalt.

Any local action that times major roadway repair and reconstruction to periods after major public utility work, when no additional public utility work will be expected for 10 to 15 years, will yield significant lifecycle cost savings for those roadways.

If a town has numerous pending public utility projects and roadways in generally poor condition, this could accelerate repair cycles planned around the completion of public utility projects, leading to greater local road expenditures, but reducing lifecycle costs when road repair work is synchronized with public utility work.

If a town has numerous pending public utility projects in an area where it was about to begin work, it will likely now postpone that work, due to the expected damage to pavement caused by public utility work. This will reduce local costs in the near term by deferring projects, but also likely reduce lifecycle costs, because they will avoid damage to newly repaired roadway by a public utility project when they do choose to complete the roadway project.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

Analyst: Patrick Brennan Principal Fiscal Analyst

Approved: Thomas Koenig

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2101 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 3, 2021

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires public utilities and local units to provide notice prior to

initiating certain infrastructure projects.

Type of Impact: Annual municipal and county cost impact.

Agencies Affected: Municipalities and counties.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

11/8/2021

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

S-249/A-1259 (Singleton, Turner/Schaer, DeCroce, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires pharmacy benefits manager providing services within Medicaid program to disclose certain information to DHS

S-324/A-3533 (Diegnan, A.M. Bucco/Benson, Freiman, DeCroce) – Authorizes operators of motor vehicles to display electronic proof of registration; requires MVC to send application for registration renewal to lessee of leased vehicle

SCS for S-399 and 1645/ACS for A-869 and 1380 (Lagana, Weinberg, Stack, Turner, Cunningham/Chiaravalloti, Holley) – Requires residential landlords to install covers on steam radiators upon request of tenant

S-537/A-3110 (Codey/McKeon, Verrelli, Vainieri Huttle) – Establishes certain minimum and maximum temperatures in rooming and boarding houses, dementia care homes, and certain nursing homes and residential health care facilities

S-550/A-1616 (Codey, Pennacchio/Lampitt, Conaway, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires certain student identification cards to contain telephone number for suicide prevention hotline

SCS for S-647/A-4825 (Greenstein, Singleton/McKeon, Karabinchak, Stanley) – Revises cybersecurity, asset management, and related reporting requirements in "Water Quality Accountability Act"

S-828/A-2101 (Lagana, Greenstein/Swain, Tully, Verrelli) – Requires public utilities and local units to provide notice prior to initiating certain infrastructure projects

S-829/A-2135 (Lagana, Singleton/Tully, Swain, Murphy) – Requires property condition disclosure statement to indicate presence of lead plumbing in residential property

S-830/A-2134 (Lagana, Greenstein/Tully, Swain, Conaway) – Requires public water systems to offer drinking water tests to customers in certain circumstances

S-894/A-3874 (Pou, Greenstein/Lopez, Vainieri Huttle) – Prohibits sale of paint or coating removal products that contain methylene chloride unless purchaser meets certain safety standards for use

S-1010/A-2103 (Lagana, Turner/Swain, Tully, Johnson) – Permits counties and municipalities to bond for alternative fuel vehicles

S-1047/A-1712 (Cryan, Pou/Burzichelli, Karabinchak, Giblin) – Concerns disclosure of certain information prior to sale of real estate

S-1148/A-1221 (Ruiz, Pou/Chaparro, Speight, Wimberly) – Requires emergency contact information and access instructions for social services hotline to be provided to tenants of multiple dwellings

S-1239/A-5131 (Codey/McKeon, Danielsen, Jasey) – Authorizes imposition of fee for connection to municipal electric distribution system

S-1259/A-2628 (Singleton/Murphy) – Concerns labor contractors

S-1726/A-795 (Lagana, Pou/Verrelli, Swain, Zwicker) – Prohibits sale of cosmetic products that have been tested on animals

- **S-2727/A-4775 (Pennacchio, Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Jasey, McKnight)** Establishes Multigenerational Family Housing Continuity Commission; provides municipal guidance to periodically analyze local advancement of commission's senior citizen housing recommendations
- **S-2861/A-5390 (Singleton, Addiego/Quijano, McKnight, Speight)** Concerns certain restrictive covenants on real property
- **S-2996/A-5019 (Testa, Sweeney/McClellan, Taliaferro, Johnson)** Allows Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling licensees to operate mobile facilities when providing services
- S-3000/A-4688 (Weinberg, Greenstein/Benson, Verrelli, Vainieri Huttle) Codifies and establishes certain network adequacy standards for pediatric primary and specialty care in Medicaid program
- **S-3032/A-4855 (Sweeney, Vitale/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Chiaravalloti)** Requires DOH to develop Statewide plan for infection control and prevention infrastructure improvements in nursing homes
- **S-3091/A-4933 (Addiego, Bateman/Burzichelli, Benson, Mukherji)** Requires builders to offer unit concrete products that utilize carbon footprint-reducing technology as option in new construction; establishes tax incentives, and State and local purchasing requirements, for unit concrete products that utilize carbon footprint-reducing technology
- S-3253/A-2619 (Singleton, Ruiz/Murphy, Speight, Mukherji) Establishes alternate route to expedite certification of teachers at early college high school programs
- S-3318/A-5893 (Sweeney, Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Caputo, Karabinchak) Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for Special Olympics New Jersey
- **S-3590/A-5536 (Diegnan, Turner/Burzichelli, Giblin)** Allows formation of limited liability companies by real estate salespersons and broker-salespersons to receive commission income and requires certain disclosures on promotions
- S-3811/A-5769 (Sweeney, Scutari/Reynolds-Jackson, Quijano, Carter) Establishes Kean University as public urban research university
- **S-3948/A-5896 (Addiego, Gopal/Houghtaling, Downey)** Authorizes supplemental State aid to school districts receiving certain federal Impact Aid; makes appropriation
- **SJR-41/AJR-33 (Cruz-Perez, Addiego/Lopez, McKnight)** Designates June 2 of each year as "Gun Violence Awareness Day"
- **SJR-109/AJR-208 (Weinberg, Pou/McKnight, Benson, Vainieri Huttle)** Condemns hate and violent extremism and commits to defense of safe and just democracy
- **A-637/S-2670 (Caputo, Dancer, Houghtaling/Beach)** Revises permit and license processes for sports pools operators and online sports pool operators; revises definitions of certain sports events; allows for transactional waiver for sports wagering lounge
- **A-853/S-797 (Chiaravalloti, Karabinchak, McKnight/Cunningham, Doherty)** Prohibits municipal licensure of children operating temporary businesses
- **A-2311/S-356 (Calabrese, Jasey/Cryan, Codey)** Establishes study commission to examine development of mutually beneficial relationships between institutions of higher education and municipalities
- A-3027/S-793 (Lampitt, Jasey, Houghtaling/Cunningham, Singleton) Commits \$3 million from Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skill to NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development
- ACS for A-3352/S-3504 (Kennedy, Stanley, Calabrese/Smith) Requires certain newly constructed warehouses to be solar-ready buildings

A-3897/S-3263 (Armato, Mazzeo, DiMaso/Beach, Gopal) — Increases fee for New Jersey Waterfowl Stamps

A-4138/S-2701 (Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Giblin/Gopal, Codey) – Requires Department of Human Services to develop public emergency response plan for licensed providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities

A-4367/S-2794 (Mukherji, Sumter, Taliaferro/Pou, Scutari) – Provides that AOC shall administer program for municipal courts allowing defendants to engage in online plea negotiations, entry of guilty plea, and payment of fine or penalty

A-4484/S-3153 (McKnight, Kennedy, Mukherji, Gove/Pou, Vitale) – Requires State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to establish long-term care advocacy and educational training program

A-4538/S-3131 (Lampitt, Quijano/Pou, A.M. Bucco) – Requires dental insurers to provide credits for reduced usage during coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic

A-4544/S-3150 (Caputo, Jasey, Murphy/Pou, Codey) – Permits school nurse who is retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF

A-4633/S-2856 (Giblin, DeCroce/Pou) – Permits certain nonresident Certified Public Accountants to provide attest services

A-4831/S-3953 (Chaparro, Kennedy, Murphy/Scutari) – Clarifies classification in this State of criminal offenses committed in other states or under federal law

A-4836/S-3313 (Giblin, Benson, Downey/Pou, Turner) – Establishes task force to evaluate quality, efficacy, costs, and educational outcomes of online courses offered by public and independent institutions of higher education and degree-granting proprietary institutions during COVID-19 pandemic

A-4861/S-3041 (Vainieri Huttle, Armato, Verrelli/Vitale, Gopal) – Requires DOH to publish total number of COVID-19 deaths and cases in long-term care facilities

A-4869/S-2414 (Wirths, Verrelli, Space/Singleton, Madden) – Requires certain bidders for prevailing wage public work to provide proof that prevailing wage will be paid

A-5059/S-3031 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson/Sweeney, Vitale) – Requires DOH to establish certain nursing education and professional advancement programs

A-5212/S-3638 (Conaway, Verrelli, Karabinchak/Turner, Diegnan) – Permits dentists to administer vaccines under certain circumstances

A-5751/S-3823 (Swain, Timberlake, Carter, Johnson/Weinberg, Gopal) – Expands State corrections officers training to include topics contributing to their core mission of treating inmates with dignity, fairness, and respect

A-5817/S-3852 (Tully, Swain, Benson/Lagana, Diegnan) — Revises violation and fines for approving or assigning unauthorized individuals as school bus drivers

A-5818/S-3849 (Tully, Swain, Benson/Lagana, Diegnan) – Provides for debarment of school bus contractors for certain violations; requires certain information in pupil transportation contract bid

AJR-204/SJR-105 (Jasey, Benson, Reynolds-Jackson/Cunningham, T. Kean) – Designates April of each year as "Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Month" in New Jersey

AJR-238/SJR-123 (Burzichelli/Sweeney, Singleton) – Urges U.S. President and EPA to take appropriate action, through waivers and other reforms, to allow blending of renewable fuels under the federal "Clean Air Act"

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

S-108/A-169 (Gill, Turner/Caputo, Wirths) – **CONDITIONAL -** Concerns speech rights of student journalists at public schools and public institutions of higher education

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S-2078/A-5008 (Weinberg, Addiego/Lampitt, Benson, Vainieri Huttle) – **CONDITIONAL** - Establishes "Stillbirth Resource Center" and regional Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Committee, and programs for the prevention and reduction of incidences of stillbirth; expands list of professionals authorized to provide stillbirth-related care

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S-2160/A-5701 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singer/Carter, Lampitt, Jasey) – **CONDITIONAL -** Creates special education unit within the Office of Administrative Law; requires annual report

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S-2525/A-4274 (Rice, Singleton, Turner/Conaway, Sumter, Stanley) – CONDITIONAL - Expands powers and duties of State Chief Diversity Officer to promote diversity in State government and public contracting

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S-2559/ACS for A-4179 and 4200 (Gopal, Gill/Downey, Conaway, Benson, Houghtaling, Karabinchak) – CONDITIONAL - Revises requirements for health insurance providers and Medicaid to cover services provided using telemedicine and telehealth; appropriates \$5 million

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S-2834/A-5312 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Lampitt, McKnight) – **CONDITIONAL -** Mandates training on culturally responsive teaching for all candidates for teaching certification

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S-2953/A-4785 (Sweeney, Cunningham/Quijano, Verrelli, Mukherji) – CONDITIONAL - Expands scope of inmate reentry assistance and benefits

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S-3238/A-5213 (Ruiz, Pou/Verrelli, McKnight, McKeon) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes New Jersey Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program

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S-3488/A-5537 (Sweeney, Gopal, O'Scanlon/Burzichelli, Dancer, Spearman) – CONDITIONAL - Modifies certain procedures pertaining to school district regionalization; establishes grant program for cost reimbursement of conducting regionalization feasibility studies; and provides financial incentives for regionalization

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S-3867/A-5868 (Addiego, Singleton/Benson, Verrelli, Vainieri Huttle) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund and Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council; provides for funds received from opioid settlements to support substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs

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S-3955/A-5905 (Ruiz/Timberlake, Speight, Spearman) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes "Rental Assistance Navigation Program" in DCA; makes appropriation

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A-1533/S-3321 (Spearman, Reynolds-Jackson, Schaer/Stack, Turner) – CONDITIONAL - Requires reservation of portion of tenant-based vouchers under State rental assistance program for persons displaced due to redevelopment of an affordable housing development; provides displaced persons with affordable housing priority status

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A-2455/S-2204 (Benson, Vainieri Huttle, DeAngelo/Greenstein, Oroho) – **CONDITIONAL -** Establishes pilot program in DOE to support FIRST Robotics Programs in school districts

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A-3062/S-1196 (Pintor Marin, Moen, Reynolds-Jackson/Pou, Cruz-Perez) - CONDITIONAL

- Establishes three year Financial Empowerment Pilot Program

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A-4002/S-2257 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Sarlo) – **CONDITIONAL -** Allows deduction of promotional gaming credit from gross revenue on sports wagering

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A-4433/S-2715 (Greenwald, Mukherji, Lampitt/Beach, Corrado) – CONDITIONAL - Creates grant program to encourage school districts to partner with institutions of higher education in training school-based mental health services providers

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A-4435/S-2717 (Verrelli, Greenwald, Speight, Lampitt/Beach, Corrado) – CONDITIONAL - Requires DCF to give priority to certain school districts with student mental health counseling centers in awarding grants under School Based Youth Services Program

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A-4630/S-577 (Burzichelli/Madden, Singleton) – CONDITIONAL - Concerns labor harmony agreements in retail and distribution center projects

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A-4746/S-3947 (Mosquera, Lopez, Chaparro, Dunn/Vitale, Turner) – **CONDITIONAL** - Requires that certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment

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A-4834/S-3474 (Mazzeo, Quijano, Downey/Pou, Turner) – CONDITIONAL - Requires disclosure letter be included with mail falsely implying State government connection

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A-4850/S-3095 (Karabinchak, Freiman, Calabrese, Greenwald/Diegnan) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes expedited construction inspection program

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A-5033/S-3279 (Benson, Dancer, Verrelli/Gopal) – CONDITIONAL - Authorizes motor vehicle dealers to sell motor vehicles online and obtain electronic signatures for motor vehicle transactions

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A-5353/S-3421 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson/Madden, Turner) – CONDITIONAL - Provides for certification of temporary nurse aides

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A-5599/S-3916 (Chiaravalloti, Vainieri Huttle, McKnight/Scutari, Gill) – **CONDITIONAL -** Establishes order of protection for current or former judge; upgrades and clarifies harassment against current or former judge; bars firearms possession by persons against whom current or former judge order of protection is entered

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A-5864/S-3939 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Chaparro, McKnight, DeAngelo, Bergen/Gopal, Cryan) – CONDITIONAL - Allows law enforcement officers to review body worn camera recordings prior to creating initial report

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bills:

S-415/A-4685 (Turner/Quijano, Verrelli) – **ABSOLUTE -** Requires reentry assistance to be provided to certain inmates who have served their maximum sentence

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S-969/ACS for A-2687 (Ruiz, Turner/Mazzeo, Lampitt, Moen) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes loan redemption program for teachers in certain fields to redeem loan amounts received under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students Loan Program through employment in certain low performing schools

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S-2261/A-4265 (Singleton/Conaway) – ABSOLUTE - Revises law relating to common interest communities

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S-2347/A-4030 (Sweeney, Greenstein, T. Kean/Mukherji, Benson, Murphy) – ABSOLUTE - Establishes Employment and Business-Related Tax Deferral Assistance Program in EDA to allow small businesses to defer the payment and remittance of certain employment and business-related taxes during COVID-19 public health emergency

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S-3093/A-4910 (Gopal, Sweeney, Singleton/Burzichelli, Johnson, Danielsen) – ABSOLUTE - Establishes county-based mitigation plan to allow businesses to operate during pandemic

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S-3505/A-5371 (Scutari, Weinberg/Mukherji, Johnson, Quijano) – ABSOLUTE - Requires assignment of unemployment claims handlers to legislative districts and partisan offices during COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency; appropriates \$1.8 million

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S-3868/A-5895 (Sarlo/Giblin) - ABSOLUTE - Concerns construction code enforcing agency fee revenue

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A-2722/S-1862 (Mukherji/Gopal, Oroho) – **ABSOLUTE -** Requires Commissioner of Corrections to institute 30-minute shift overlap in State correctional facilities

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A-4297/S-2631 (Houghtaling, Downey, Space/Gopal, Oroho) – ABSOLUTE - Permits conduct of bingos and raffles remotely; permits online sale of tickets for all bingos and raffles

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A-5231/S-3806 (Lopez, Coughlin, Freiman/Vitale) – ABSOLUTE - Allows county or municipal governing body to enter into revenue sharing agreement for alcoholic beverage sales by concessionaire permit holder

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