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LAWS OF: 2021 **CHAPTER:** 277

NJSA: 26:2H-12.87a (Requires DOH to develop Statewide plan for infection control and prevention infrastructure improvements in nursing homes.)

BILL NO: S3032 (Substituted for A4855)

SPONSOR(S) Sweeney, Stephen M. and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 10/19/2020

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Appropriations
SENATE: Health, Human Services & Senior Citizens
Budget & Appropriations

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 5/20/2021
SENATE: 3/25/2021

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FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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S3032

INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes Appropriations
SENATE: Yes Health, Human Services &
Senior Citizens
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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: Yes

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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 277, *approved November 8, 2021*
Senate, No. 3032

1 AN ACT concerning nursing homes and supplementing Title 26 of
2 the Revised Statutes.

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17 conditioning, and refrigeration systems in nursing homes;

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22 (4) any other infrastructure-related infection control or
23 prevention considerations as are recommended for assessment by
24 the New Jersey Task Force on Long-Term Care Quality and Safety
25 established pursuant to P.L.2020, c.88. No later than 30 days after
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28 Safety provide the department with recommendations for
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30 considerations to be assessed pursuant to this section, which
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32 department no later than 30 days after the date of the request.

33 b. The assessment required under subsection a. of this section
34 shall be completed no later than one year after the effective date of
35 this act.

36 c. No later than 180 days after completing the assessment
37 required pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the department
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SENATE, No. 3032

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 19, 2020

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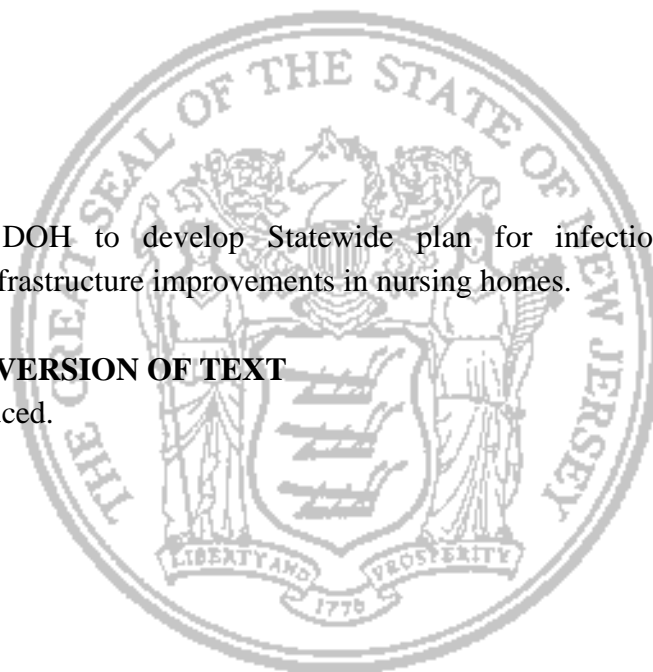
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SYNOPSIS

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3032

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 18, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3032.

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As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3032 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4855, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that this bill would increase State expenditures from the General Fund by an indeterminate amount over a two-year period, in order for the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure assessment, and develop a strategic plan to address gaps in facilities' infection control and prevention infrastructure.

To the extent that the DOH can adapt the Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) tool, utilized by the department's Communicable Disease Service (CDS) to reduce the number of healthcare associated infections in nursing homes, State costs could be reduced.

The DOH would incur additional costs to develop a strategic plan to improve infection control and prevention infrastructure in New Jersey nursing homes. To the extent that the DOH is able to consult with CDS staff regarding steps to improve facilities' infection control and prevention protocols, or incorporate best practices utilized in other states, costs to meet this requirement could be limited.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3032

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 14, 2021

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3032.

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3032

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 22, 2021

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3032.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services finds that this bill would increase State expenditures from the General Fund by an indeterminate amount over a two-year period, in order for the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure assessment and develop a strategic plan to address gaps in facilities' infection control and prevention infrastructure.

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 3032
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 10, 2021

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires DOH to develop Statewide plan for infection control and prevention infrastructure improvements in nursing homes.

Type of Impact: Two-year increase in State expenditures.

Agencies Affected: Department of Health.

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that this bill would increase State expenditures from the General Fund by an indeterminate amount over a two-year period, in order for the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure assessment and develop a strategic plan to address gaps in facilities' infection control and prevention infrastructure.
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BILL DESCRIPTION

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that this bill would increase State expenditures from the General Fund by an indeterminate amount in order for the DOH to conduct the Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure assessment, and develop a strategic plan to address gaps in facilities' infection control and prevention infrastructure. For context, the OLS calculates that there are 377 nursing homes in the State that would come under the purview of this bill.

Currently, the CDS within the DOH has a team of epidemiologists and infection preventionists that conducts voluntary infection control and prevention assessments of nursing homes and other healthcare facilities, utilizing the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) ICAR tool. The CDS utilizes the ICAR tool, as part of a cooperative agreement with the CDC, to help nursing homes reduce the number of healthcare associated infections.

However, assessments conducted by the ICAR team are non-regulatory in nature, meaning that results from the ICAR assessments are not reported to the DOH, unless the team observes an egregious violation. Specifically, the ICAR team will: survey a nursing home's infection control and prevention practices, identify areas for improvement in a facility's infection prevention practices, share local and national best practices with a facility's leadership team, provide resources to support outbreak response and reporting preparedness, and provide post-assessment follow-up resources. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CDC adapted its ICAR tool to assess infection control and prevention protocols related to COVID-19; the revised ICAR tool includes a section pertaining to a nursing home's infrastructure. To the extent that the DOH can adapt the ICAR tool to meet the requirements established under this bill, costs to the State may be somewhat reduced.

The bill additionally requires the DOH to develop a strategic plan to address infrastructure improvements that nursing homes may need to make in order to facilitate infection control and prevention. The strategic plan is additionally to include: design and construction standards to improve infection control capabilities at nursing homes; best practices utilized in other states; and specific infection control benchmarks, along with timelines for the nursing home industry to meet these benchmarks. To the extent that the DOH can consult with, and obtain recommendations from the ICAR team in formulating the required strategic plan, State costs could be reduced. In addition, the DOH could consult with the Health Care Association of New Jersey, which represents both for-profit and non-profit nursing homes, or LeadingAge New Jersey and Delaware, which represents non-profit nursing homes, to develop specific design and construction protocols and best practice standards as part of the long-term strategic plan.

Section: Human Services

*Analyst: Anne Cappabianca
Assistant 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.).

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8 nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure
9 assessment, which assessment shall include, at a minimum:

10 (1) a count of the total number of single-resident rooms in
11 nursing homes, a determination as to what percentage of the total
12 number of authorized nursing home beds in New Jersey are utilized
13 in single-resident rooms, and a review of the ability of nursing
14 homes to convert multiple-resident rooms to single-resident rooms
15 or otherwise expand the number of single-resident rooms;

16 (2) a survey of the maintenance status of heating, ventilating, air
17 conditioning, and refrigeration systems in nursing homes;

18 (3) a study of the utilization of negative pressure rooms and
19 other physical plant features that are designed or may be
20 implemented to increase infection control and prevention capability
21 in nursing homes; and

22 (4) any other infrastructure-related infection control or
23 prevention considerations as are recommended for assessment by
24 the New Jersey Task Force on Long-Term Care Quality and Safety
25 established pursuant to P.L.2020, c.88. No later than 30 days after
26 the effective date of this act, the Department of Health shall request
27 that the New Jersey Task Force on Long-Term Care Quality and
28 Safety provide the department with recommendations for
29 infrastructure-related infection control and prevention
30 considerations to be assessed pursuant to this section, which
31 recommendations shall be provided by the task force to the
32 department no later than 30 days after the date of the request.

33 b. The assessment required under subsection a. of this section
34 shall be completed no later than one year after the effective date of
35 this act.

36 c. No later than 180 days after completing the assessment
37 required pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the department
38 shall develop a Statewide nursing home infection control and
39 prevention infrastructure improvement plan, which plan shall:

40 (1) establish standards and requirements for improvements to
41 the infrastructure in nursing homes to improve infection control and
42 prevention and to ensure the nursing homes are primarily focused
43 on resident safety and the quality of services provided to residents;

44 (2) establish a long-term strategy to redesign the nursing home
45 industry in New Jersey to ensure the system is primarily focused on
46 resident safety and the quality of services provided to residents,
47 which strategy shall include design and construction standards for
48 new facilities and facilities undergoing significant modifications;

1 (3) review and seek to incorporate best practice standards in
2 place in other states; and

3 (4) establish specific goals and timelines for improvements,
4 which shall take into account the age of the facilities, the
5 availability of land for expansion or new construction, the costs of
6 improvements, and the authorizations that would be required.

7 In developing the Statewide nursing home infection control and
8 prevention infrastructure improvement plan pursuant to this
9 subsection, the department shall consult with representatives from
10 the nursing home industry, including representatives from for-profit
11 and non-profit facilities, groups representing nursing home workers,
12 including both direct care providers and support staff, resident
13 advocates, and the families of residents.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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20 This bill requires the Department of Health to conduct a
21 Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention
22 infrastructure assessment and, based on that assessment, develop a
23 Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention
24 infrastructure improvement plan.

25 At a minimum, the assessment will include: (1) a count of the
26 total number of single-resident rooms in nursing homes in the State
27 and the percentage of total nursing home beds that are utilized in
28 single-resident rooms, as well as a review of the ability of nursing
29 homes to expand single-resident room capacity;

30 (2) a survey of the maintenance status of heating, ventilating, air
31 conditioning, and refrigeration systems in nursing homes;

32 (3) a study of the utilization of negative pressure rooms and
33 other physical plant features that are designed or may be
34 implemented to increase infection control and prevention capability
35 in nursing homes; and

36 (4) any other infrastructure-related infection control or
37 prevention considerations as are recommended for assessment by
38 the New Jersey Task Force on Long-Term Care Quality and Safety
39 established pursuant to P.L.2020, c.88. The bill expressly requires
40 the department to request recommendations from the task force.

41 The assessment is to be completed within one year after the
42 effective date of the bill.

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44 department will be required to develop a Statewide nursing home
45 infection control and prevention infrastructure improvement plan,
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12 of land for expansion or new construction, the costs of
13 improvements, and the authorizations that would be required.

14 In developing the Statewide plan, the department will be required
15 to consult with representatives from the nursing home industry,
16 including representatives from for-profit and non-profit facilities,
17 groups representing both direct care providers and support staff in
18 nursing homes, resident advocates, and the families of residents.

ASSEMBLY AGING AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4855

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2020

The Assembly Aging and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4855.

This bill requires the Department of Health to conduct a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure assessment and, based on that assessment, develop a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure improvement plan.

At a minimum, the assessment will include:

(1) a count of the total number of single-resident rooms in nursing homes in the State and the percentage of total nursing home beds that are utilized in single-resident rooms, as well as a review of the ability of nursing homes to expand single-resident room capacity;

(2) a survey of the maintenance status of heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems in nursing homes;

(3) a study of the utilization of negative pressure rooms and other physical plant features that are designed or may be implemented to increase infection control and prevention capability in nursing homes; and

(4) any other infrastructure-related infection control or prevention considerations as are recommended for assessment by the New Jersey Task Force on Long-Term Care Quality and Safety established pursuant to P.L.2020, c.88. The bill expressly requires the department to request recommendations from the task force.

The assessment is to be completed within one year after the effective date of the bill.

No later than 180 days after the assessment is completed, the department will be required to develop a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure improvement plan, which plan is to:

(1) establish standards and requirements for improvements to the infrastructure in nursing homes to improve infection control and prevention and to ensure the nursing homes are primarily focused on resident safety and the quality of services provided to residents;

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(3) review and seek to incorporate best practice standards in place in other states; and

(4) establish specific goals and timelines for improvements, which will take into account the age of the facilities, the availability of land for expansion or new construction, the costs of improvements, and the authorizations that would be required.

In developing the Statewide plan, the department will be required to consult with representatives from the nursing home industry, including representatives from for-profit and non-profit facilities, groups representing both direct care providers and support staff in nursing homes, resident advocates, and the families of residents.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4855

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 18, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4855.

This bill requires the Department of Health to conduct a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure assessment and, based on that assessment, develop a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure improvement plan.

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(1) a count of the total number of single-resident rooms in nursing homes in the State and the percentage of total nursing home beds that are utilized in single-resident rooms, as well as a review of the ability of nursing homes to expand single-resident room capacity;

(2) a survey of the maintenance status of heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems in nursing homes;

(3) a study of the utilization of negative pressure rooms and other physical plant features that are designed or may be implemented to increase infection control and prevention capability in nursing homes; and

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(4) establish specific goals and timelines for improvements, which will take into account the age of the facilities, the availability of land for expansion or new construction, the costs of improvements, and the authorizations that would be required.

In developing the Statewide plan, the department will be required to consult with representatives from the nursing home industry, including representatives from for-profit and non-profit facilities, groups representing both direct care providers and support staff in nursing homes, resident advocates, and the families of residents.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4855 is identical to Senate Bill No. 3032, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that this bill would increase State expenditures from the General Fund by an indeterminate amount over a two-year period, in order for the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure assessment, and develop a strategic plan to address gaps in facilities' infection control and prevention infrastructure.

To the extent that the DOH can adapt the Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) tool, utilized by the department's Communicable Disease Service (CDS) to reduce the number of healthcare associated infections in nursing homes, State costs could be reduced.

The DOH would incur additional costs to develop a strategic plan to improve infection control and prevention infrastructure in New Jersey nursing homes. To the extent that the DOH is able to consult with CDS staff regarding steps to improve facilities' infection control and prevention protocols, or incorporate best practices utilized in other states, costs to meet this requirement could be limited.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 4855
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 20, 2021

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires DOH to develop Statewide plan for infection control and prevention infrastructure improvements in nursing homes.

Type of Impact: Indeterminate increase in State expenditures, General Fund.

Agencies Affected: Department of Health, Communicable Disease Service.

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate Increase	Indeterminate Increase

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that this bill would increase State expenditures from the General Fund by an indeterminate amount over a two-year period, in order for the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure assessment, and develop a strategic plan to address gaps in facilities' infection control and prevention infrastructure.
- To the extent that the DOH can adapt the Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) tool, utilized by the department's Communicable Disease Service (CDS) to reduce the number of healthcare associated infections in nursing homes, State costs could be reduced.
- The DOH would incur additional costs to develop a strategic plan to improve infection control and prevention infrastructure in New Jersey nursing homes. To the extent that the DOH is able to consult with CDS staff regarding steps to improve facilities' infection control and prevention protocols, or incorporate best practices utilized in other states, costs to meet this requirement could be limited.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill would require the DOH to conduct a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure assessment and, based on that assessment, develop a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure improvement plan.

At a minimum, the assessment is to include:

(1) a count of the total number of single-resident rooms in nursing homes in the State, the percentage of total nursing home beds that are utilized in single-resident rooms, and a review of the ability of nursing homes to expand single-resident room capacity;

(2) a survey of the maintenance of the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems in nursing homes;

(3) a study of the utilization of negative pressure rooms and other physical plant features that may be used to increase infection control and prevention capability in nursing homes; and

(4) any other infrastructure-related infection control or prevention considerations recommended for assessment by the New Jersey Task Force on Long-Term Care Quality and Safety. The bill expressly requires the department to request recommendations from the task force.

The assessment is to be completed within one year after the effective date of the bill.

No later than 180 days after the assessment is completed, the department will be required to develop a Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure improvement plan, which plan is to:

(1) establish standards and requirements for improvements to the infrastructure in nursing homes to improve infection control and prevention and to ensure the nursing homes are primarily focused on resident safety and the quality of services provided to residents;

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In developing the Statewide plan, the department will be required to consult with representatives from the nursing home industry, including representatives from for-profit and non-profit facilities, groups representing both direct care providers and support staff in nursing homes, resident advocates, and the families of residents.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that this bill would increase State expenditures from the General Fund by an indeterminate amount in order for the DOH to conduct the Statewide nursing home infection control and prevention infrastructure assessment, and develop a strategic plan to address gaps in facilities' infection control and prevention infrastructure. For context, the OLS calculates that there are 377 nursing homes in the State that would come under the purview of this bill.

Currently, the CDS within the DOH has team of epidemiologists and infection preventionists that conducts voluntary infection control and prevention assessments of nursing homes and other healthcare facilities, utilizing the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC)

ICAR tool. The CDS utilizes the ICAR tool, as part of a cooperative agreement with the CDC, to help nursing homes reduce the number of healthcare associated infections.

However, assessments conducted by the ICAR team are non-regulatory in nature, meaning that results from the ICAR assessments are not reported to the DOH, unless the team observes an egregious violation. Specifically, the ICAR team will: survey a nursing home's infection control and prevention practices, identify areas for improvement in a facility's infection prevention practices, share local and national best practices with a facility's leadership team, provide resources to support outbreak response and reporting preparedness, and provide post-assessment follow up resources. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CDC adapted its ICAR tool to assess infection control and prevention protocols related to COVID-19; the revised ICAR tool includes a section pertaining to a nursing home's infrastructure. To the extent that the DOH can adapt the ICAR tool to meet the requirements established under this bill, costs to the State may be somewhat reduced.

. The bill additionally requires the DOH to develop a strategic plan to address infrastructure improvements that nursing homes may need to make in order to facilitate infection control and prevention. The strategic plan is additionally to include: design and construction standards to improve infection control capabilities at nursing homes; best practices utilized in other states; and, specific infection control benchmarks, along with timelines for the nursing home industry to meet these benchmarks. To the extent that the DOH can consult with, and obtain recommendations from, the ICAR team in formulating the required strategic plan, State costs could be reduced. In addition, the DOH could consult with the Health Care Association of New Jersey, which represents both for-profit and non-profit nursing homes, or LeadingAge New Jersey and Delaware, which represents non-profit nursing homes, to develop specific design and construction protocols and best practice standards as part of the long-term strategic plan.

Section: Human Services

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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.).

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 Huttie) – 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 Huttie) – 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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