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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 294, *approved November 8, 2021*
 Assembly, No. 4484 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning long-term care and amending P.L.1977, c.239.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
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6 1. Section 5 of PL.1977, c.239 (C.52:27G-5) is amended to
 7 read as follows:

8 5. The ombudsman, as administrator and chief executive
 9 officer of the office, shall:

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 11 therein such administrative subdivisions as **[he may deem]**
 12 necessary, proper,¹ and expedient. He or she may formulate and
 13 adopt rules and regulations and prescribe duties for the efficient
 14 conduct of the business, work,¹ and general administration of the
 15 office. He or she may delegate to subordinate officers or employees
 16 in the office such **[of his]** power as **[he]** may **[deem]** be desirable
 17 to be exercised under his or her supervision and control;

18 b. Appoint and remove such stenographic, clerical,¹ and other
 19 secretarial assistants as may be required for the proper conduct of
 20 the office, subject to the provisions of Title 11 (Civil Service) of the
 21 Revised Statutes, and other applicable statutes, and within the limits
 22 of funds appropriated or otherwise made available therefor. In
 23 addition, and within such funding limits, the ombudsman may
 24 appoint, retain,¹ or employ, without regard to the provisions of the
 25 said Title 11 (Civil Service), or any other statutes, such officers,
 26 investigators, experts, consultants,¹ or other professionally qualified
 27 personnel on a contract basis or otherwise as **[he deems]** necessary.

28 c. Appoint and employ, notwithstanding the provisions of
 29 P.L.1944, c.20 (C.52:17A-1 et seq.), a general counsel and such
 30 other attorneys or counsel as he or she may require, for the purpose,
 31 among other things, of providing legal advice on such matters as the
 32 ombudsman may from time to time require, of attending to and
 33 dealing with all litigation, controversies,¹ and legal matters in which
 34 the office may be a party or in which its rights and interests may be
 35 involved, and of representing the office in all proceedings or
 36 actions of any kind which may be brought for or against it in any
 37 court of this State. With respect to all of the foregoing, such
 38 counsel and attorneys shall be independent of any supervision or
 39 control by the Attorney General or by the Department of Law and
 40 Public Safety, or by any division or officer thereof;

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ASE committee amendments adopted October 8, 2020.

1 d. Have authority to adopt and promulgate pursuant to law such
2 rules and regulations as **【he deems】** necessary to carry out the
3 purposes of this act;

4 e. Maintain suitable headquarters for the office and such other
5 quarters as **【he shall deem】** necessary to the proper functioning of
6 the office;

7 f. Solicit and accept grants of funds from the **【Federal**
8 **Government】** federal government and from other public and any
9 private sources for any of the purposes of this act; provided,
10 however, that any such funds shall be expended only pursuant to an
11 appropriation made by law;

12 g. Perform such other functions as may be prescribed in this act
13 or by any other law; and

14 h. Establish ¹【a】, in consultation with the Department of
15 Health, an annual¹ long-term care ¹【advocacy and educational】¹
16 training program ¹【that is 18 months in duration】¹ in a manner to
17 be determined by the ombudsman. At a minimum, the program
18 shall ¹【provide training on】 address¹ the following subjects: the
19 rights of residents of long-term care facilities; fostering choice and
20 independence among residents of long-term care facilities;
21 identifying and reporting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents
22 of long-term care facilities; long-term care facility ownership;
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24 pertain to long-term care facilities ¹【, including guidelines, laws,
25 and regulations on the inspection of long-term care facilities】; and
26 issues, trends, and policies that impact the rights of long-term care
27 residents¹ . The ¹annual¹ training program shall be completed by
28 ¹【long-term care facility inspectors employed by】¹ the
29 ¹ombudsman’s investigative and advocacy staff, the ombudsman’s
30 volunteer advocates, and¹ Department of Health ¹【in a manner
31 determined by the Commissioner of Health】 long-term care facility
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33 ¹the¹ availability ¹of staff and funding¹, the training program shall
34 be offered to ¹【employees or volunteers of the ombudsman, long-
35 term care advocates,】¹ residents of long-term care facilities ¹【and
36 their】¹, those residents¹ family members ¹, advocacy organizations,
37 government agencies¹ , and long-term care facility employees. To
38 develop ¹【the curriculum of】 and implement¹ the training program,
39 the ombudsman may contract or consult with a non-profit
40 organization that possesses expertise on ¹【federal laws and
41 regulations pertaining to】 the rights of residents in¹ long-term care
42 ¹【facilities】 settings¹.

43 (cf: P.L.1977, c.239, s.5)

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45 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Requires State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to establish long-term care advocacy and educational training program.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4484

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JULY 30, 2020

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT

District 31 (Hudson)

Assemblyman JAMES J. KENNEDY

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

District 33 (Hudson)

Assemblywoman DIANNE C. GOVE

District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)

Co-Sponsored by:

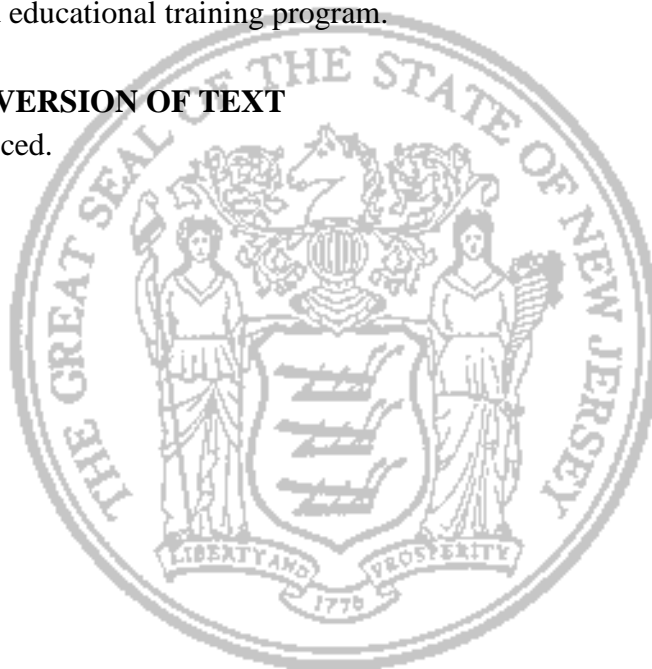
**Assemblyman Benson, Assemblywomen Vainieri Huttle, Speight, Dunn,
B.DeCroce, DiMaso, Tucker and Assemblyman Holley**

SYNOPSIS

Requires State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to establish long-term care advocacy and educational training program.

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26 investigators, experts, consultants, or other professionally qualified
27 personnel on a contract basis or otherwise as **[he deems]** necessary.

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7 or by any other law; and

8 h. Establish a long-term care advocacy and educational training
9 program that is 18 months in duration in a manner to be determined
10 by the ombudsman. At a minimum, the program shall provide
11 training on the following subjects: the rights of residents of long-
12 term care facilities; fostering choice and independence among
13 residents of long-term care facilities; identifying and reporting
14 abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents of long-term care
15 facilities; long-term care facility ownership; and federal guidelines,
16 laws, and regulations that pertain to long-term care facilities,
17 including guidelines, laws, and regulations on the inspection of
18 long-term care facilities. The training program shall be completed
19 by long-term care facility inspectors employed by the Department
20 of Health in a manner determined by the Commissioner of Health.
21 Subject to availability, the training program shall be offered to
22 employees or volunteers of the ombudsman, long-term care
23 advocates, residents of long-term care facilities and their family
24 members, and long-term care facility employees. To develop the
25 curriculum of the training program, the ombudsman may contract or
26 consult with a non-profit organization that possesses expertise on
27 federal laws and regulations pertaining to long-term care facilities.

28 (cf: P.L.1977, c.239, s.5)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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33 STATEMENT

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9 that possesses expertise on federal laws and regulations pertaining
10 to long-term care facilities.

ASSEMBLY AGING AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4484

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 8, 2020

The Assembly Aging and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4484.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (ombudsman) to establish a long-term care advocacy and educational training program.

Under the amended bill, the ombudsman would be required to establish, in consultation with the Department of Health, an annual long-term care training program. At a minimum, the program is to address the following subjects: the rights of residents of long-term care facilities; fostering choice and independence among residents of long-term care facilities; identifying and reporting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents of long-term care facilities; long-term care facility ownership; updates on State and federal guidelines, laws, and regulations that pertain to long-term care facilities; and issues, trends, and policies that impact the rights of long-term care residents. The annual training program is to be completed by the ombudsman's investigative and advocacy staff, the ombudsman's volunteer advocates, and Department of Health long-term care facility surveyors, inspectors, and complaint investigators. Subject to the availability of staff and funding, the training program is to be offered to residents of long-term care facilities, those residents' family members, advocacy organizations, government agencies, and long-term care facility employees. To develop and implement the training program, the ombudsman may contract or consult with a non-profit organization that possesses expertise on the rights of residents in long-term care settings.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to alter the applicable requirements associated with the ombudsman's establishment of a long-term care training program. Specifically, the amendments would require that the program be provided annually, and they would require the training program to include content informing participants about any updates to State and federal guidelines, laws, and regulations that pertain to long-term care facilities; and about any issues, trends, and policies that impact the rights of long-term care residents. These subjects would be

in addition to the other subject matters that were already required to be addressed by the training program under the bill, as introduced. The amendments also require the annual training program to be completed by the ombudsman's investigative and advocacy staff, the ombudsman's volunteer advocates, and Department of Health long-term care facility surveyors, inspectors, and complaint investigators. The amendments further provide that, subject to the availability of staff and funding, the training program is to be offered to residents of long-term care facilities, those residents' family members, advocacy organizations, government agencies, and long-term care facility employees. Finally, the amendments provide that, in order to develop and implement the training program, the ombudsman may contract or consult with a non-profit organization that possesses expertise on the rights of residents in long-term care settings (not one that possesses expertise on the federal laws and regulations pertaining to long-term care facilities, as was provided in the introduced bill).

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4484

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 26, 2020

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4484 (1R).

This bill requires the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (ombudsman) to establish a long-term care advocacy and educational training program.

Under the amended bill, the ombudsman would be required to establish, in consultation with the Department of Health, an annual long-term care training program. At a minimum, the program is to address the following subjects: the rights of residents of long-term care facilities; fostering choice and independence among residents of long-term care facilities; identifying and reporting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents of long-term care facilities; long-term care facility ownership; updates on State and federal guidelines, laws, and regulations that pertain to long-term care facilities; and issues, trends, and policies that impact the rights of long-term care residents. The annual training program is to be completed by the ombudsman's investigative and advocacy staff, the ombudsman's volunteer advocates, and Department of Health long-term care facility surveyors, inspectors, and complaint investigators. Subject to the availability of staff and funding, the training program is to be offered to residents of long-term care facilities, those residents' family members, advocacy organizations, government agencies, and long-term care facility employees. To develop and implement the training program, the ombudsman may contract or consult with a non-profit organization that possesses expertise on the rights of residents in long-term care settings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill will result in an indeterminate annual increase in expenditures to be incurred by the ombudsman to establish and implement a long-term care training program.

One-time costs associated with developing the program will likely be minimal due to the overlap of the training content with the mission of the ombudsman to serve as an independent advocate for older individuals receiving long-term care, as well as the availability of

existing resources to assist in establishing the program. Annual costs associated with the program are indeterminate as the bill allows for the method of implementation to be determined by the ombudsman, in consultation with the Department of Health.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4484

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4484 (1R).

This bill requires the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (ombudsman) to establish a long-term care advocacy and educational training program.

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As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4484 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3153 which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4484

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 2021

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4484 (1R).

This bill requires the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (ombudsman) to establish a long-term care advocacy and educational training program.

Under the bill, the ombudsman would be required to establish, in consultation with the Department of Health, an annual long-term care training program. At a minimum, the program is to address the following subjects: the rights of residents of long-term care facilities; fostering choice and independence among residents of long-term care facilities; identifying and reporting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents of long-term care facilities; long-term care facility ownership; updates on State and federal guidelines, laws, and regulations that pertain to long-term care facilities; and issues, trends, and policies that impact the rights of long-term care residents. The annual training program is to be completed by the ombudsman's investigative and advocacy staff, the ombudsman's volunteer advocates, and Department of Health long-term care facility surveyors, inspectors, and complaint investigators. Subject to the availability of staff and funding, the training program is to be offered to residents of long-term care facilities, those residents' family members, advocacy organizations, government agencies, and long-term care facility employees. To develop and implement the training program, the ombudsman may contract or consult with a non-profit organization that possesses expertise on the rights of residents in long-term care settings.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill will result in an indeterminate annual increase in expenditures to be incurred by the New Jersey Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman (NJLTCO) to establish and implement a long-term care training program.

One-time costs associated with developing the program will likely be minimal due to the overlap of the training content with the mission of the NJLTCO to serve as an independent advocate for older individuals receiving long-term care, as well as the availability of existing resources to assist in establishing the program. Annual costs associated with the program are indeterminate as the bill allows for the method of implementation to be determined by the ombudsman, in consultation with the Department of Health.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4484

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: OCTOBER 26, 2020

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to establish long-term care advocacy and educational training program.
- Type of Impact:** Increase in annual State expenditures.
- Agencies Affected:** New Jersey Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; Department of Health.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate

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BILL DESCRIPTION

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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One-time costs associated with developing the program will likely be minimal due to the overlap of the training content with the mission of the NJLTCO to serve as an independent advocate for older individuals receiving long-term care, as well as the availability of existing resources, such as: the 32-hour training program and certification exam utilized by the NJLTCO to train applicants for the office's Volunteer Advocate Program; the training modules offered by the National Long-term Care Ombudsman Resource Center, which provides support, technical assistance and training to state and local long-term care ombudsman programs; and connections with other ombudsman programs via professional organizations such as the National Association of Local Long-term Care Ombudsman and the National Association of State Ombudsman Programs. The OLS further assumes that any costs to develop the training program will be limited to a one-time expenditure, with the periodic review of the curriculum absorbed into the NJLTCO's existing budget.

Annual costs associated with the program are indeterminate as the bill allows for the method of implementation to be determined by the ombudsman, in consultation with the Department of Health. For example, to the extent that the training program is provided in-person, the costs of the program will be higher, as existing staff or possibly new staff will be needed to lead the training. The OLS notes that cost of in-person implementation will increase in direct relation to how many optional populations (i.e. residents of long-term care facilities, those residents' family members, advocacy organizations, government agencies, and long-term care facility employees) are offered the training, as permitted under the bill. While the OLS assumes a digital platform for the training would significantly minimize staff costs, one-time expenses would still be incurred by the office to design the training tool.

For reference, the State appropriated \$2.1 million from the General Fund to the NJLTCO for the 12-month period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, a \$300,000 increase from the FY 2020 level of \$1.8 million. Federal funding remained stable at \$1.1 million over this same period.

Section: Human Services

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Senior Research Analyst*

*Approved: Frank W. Haines III
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.).

SENATE, No. 3153

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 5, 2020

Sponsored by:

Senator NELLIE POU
District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)
Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE
District 19 (Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Lagana, Gill and Ruiz

SYNOPSIS

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7 or by any other law; and

8 h. Establish, in consultation with the Department of Health, an
9 annual long-term care training program in a manner to be determined
10 by the ombudsman. At a minimum, the program shall address the
11 following subjects: the rights of residents of long-term care
12 facilities; fostering choice and independence among residents of
13 long-term care facilities; identifying and reporting abuse, neglect, or
14 exploitation of residents of long-term care facilities; long-term care
15 facility ownership; updates on State and federal guidelines, laws, and
16 regulations that pertain to long-term care facilities; and issues, trends,
17 and policies that impact the rights of long-term care residents. The
18 annual training program shall be completed by the ombudsman’s
19 investigative and advocacy staff, the ombudsman’s volunteer
20 advocates, and Department of Health long-term care facility
21 surveyors, inspectors, and complaint investigators. Subject to the
22 availability of staff and funding, the training program shall be offered
23 to residents of long-term care facilities, those residents’ family
24 members, advocacy organizations, government agencies, and long-
25 term care facility employees. To develop and implement the training
26 program, the ombudsman may contract or consult with a non-profit
27 organization that possesses expertise on the rights of residents in
28 long-term care settings.
29 (cf: P.L.1977, c.239, s.5)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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34 STATEMENT
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36 This bill requires the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3153

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3153.

This bill requires the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (ombudsman) to establish a long-term care advocacy and educational training program.

Under the amended bill, the ombudsman would be required to establish, in consultation with the Department of Health, an annual long-term care training program. At a minimum, the program is to address the following subjects: the rights of residents of long-term care facilities; fostering choice and independence among residents of long-term care facilities; identifying and reporting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents of long-term care facilities; long-term care facility ownership; updates on State and federal guidelines, laws, and regulations that pertain to long-term care facilities; and issues, trends, and policies that impact the rights of long-term care residents. The annual training program is to be completed by the ombudsman's investigative and advocacy staff, the ombudsman's volunteer advocates, and Department of Health long-term care facility surveyors, inspectors, and complaint investigators. Subject to the availability of staff and funding, the training program is to be offered to residents of long-term care facilities, those residents' family members, advocacy organizations, government agencies, and long-term care facility employees. To develop and implement the training program, the ombudsman may contract or consult with a non-profit organization that possesses expertise on the rights of residents in long-term care settings.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3153 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4484(1R) which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3153

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 2021

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3153.

This bill requires the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (ombudsman) to establish a long-term care advocacy and educational training program.

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As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3153 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4484 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill will result in an indeterminate annual increase in expenditures to be incurred by the New Jersey Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman (NJLTCO) to establish and implement a long-term care training program.

One-time costs associated with developing the program will likely be minimal due to the overlap of the training content with the mission

of the NJLTCO to serve as an independent advocate for older individuals receiving long-term care, as well as the availability of existing resources to assist in establishing the program. Annual costs associated with the program are indeterminate as the bill allows for the method of implementation to be determined by the ombudsman, in consultation with the Department of Health.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 3153
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 24, 2021

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to establish long-term care advocacy and educational training program.

Type of Impact: Increase in annual State expenditures.

Agencies Affected: New Jersey Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; Department of Health.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate

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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the ombudsman to establish, in consultation with the Department of Health, an annual long-term care training program. At a minimum, the program is to address the following subjects: the rights of residents of long-term care facilities; fostering choice and independence among residents of long-term care facilities; identifying and reporting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents of long-term care facilities; long-term care facility ownership; updates on State and federal guidelines, laws, and regulations that pertain to long-term care facilities; and

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that this bill will result in an indeterminate annual increase in State expenditures to be incurred by the NJLTCO to establish and implement a long-term care training program.

One-time costs associated with developing the program will likely be minimal due to the overlap of the training content with the mission of the NJLTCO to serve as an independent advocate for older individuals receiving long-term care, as well as the availability of existing resources, such as: the 32-hour training program and certification exam utilized by the NJLTCO to train applicants for the office's Volunteer Advocate Program; the training modules offered by the National Long-term Care Ombudsman Resource Center, which provides support, technical assistance and training to state and local long-term care ombudsman programs; and connections with other ombudsman programs via professional organizations such as the National Association of Local Long-term Care Ombudsman and the National Association of State Ombudsman Programs. The OLS further assumes that any costs to develop the training program will be limited to a one-time expenditure, with the periodic review of the curriculum absorbed into the NJLTCO's existing budget.

Annual costs associated with the program are indeterminate as the bill allows for the method of implementation to be determined by the ombudsman, in consultation with the Department of Health. For example, to the extent that the training program is provided in-person, the costs of the program will be higher, as existing staff or possibly new staff will be needed to lead the training. The OLS notes that cost of in-person implementation will increase in direct relation to how many optional populations (i.e. residents of long-term care facilities, those residents' family members, advocacy organizations, government agencies, and long-term care facility employees) are offered the training, as permitted under the bill. While the OLS assumes a digital platform for the training would significantly minimize staff costs, one-time expenses would still be incurred by the office to design the training tool.

For reference, the State appropriated \$2.1 million from the General Fund to the NJLTCO for the 12-month period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, a \$300,000 increase from the FY 2020 level of \$1.8 million. Federal funding remained stable at \$1.1 million over this same period.

Section: Human Services Section

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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 Huttie, 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 Huttie, Benson/Madden, Turner) – CONDITIONAL - Provides for certification of temporary nurse aides

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A-5599/S-3916 (Chiaravalloti, Vainieri Huttie, 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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