

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**  
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(County correction officers---)

**NJSA:** 2A:154-3

**LAWS OF:** 1993 **CHAPTER:** 248

**BILL NO:** S1253

**SPONSOR(S)** Menendez

**DATE INTRODUCED:** October 8, 1992

**COMMITTEE:** **ASSEMBLY:** Judiciary  
**SENATE:** Law & Public Safety

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:** **ASSEMBLY:** June 21, 1993  
**SENATE:** May 13, 1993

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** August 9, 1993

**FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**SPONSOR STATEMENT:** Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** Yes  
**SENATE:** Yes

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**REPORTS:** No

**HEARINGS:** No

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2 N.J.S.2A:154-3.

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11 shall, by virtue of such appointment and in addition to any other  
12 power or authority, be empowered to act as officers for the  
13 detection, apprehension, arrest and conviction of offenders  
14 against the law.

15 b. In addition to the powers set forth in subsection a. of this  
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22 (cf: P.L.1968, c.398, s.1)

23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 Statewide or may only be exercised within the territorial limits  
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36 This bill would clarify that trained county correction officers  
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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

SENATE, No. 1253

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 8, 1992

By Senator MENENDEZ

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COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 3, 1993

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This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2630.

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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SENATE, No. 1253

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DATED: MARCH 11, 1993

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