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1 **AN ACT** concerning emergency response services, supplementing
2 Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, and amending various parts of the
3 statutory law.

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

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8 1. (New section) This act shall be known and may be cited as
9 the “9-1-1 First Responder Dispatcher Act.”

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11 2. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:

12 a. There are over 6,000 public safety call centers, known as
13 public safety answering points, in the United States.

14 b. Public safety communications professionals dedicate their
15 lives to helping others by performing work that goes far beyond
16 merely relaying information between the public and first responders.

17 c. In times of crises, the information collected and actions taken
18 by public safety communications professionals form the foundation
19 for an effective response by law enforcement agencies, fire
20 departments, and emergency medical service professionals.

21 d. Public safety communications professionals are an important
22 part of the first responder community that provides immediate
23 assistance to crime and disaster victims.

24 e. Accordingly, it is altogether fitting and proper to recognize
25 the role of public safety communications professionals, including 9-
26 1-1 dispatchers or operators, as emergency response personnel by
27 designating them as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

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29 3. (New section) Persons appointed as public safety
30 communications professionals, also referred to as 9-1-1 dispatchers
31 or operators, shall hereinafter be referred to as 9-1-1 first responder
32 dispatchers.

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34 ¹4. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15) is amended to read
35 as follows:

36 1. a. Any person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic
37 beverages who knowingly possesses without legal authority or who

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:

¹Senate SLP committee amendments adopted November 15, 2021.

1 knowingly consumes any alcoholic beverage in any school, public
2 conveyance, public place, or place of public assembly, or motor
3 vehicle, is guilty of a disorderly persons offense, and shall be fined
4 not less than \$500.

5 b. Whenever this offense is committed in a motor vehicle, the
6 court shall, in addition to the sentence authorized for the offense,
7 suspend or postpone for six months the driving privilege of the
8 defendant. Upon the conviction of any person under this section, the
9 court shall forward a report to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
10 Commission stating the first and last day of the suspension or
11 postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section.
12 If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17
13 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a
14 suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized
15 bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall
16 run for a period of six months after the person reaches the age of 17
17 years.

18 If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid
19 driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately
20 collect the license and forward it to the commission along with the
21 report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court
22 shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth,
23 eye color, and sex of the person as well as the first and last date of
24 the license suspension period imposed by the court.

25 The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the
26 person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period of
27 license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject to
28 the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to
29 acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to
30 receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the
31 receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent
32 charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

33 If the person convicted under this section is not a New Jersey
34 resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the non-
35 resident driving privilege of the person based on the age of the person
36 and submit to the commission the required report. The court shall
37 not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this section.
38 Upon receipt of a report by the court, the commission shall notify the
39 appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or
40 postponement.

41 c. In addition to the general penalty prescribed for a disorderly
42 persons offense, the court may require any person who violates this
43 act to participate in an alcohol education or treatment program,
44 authorized by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
45 in the Department of Human Services, for a period not to exceed the
46 maximum period of confinement prescribed by law for the offense
47 for which the individual has been convicted.

1 d. Nothing in this act shall apply to possession of alcoholic
2 beverages by any such person while actually engaged in the
3 performance of employment pursuant to an employment permit
4 issued by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control,
5 or for a bona fide hotel or restaurant, in accordance with the
6 provisions of R.S.33:1-26, or while actively engaged in the
7 preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel
8 management program at a county vocational school or post secondary
9 educational institution.

10 e. The provisions of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-81.1a)
11 shall apply to a parent, guardian or other person with legal custody
12 of a person under 18 years of age who is found to be in violation of
13 this section.

14 f. An underage person and one or two other persons shall be
15 immune from prosecution under this section if:

16 (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that
17 another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to
18 alcohol consumption;

19 (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one
20 or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person who
21 called 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1 **【operator】**
22 first responder dispatcher;

23 (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1
24 report; and

25 (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other
26 persons acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-
27 1-1 call remained on the scene with the person under the legal age in
28 need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and cooperated
29 with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel on the scene.

30 The underage person who received medical assistance also shall
31 be immune from prosecution under this section.

32 g. For purposes of this section, an alcoholic beverage includes
33 powdered alcohol as defined by R.S.33:1-1.

34 (cf: P.L.2015, c.137, s.3) **】¹**

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36 ¹4. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15) is amended to read
37 as follows:

38 1. a. (1) Any person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic
39 beverages, or under the legal age to purchase cannabis items, who
40 knowingly possesses without legal authority or who knowingly
41 consumes any alcoholic beverage, cannabis item, marijuana, or hashish
42 in any school, public conveyance, public place, or place of public
43 assembly, or motor vehicle shall be subject to the following
44 consequences:

45 (a) for a first violation, a written warning issued by a law
46 enforcement officer to the underage person. The written warning shall
47 include the person's name, address, and date of birth, and a copy of the

1 warning containing this information, plus a sworn statement that
2 includes a description of the relevant facts and circumstances that
3 support the officer's determination that the person committed the
4 violation, shall be temporarily maintained in accordance with this
5 section only for the purposes of determining a second or subsequent
6 violation subject to the consequences set forth in subparagraph (b) or (c)
7 of this paragraph. If the violation of this section is by a person under 18
8 years of age, a written notification concerning the violation shall be
9 provided to the parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of
10 the underage person in accordance with section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169
11 (C.33:1-81.1a).

12 (b) for a second violation, a written warning issued by a law
13 enforcement officer to the underage person indicating that a second
14 violation has occurred, which includes the person's name, address, and
15 date of birth. If the violation is by a person 18 years of age or older, the
16 officer shall provide the person with informational materials about how
17 to access community services provided by public or private agencies
18 and organizations that shall assist the person with opportunities to
19 access further social services, including but not limited to counseling,
20 tutoring programs, mentoring services, and faith-based or other
21 community initiatives. If the violation is by a person under 18 years of
22 age, a written notification concerning the second violation shall be
23 provided to the parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of
24 the underage person in accordance with section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169
25 (C.33:1-81.1a). The written notification shall include the same or
26 similar informational materials about how to access community services
27 provided by public or private agencies and organizations as those
28 provided directly by a law enforcement officer to a person 18 years of
29 age or older who commits a second violation of this paragraph. A copy
30 of the second written warning to the underage person, and, if applicable,
31 the written notification to the parent, guardian or other person having
32 legal custody of the underage person concerning the second warning,
33 plus a sworn statement that includes a description of the relevant facts
34 and circumstances that support the officer's determination that the
35 person committed the second violation, shall be temporarily maintained
36 in accordance with this section only for the purposes of determining a
37 subsequent violation subject to the consequences set forth in
38 subparagraph (c) of this paragraph.

39 (c) for a third or subsequent violation, a write-up issued by a law
40 enforcement officer to the underage person indicating that a third or
41 subsequent violation has occurred, which includes the person's name,
42 address, and date of birth. If the violation is by a person 18 years of age
43 or older, the officer shall include with the write-up a referral for
44 accessing community services provided by a public or private agency or
45 organization, and provide notice to that agency or organization of the
46 referral which may also be used to initiate contact with the person, and
47 the agency or organization shall offer assistance to the person with
48 opportunities to access further social services, including but not limited

1 to counseling, tutoring programs, mentoring services, and faith-based or
2 other community initiatives. If the violation is by a person under 18
3 years of age, a written notification concerning the third or subsequent
4 violation shall be provided to the parent, guardian or other person
5 having legal custody of the underage person in accordance with section
6 3 of P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-81.1a). The written notification shall
7 include a referral for the person and the parent, guardian or other person
8 having legal custody of the underage person for accessing community
9 services provided by a public or private agency or organization, and
10 provide notice to that agency or organization of the referral which may
11 also then be used to initiate contact with both persons, and the agency
12 or organization shall offer assistance to both with opportunities to access
13 further social services, including counseling, tutoring programs,
14 mentoring services, and faith-based or other community initiatives. A
15 copy of a write-up for a third or subsequent violation, the written
16 notification to the parent, guardian or other person having legal custody
17 of the underage person, if applicable, and accompanying referrals, plus
18 a sworn statement that includes a description of the relevant facts and
19 circumstances that support the officer's determination that the person
20 committed the third or subsequent violation, shall be temporarily
21 maintained in accordance with this section only to the extent necessary
22 to track referrals to agencies and organizations, as well as for the
23 purposes of determining a subsequent violation subject to the
24 consequences set forth in this subparagraph.

25 The failure of a person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic
26 beverages or cannabis items, or the failure of a parent, guardian or other
27 person having legal custody of the underage person, to accept assistance
28 from an agency or organization to which a law enforcement referral was
29 made, or to access any community services provided by that agency or
30 organization shall not result in any summons, initiation of a complaint,
31 or other legal action to be adjudicated and enforced in any court.

32 (2) (a) A person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages
33 or cannabis items is not capable of giving lawful consent to a search to
34 determine a violation of this section, and a law enforcement officer shall
35 not request that a person consent to a search for that purpose.

36 (b) The odor of an alcoholic beverage, marijuana, hashish, cannabis,
37 or cannabis item, or burnt marijuana, hashish, cannabis, or cannabis
38 item, shall not constitute reasonable articulable suspicion to initiate an
39 investigatory stop of a person, nor shall it constitute probable cause to
40 initiate a search of a person or that person's personal property to
41 determine a violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection. Additionally,
42 the unconcealed possession of an alcoholic beverage, marijuana,
43 hashish, or cannabis item in violation of paragraph (1) of this
44 subsection, observed in plain sight by a law enforcement officer, shall
45 not constitute probable cause to initiate a search of a person or that
46 person's personal property to determine any further violation of that
47 paragraph or any other violation of law.

1 (3) A person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages or
2 cannabis items who violates paragraph (1) of this subsection for
3 possessing or consuming an alcoholic beverage, marijuana, hashish, or
4 a cannabis item shall not be subject to arrest, shall not be transported to
5 a police station, police headquarters, or other place of law enforcement
6 operations, and shall not otherwise be subject to detention or be taken
7 into custody by a law enforcement officer at or near the location where
8 the violation occurred, except to the extent that detention or custody at
9 or near the location is required to issue a written warning or write-up,
10 collect the information necessary to provide notice of a violation to a
11 parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of the underage
12 person in accordance with section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-81a), or
13 make referrals for accessing community services provided by a public
14 or private agency or organization due to a third or subsequent violation,
15 unless the person is being arrested, detained, or otherwise taken into
16 custody for also committing another violation of law for which that
17 action is legally permitted or required.

18 (4) Consistent with the provisions of subsection c. of section 1 of
19 P.L.2020, c.129 (C.40A:14-118.5), the video and audio recording
20 functions of a law enforcement officer's body worn camera, as defined
21 in that section, shall be activated whenever the law enforcement officer
22 is responding to a call for service related to a violation or suspected
23 violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection for possessing or
24 consuming an alcoholic beverage, marijuana, hashish, or a cannabis
25 item, or at the initiation of any other law enforcement or investigative
26 encounter between an officer and a person related to a violation or
27 suspected violation of that paragraph, and shall remain activated until
28 the encounter has fully concluded and the officer leaves the scene of the
29 encounter; provided, however, that the video and audio recording
30 functions of a body worn camera shall not be deactivated pursuant to
31 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection c. of P.L.2020, c.129
32 (C.40A:14-118.5), based on a request to deactivate the camera by a
33 person who is the subject of a responsive call for service or law
34 enforcement or investigative encounter related to a violation or
35 suspected violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

36 (5) As part of the process for the issuance of a written warning or
37 write-up to a person for a violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection,
38 the law enforcement officer shall take possession of any alcoholic
39 beverage, marijuana, hashish, or cannabis item from the person, and any
40 drug or cannabis paraphernalia for use with any marijuana, hashish, or
41 cannabis item. The existence and description of the alcoholic beverage,
42 marijuana, hashish, or cannabis item, and any drug or cannabis
43 paraphernalia shall be included in the sworn statement that includes a
44 description of the relevant facts and circumstances that support the
45 officer's determination that the person committed a violation, and which
46 record is temporarily maintained in accordance with this section to
47 determine subsequent possession or consumption violations, and track
48 referrals for accessing community services provided by a public or

1 private agency or organization due to a third or subsequent violation.
2 Any alcoholic beverage, marijuana, hashish, cannabis item, or drug or
3 cannabis paraphernalia obtained by the law enforcement officer shall
4 either be destroyed or secured for use in law enforcement training or
5 educational programs in accordance with applicable law and directives
6 issued by the Attorney General.

7 (6) With respect to any violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection
8 concerning the possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage,
9 marijuana, hashish, or any cannabis item:

10 (a) a person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages or
11 cannabis items shall not be photographed or fingerprinted,
12 notwithstanding any provisions of section 2 of P.L.1982, c.79
13 (C.2A:4A-61) to the contrary;

14 (b) (i) any copy of any written warning or write-up issued to a
15 person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages or cannabis
16 items, written notification provided to the person's parent, guardian or
17 other person having legal custody in accordance with section 3 of
18 P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-81.1a), sworn statement describing the relevant
19 facts and circumstances that support an officer's determination that a
20 person committed a violation, or referrals for accessing community
21 services provided by a public or private agency or organization
22 pertaining to a third or subsequent violation shall be segregated and
23 maintained in a separate physical location or electronic repository or
24 database from any other records maintained by a law enforcement
25 agency, and reported to the Attorney General in a manner so that they
26 are similarly segregated and maintained in a separate physical location
27 or electronic repository or database from other law enforcement records
28 accessible to the Attorney General and State and local law enforcement
29 agencies, and shall not be transferred to or copied and placed in any
30 other physical location or electronic repository or database containing
31 any other law enforcement records. These records shall only be used to
32 the extent necessary to determine a subsequent violation of paragraph
33 (1) of this subsection or to track referrals to agencies and organizations,
34 and shall not be revealed, reviewed, or considered in any manner with
35 respect to any current or subsequent juvenile delinquency matter,
36 including but not limited to, a charge, filing, eligibility or decision for
37 diversion or discharge, or sentencing, other disposition, or related
38 decision affecting the juvenile, or with respect to any current or
39 subsequent prosecution for committing an offense or other violation of
40 law, including but not limited to, a charge, filing, eligibility or decision
41 for diversion or discharge, or sentencing, other disposition, or related
42 decision affecting an adult under 21 years of age. Also, these records
43 shall be deemed confidential and shall not be subject to public
44 inspection or copying pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1963, c.73
45 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), and their existence shall not be acknowledged
46 based upon any inquiry in the same manner as if the records were
47 expunged records pursuant to the provisions of subsection a. of
48 N.J.S.2C:52-15.

1 The Attorney General may use the records described herein to
2 generate the number of occurrences and other statistics concerning first,
3 second, third and subsequent violations of paragraph (1) of this
4 subsection, the municipal, county or other geographic areas within
5 which first, second, third and subsequent violations occur, and the law
6 enforcement agencies involved in first, second, third and subsequent
7 violations, which are to be compiled and made available by the Attorney
8 General in accordance with section 4 of P.L.2021, c.25 (C.2C:33-15.1).
9 The identity of any person named in a record shall not be revealed or
10 included in the information to be compiled and made available in
11 accordance with that section.

12 The records of violations shall only be maintained temporarily and
13 shall be destroyed or permanently deleted as set forth in subparagraph
14 (c) of this paragraph.

15 (ii) any records pertaining to a person's acceptance of assistance
16 from an agency or organization to which a law enforcement referral was
17 made shall not be revealed, reviewed, or considered in any manner with
18 respect to any current or subsequent juvenile delinquency matter,
19 including but not limited to, a charge, filing, eligibility or decision for
20 diversion or discharge, or sentencing, other disposition, or related
21 decision affecting the juvenile, or with respect to any current or
22 subsequent prosecution for committing an offense or other violation of
23 law, including but not limited to, a charge, filing, eligibility or decision
24 for diversion or discharge, or sentencing, other disposition, or related
25 decision affecting an adult under 21 years of age. Also, these records
26 shall be deemed confidential and shall not be subject to public
27 inspection or copying pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1963, c.73
28 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), and their existence shall not be acknowledged
29 based upon any inquiry in the same manner as if the records were
30 expunged records pursuant to the provisions of subsection a. of
31 N.J.S.2C:52-15.

32 (c) All of the records maintained by a law enforcement agency and
33 reported to the Attorney General as described in subparagraph (i) of
34 subparagraph (b) of this paragraph shall be destroyed or permanently
35 deleted by the law enforcement agency and Attorney General on the
36 second anniversary following the creation of the record concerning a
37 violation, or not later than the last day of the month in which that second
38 anniversary date falls, or alternatively not later than the 21st birthday of
39 a person who is the subject of a record, or not later than the last day of
40 the month in which that birthday falls, whichever date occurs sooner,
41 except that a record shall be maintained upon request by the person
42 named in the record or representative thereof, the law enforcement
43 officer who made the record, or the law enforcement agency currently
44 maintaining the record if it involves a lawsuit, disciplinary complaint,
45 or criminal prosecution arising from the violation described in the
46 record, based on an assertion that the record has evidentiary or
47 exculpatory value. Upon final disposition of the matter for which the

1 extended record retention was requested, the record shall be destroyed
2 or permanently deleted.

3 (d) A law enforcement officer shall be guilty of the crime of official
4 deprivation of civil rights as set forth in section 3 of P.L.2021, c.25
5 (C.2C:30-6.1) for violating the provisions of paragraph (1) of this
6 subsection that address law enforcement actions involving persons who
7 are under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages or cannabis
8 items.

9 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2021, c.25)

10 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2021, c.25)

11 d. Nothing in this act shall apply to possession of alcoholic
12 beverages by any such person while actually engaged in the
13 performance of employment pursuant to an employment permit issued
14 by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, or for a
15 bona fide hotel or restaurant, in accordance with the provisions of
16 R.S.33:1-26, or while actively engaged in the preparation of food while
17 enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel management program at a county
18 vocational school or post-secondary educational institution; and nothing
19 in this section shall apply to possession of cannabis items by any such
20 person while actually engaged in the performance of employment by a
21 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service as permitted
22 pursuant to the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement
23 Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act," P.L.2021, c.16
24 (C.24:6I-31 et al.).

25 e. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of
26 section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-81.1a) shall apply to a parent,
27 guardian or other person with legal custody of a person under 18 years
28 of age who is found to be in violation of this section.

29 f. An underage person and one or two other persons shall be
30 immune from prosecution under this section if:

31 (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that
32 another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to
33 alcohol consumption, or the consumption of marijuana, hashish, or a
34 cannabis item;

35 (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one or
36 two other persons acting in concert with the underage person who called
37 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1 **【operator】** first
38 responder dispatcher;

39 (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1
40 report; and

41 (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other persons
42 acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-1-1 call
43 remained on the scene with the person under the legal age in need of
44 medical assistance until assistance arrived and cooperated with medical
45 assistance and law enforcement personnel on the scene.

46 The underage person who received medical assistance also shall be
47 immune from prosecution under this section.

1 g. For purposes of this section, an alcoholic beverage includes
2 powdered alcohol as defined by R.S.33:1-1, a cannabis item includes
3 any item available for lawful consumption pursuant to the "New Jersey
4 Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace
5 Modernization Act," P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), and the terms
6 "marijuana" and "hashish" have the same meaning as set forth in
7 N.J.S.2C:35-2, and the terms "drug paraphernalia" and "cannabis
8 paraphernalia" have the same meaning as set forth in N.J.S.2C:36-1 and
9 section 3 of P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-33), respectively.¹

10 (cf: P.L.2021, c.38. s.1)

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12 5. Section 3 of P.L.2017, c.116 (C.26:2K-68) is amended to read
13 as follows:

14 3. a. The commissioner shall establish a system to allow for the
15 electronic reporting of emergency medical services dispatch and
16 response information as required pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2017,
17 c.116 (C.26:2K-67). Information shall be reported to the system in a
18 format and at such intervals as required by the commissioner, except
19 that, to the extent possible, the system shall interact with existing
20 systems used by emergency medical services providers and
21 emergency medical services dispatch centers, including, but not
22 limited to, emsCharts and Image Trend, to facilitate automated, real-
23 time reporting of the information. The department shall furnish to
24 EMS providers and 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers, without charge,
25 any software or programs developed by the department for accessing
26 and using the electronic reporting system.

27 b. The electronic reporting system established pursuant to this
28 section shall, at a minimum, seek to record and track data concerning
29 types of medical emergencies for which emergency medical services
30 are requested, response times for emergency medical services
31 providers, patterns in the timing and location of requests for
32 emergency medical services, patterns in the type or nature of
33 emergency medical services provided, and patterns in dispatch and
34 response activity.

35 c. The commissioner shall, in consultation with the Emergency
36 Medical Services Advisory Council, adopt rules and regulations,
37 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
38 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), establishing quality performance metrics and
39 pre-hospital protocols for emergency medical services providers,
40 which shall be based on the data tracked and recorded pursuant to
41 subsection b. of this section. The commissioner shall review and
42 update the rules and regulations concerning quality performance
43 metrics and pre-hospital protocols as appropriate.

44 d. The commissioner shall make the response times for
45 emergency medical services providers that are tracked and recorded
46 pursuant to subsection b. of this section available to the public on the
47 department's Internet website.

48 (cf: P.L.2017, c.116, s.3)

1 ¹【6. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.133 (C.40:48-1.2a) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 2. a. An underage person and one or two other persons shall be
4 immune from prosecution under an ordinance authorized by section
5 1 of P.L.2000, c.33 (C.40:48-1.2) prohibiting any person under the
6 legal age who, without legal authority, knowingly possesses or
7 knowingly consumes an alcoholic beverage on private property if:

8 (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that
9 another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to
10 alcohol consumption;

11 (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one
12 or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person who
13 called 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1 **【operator】**
14 first responder dispatchers;

15 (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1
16 report; and

17 (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other
18 persons acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-
19 1-1 call remained on the scene with the person under the legal age in
20 need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and cooperated
21 with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel on the scene.

22 b. The underage person who received medical assistance as
23 provided in subsection a. of this section also shall be immune from
24 prosecution under an ordinance authorized by section 1 of P.L.2000,
25 c.33 (C.40:48-1.2).

26 (cf: P.L.2009, c.133, s.2)】¹

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28 ¹【7.】6.¹ Section 3 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-3) is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 3. a. There is established in the Office of Information
31 Technology an Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services.

32 b. The office shall be under the immediate supervision of a
33 director, who shall be a person qualified by training and experience
34 to direct the work of the office. The director shall administer the
35 provisions of this act subject to review by the Chief Technology
36 Officer and shall perform other duties as may be provided by law.
37 The director shall be appointed by the Chief Technology Officer, but
38 the commission shall advise the Chief Technology Officer on the
39 qualifications of the director. The Chief Technology Officer is
40 authorized to appoint, in accordance with Title 11A of the New
41 Jersey Statutes, clerical, technical, and professional assistants, and
42 also may designate any available personnel as shall be necessary to
43 effectuate the purposes of this act.

44 The office shall designate a staff member from within the Office
45 of Information Technology to be designated as a professional
46 spectrum manager. The professional spectrum manager shall be
47 responsible for approving all applications for public safety spectrum

1 allocations in the State to ensure that the State fully complies with
2 Federal Communications Commission rules that impact frequency
3 allocation for public safety use. The spectrum manager may be
4 chosen from among the current employees of the office and the
5 chosen employee may continue the duties and responsibilities of their
6 current position in addition to the duties and responsibilities of
7 spectrum manager as provided in this section.

8 The office shall designate a staff member from within the Office
9 of Information Technology to be designated the Statewide
10 Interoperability Coordinator to coordinate interoperable
11 communications grants and projects consistent with the National
12 Communications Plan. The coordinator may be chosen from among
13 the current employees of the office and the chosen employee may
14 continue the duties and responsibilities of his current position in
15 addition to the duties and responsibilities of coordinator as provided
16 in this section.

17 The office shall, subject to review by the commission and the
18 Chief Technology Officer, and in consultation with the council, the
19 telephone companies, the Board of Public Utilities and the wireless
20 telephone companies, and with the assistance of the Office of
21 Information Technology in but not of the Department of the Treasury,
22 continue to plan, design, implement, and coordinate the Statewide
23 emergency enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system to be established
24 pursuant to this act as well as any changes to that system needed to
25 provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service.

26 To this end the office shall establish, after review and approval by
27 the commission, in consultation with the council, a State plan for the
28 emergency enhanced 9-1-1 system in this State, which plan shall
29 include:

30 (1) The configuration of, and requirements for, the enhanced 9-1-
31 1 network. The office with the approval of the commission and the
32 Chief Technology Officer, in consultation with the council, only as
33 provided herein, and assistance and advice of the Office of
34 Information Technology in but not of the Department of the Treasury
35 is empowered to enter into contracts for the provision of this network.

36 (2) The role and responsibilities of the counties and
37 municipalities of the State in the implementation of the system,
38 consistent with the provisions of this act, including a timetable for
39 implementation.

40 (3) Technical and operational standards for the establishment of
41 public safety answering points (PSAPs) which utilize enhanced 9-1-
42 1 network features in accordance with the provisions of this act and
43 in alignment with the Next Generation 9-1-1 Planning by the
44 National 9-1-1 Office within the United States Department of
45 Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
46 Those entities having responsibility for the creation and management
47 of PSAPs shall conform to these standards in the design,
48 implementation and operation of the PSAPs. These standards shall

1 include provision for the training and certification of call-takers and
2 **【public safety】** 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers or for the adoption
3 of such a program.

4 The office, after review and approval by the commission and the
5 Chief Technology Officer, in consultation with the council, only as
6 provided herein, may update and revise the State plan from time to
7 time.

8 The office may inspect each PSAP to determine if it meets the
9 requirements of this act and the technical and operational standards
10 established pursuant to this section. The office shall explore ways to
11 maximize the reliability of the system.

12 The plan or any portion of it may be implemented by the adoption
13 of regulations pursuant to subsection b. of section 15 of this act.

14 The State plan shall require the consolidation of PSAPs as
15 appropriate, consistent with revisions in the plan to upgrade the
16 enhanced 9-1-1 system and shall condition the allocation of moneys
17 dedicated for the operation of PSAPs on the merging and sharing of
18 PSAP functions by municipalities, counties and the State Police,
19 consistent with the revised plan. The Treasurer may establish, by
20 regulation, a 9-1-1 call volume minimum that may be utilized as a
21 factor in determining which PSAP functions are to be consolidated
22 under the State plan.

23 The State plan shall limit the use of sworn law enforcement
24 officers to provide dispatch services and the office shall condition the
25 receipt of moneys dedicated for the operation of PSAPs on the limited
26 use of sworn law enforcement officers, except for officers returning
27 to active duty from an injury or other physical disability.

28 The office shall plan, implement and coordinate a Statewide
29 public education program designed to generate public awareness at
30 all levels of the emergency enhanced 9-1-1 system. Advertising and
31 display of 9-1-1 shall be in accordance with standards established by
32 the office. Advertising expenses may be defrayed from the moneys
33 appropriated to the office.

34 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.125).

35 d. To this end, the office shall, subject to review and approval
36 by the commission and the Chief Technology Officer, and in
37 consultation with the council, develop a Statewide Communications
38 Interoperability Plan, which shall include:

39 (1) the strategy to most effectively provide interoperability and
40 coordinate public safety communications between and among State,
41 county and municipal public safety agencies. The office shall submit
42 recommendations and proposals, as appropriate, to the Regional
43 Planning Committees to which the State is assigned by the Federal
44 Communications Commission; and

45 (2) the role and responsibilities of the counties and municipalities
46 of the State in the implementation of the New Jersey Interoperable
47 Communications System, consistent with the National

1 Communications Plan and the provisions of this act, including a
2 timetable for implementation.

3 e. The office, after review and approval by the commission and
4 the Chief Technology Officer, in consultation with the council, only
5 as provided herein, may update and revise the State plan as needed.
6 The plan or any portion of it may be implemented by the adoption of
7 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
8 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

9 f. The office, after review and approval by the commission and
10 the Chief Technology Officer, only as provided herein, shall submit
11 a report to the Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations
12 Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee, or their
13 successors, not later than February 15 of each year, concerning its
14 progress in carrying out the provisions of this act and the expenditure
15 of moneys appropriated thereto and appropriated for the purposes of
16 installation of the Statewide enhanced 9-1-1 network and the New
17 Jersey Interoperable Communications System.

18 (cf: P.L.2011, c.4, s.2)

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20 ¹**[8.]** 7.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 _____
26 Designates 9-1-1 operators or dispatchers as 9-1-1 first responder
dispatchers.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3804

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 16, 2020

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN ARMATO

District 2 (Atlantic)

Assemblywoman CAROL A. MURPHY

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblyman SEAN T. KEAN

District 30 (Monmouth and Ocean)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Assemblywomen Timberlake, McKnight, DiMaso, Swain, Vainieri Huttle,
Assemblymen Houghtaling, Space, Wirths, Assemblywomen Downey,
Tucker and Lopez**

SYNOPSIS

Designates 9-1-1 operators or dispatchers as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/25/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning emergency response services, supplementing
2 Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, and amending various parts of
3 the statutory law.

4
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

7
8 1. (New section) This act shall be known and may be cited as
9 the “9-1-1 First Responder Dispatcher Act.”

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11 2. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:

12 a. There are over 6,000 public safety call centers, known as
13 public safety answering points, in the United States.

14 b. Public safety communications professionals dedicate their
15 lives to helping others by performing work that goes far beyond
16 merely relaying information between the public and first
17 responders.

18 c. In times of crises, the information collected and actions
19 taken by public safety communications professionals form the
20 foundation for an effective response by law enforcement agencies,
21 fire departments, and emergency medical service professionals.

22 d. Public safety communications professionals are an important
23 part of the first responder community that provides immediate
24 assistance to crime and disaster victims.

25 e. Accordingly, it is altogether fitting and proper to recognize
26 the role of public safety communications professionals, including 9-
27 1-1 dispatchers or operators, as emergency response personnel by
28 designating them as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

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30 3. (New section) Persons appointed as public safety
31 communications professionals, also referred to as 9-1-1 dispatchers
32 or operators, shall hereinafter be referred to as 9-1-1 first responder
33 dispatchers.

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35 4. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15) is amended to
36 read as follows:

37 1. a. Any person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic
38 beverages who knowingly possesses without legal authority or who
39 knowingly consumes any alcoholic beverage in any school, public
40 conveyance, public place, or place of public assembly, or motor
41 vehicle, is guilty of a disorderly persons offense, and shall be fined
42 not less than \$500.

43 b. Whenever this offense is committed in a motor vehicle, the
44 court shall, in addition to the sentence authorized for the offense,
45 suspend or postpone for six months the driving privilege of the

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.

1 defendant. Upon the conviction of any person under this section,
2 the court shall forward a report to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
3 Commission stating the first and last day of the suspension or
4 postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section.
5 If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17
6 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a
7 suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a
8 motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is
9 imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person
10 reaches the age of 17 years.

11 If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid
12 driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately
13 collect the license and forward it to the commission along with the
14 report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court
15 shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth,
16 eye color, and sex of the person as well as the first and last date of
17 the license suspension period imposed by the court.

18 The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the
19 person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period
20 of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject
21 to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required
22 to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to
23 receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the
24 receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent
25 charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

26 If the person convicted under this section is not a New Jersey
27 resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the
28 non-resident driving privilege of the person based on the age of the
29 person and submit to the commission the required report. The court
30 shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this
31 section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the commission shall
32 notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the
33 suspension or postponement.

34 c. In addition to the general penalty prescribed for a disorderly
35 persons offense, the court may require any person who violates this
36 act to participate in an alcohol education or treatment program,
37 authorized by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
38 in the Department of Human Services, for a period not to exceed the
39 maximum period of confinement prescribed by law for the offense
40 for which the individual has been convicted.

41 d. Nothing in this act shall apply to possession of alcoholic
42 beverages by any such person while actually engaged in the
43 performance of employment pursuant to an employment permit
44 issued by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage
45 Control, or for a bona fide hotel or restaurant, in accordance with
46 the provisions of R.S.33:1-26, or while actively engaged in the
47 preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel

1 management program at a county vocational school or post
2 secondary educational institution.

3 e. The provisions of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-
4 81.1a) shall apply to a parent, guardian or other person with legal
5 custody of a person under 18 years of age who is found to be in
6 violation of this section.

7 f. An underage person and one or two other persons shall be
8 immune from prosecution under this section if:

9 (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that
10 another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to
11 alcohol consumption;

12 (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one
13 or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person
14 who called 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1
15 **[operator]** first responder dispatcher;

16 (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1
17 report; and

18 (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other
19 persons acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-
20 1-1 call remained on the scene with the person under the legal age
21 in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and
22 cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel
23 on the scene.

24 The underage person who received medical assistance also shall
25 be immune from prosecution under this section.

26 g. For purposes of this section, an alcoholic beverage includes
27 powdered alcohol as defined by R.S.33:1-1.

28 (cf: P.L.2015, c.137, s.3)

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30 5. Section 3 of P.L.2017, c.116 (C.26:2K-68) is amended to
31 read as follows:

32 3. a. The commissioner shall establish a system to allow for
33 the electronic reporting of emergency medical services dispatch and
34 response information as required pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2017,
35 c.116 (C.26:2K-67). Information shall be reported to the system in
36 a format and at such intervals as required by the commissioner,
37 except that, to the extent possible, the system shall interact with
38 existing systems used by emergency medical services providers and
39 emergency medical services dispatch centers, including, but not
40 limited to, emsCharts and Image Trend, to facilitate automated,
41 real-time reporting of the information. The department shall furnish
42 to EMS providers and 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers, without
43 charge, any software or programs developed by the department for
44 accessing and using the electronic reporting system.

45 b. The electronic reporting system established pursuant to this
46 section shall, at a minimum, seek to record and track data
47 concerning types of medical emergencies for which emergency
48 medical services are requested, response times for emergency

1 medical services providers, patterns in the timing and location of
2 requests for emergency medical services, patterns in the type or
3 nature of emergency medical services provided, and patterns in
4 dispatch and response activity.

5 c. The commissioner shall, in consultation with the Emergency
6 Medical Services Advisory Council, adopt rules and regulations,
7 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
8 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), establishing quality performance metrics and
9 pre-hospital protocols for emergency medical services providers,
10 which shall be based on the data tracked and recorded pursuant to
11 subsection b. of this section. The commissioner shall review and
12 update the rules and regulations concerning quality performance
13 metrics and pre-hospital protocols as appropriate.

14 d. The commissioner shall make the response times for
15 emergency medical services providers that are tracked and recorded
16 pursuant to subsection b. of this section available to the public on
17 the department's Internet website.

18 (cf: P.L.2017, c.116, s.3)

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20 6. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.133 (C.40:48-1.2a) is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 2. a. An underage person and one or two other persons shall be
23 immune from prosecution under an ordinance authorized by section
24 1 of P.L.2000, c.33 (C.40:48-1.2) prohibiting any person under the
25 legal age who, without legal authority, knowingly possesses or
26 knowingly consumes an alcoholic beverage on private property if:

27 (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that
28 another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to
29 alcohol consumption;

30 (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one
31 or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person
32 who called 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1
33 **【operator】** first responder dispatchers;

34 (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1
35 report; and

36 (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other
37 persons acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-
38 1-1 call remained on the scene with the person under the legal age
39 in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and
40 cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel
41 on the scene.

42 b. The underage person who received medical assistance as
43 provided in subsection a. of this section also shall be immune from
44 prosecution under an ordinance authorized by section 1 of P.L.2000,
45 c.33 (C.40:48-1.2).

46 (cf: P.L.2009, c.133, s.2)

1 7. Section 3 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-3) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 3. a. There is established in the Office of Information
4 Technology an Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services.

5 b. The office shall be under the immediate supervision of a
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7 to direct the work of the office. The director shall administer the
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9 Officer and shall perform other duties as may be provided by law.
10 The director shall be appointed by the Chief Technology Officer,
11 but the commission shall advise the Chief Technology Officer on
12 the qualifications of the director. The Chief Technology Officer is
13 authorized to appoint, in accordance with Title 11A of the New
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16 effectuate the purposes of this act.

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19 spectrum manager. The professional spectrum manager shall be
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23 allocation for public safety use. The spectrum manager may be
24 chosen from among the current employees of the office and the
25 chosen employee may continue the duties and responsibilities of
26 their current position in addition to the duties and responsibilities of
27 spectrum manager as provided in this section.

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32 Communications Plan. The coordinator may be chosen from among
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34 continue the duties and responsibilities of his current position in
35 addition to the duties and responsibilities of coordinator as provided
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39 telephone companies, the Board of Public Utilities and the wireless
40 telephone companies, and with the assistance of the Office of
41 Information Technology in but not of the Department of the
42 Treasury, continue to plan, design, implement, and coordinate the
43 Statewide emergency enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system to be
44 established pursuant to this act as well as any changes to that
45 system needed to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service.

46 To this end the office shall establish, after review and approval
47 by the commission, in consultation with the council, a State plan for

1 the emergency enhanced 9-1-1 system in this State, which plan shall
2 include:

3 (1) The configuration of, and requirements for, the enhanced 9-
4 1-1 network. The office with the approval of the commission and
5 the Chief Technology Officer, in consultation with the council, only
6 as provided herein, and assistance and advice of the Office of
7 Information Technology in but not of the Department of the
8 Treasury is empowered to enter into contracts for the provision of
9 this network.

10 (2) The role and responsibilities of the counties and
11 municipalities of the State in the implementation of the system,
12 consistent with the provisions of this act, including a timetable for
13 implementation.

14 (3) Technical and operational standards for the establishment of
15 public safety answering points (PSAPs) which utilize enhanced 9-1-
16 1 network features in accordance with the provisions of this act and
17 in alignment with the Next Generation 9-1-1 Planning by the
18 National 9-1-1 Office within the United States Department of
19 Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
20 Those entities having responsibility for the creation and
21 management of PSAPs shall conform to these standards in the
22 design, implementation and operation of the PSAPs. These
23 standards shall include provision for the training and certification of
24 call-takers and **public safety** 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers or
25 for the adoption of such a program.

26 The office, after review and approval by the commission and the
27 Chief Technology Officer, in consultation with the council, only as
28 provided herein, may update and revise the State plan from time to
29 time.

30 The office may inspect each PSAP to determine if it meets the
31 requirements of this act and the technical and operational standards
32 established pursuant to this section. The office shall explore ways
33 to maximize the reliability of the system.

34 The plan or any portion of it may be implemented by the
35 adoption of regulations pursuant to subsection b. of section 15 of
36 this act.

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39 enhanced 9-1-1 system and shall condition the allocation of moneys
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41 PSAP functions by municipalities, counties and the State Police,
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43 regulation, a 9-1-1 call volume minimum that may be utilized as a
44 factor in determining which PSAP functions are to be consolidated
45 under the State plan.

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47 officers to provide dispatch services and the office shall condition
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5 all levels of the emergency enhanced 9-1-1 system. Advertising
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8 from the moneys appropriated to the office.

9 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.125).

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15 coordinate public safety communications between and among State,
16 county and municipal public safety agencies. The office shall
17 submit recommendations and proposals, as appropriate, to the
18 Regional Planning Committees to which the State is assigned by the
19 Federal Communications Commission; and

20 (2) the role and responsibilities of the counties and
21 municipalities of the State in the implementation of the New Jersey
22 Interoperable Communications System, consistent with the National
23 Communications Plan and the provisions of this act, including a
24 timetable for implementation.

25 e. The office, after review and approval by the commission and
26 the Chief Technology Officer, in consultation with the council, only
27 as provided herein, may update and revise the State plan as needed.
28 The plan or any portion of it may be implemented by the adoption
29 of regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
30 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

31 f. The office, after review and approval by the commission and
32 the Chief Technology Officer, only as provided herein, shall submit
33 a report to the Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations
34 Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee, or their
35 successors, not later than February 15 of each year, concerning its
36 progress in carrying out the provisions of this act and the
37 expenditure of moneys appropriated thereto and appropriated for the
38 purposes of installation of the Statewide enhanced 9-1-1 network
39 and the New Jersey Interoperable Communications System.

40 (cf: P.L.2011, c.4, s.2)

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42 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

46

47 This bill designates certain public safety communications
48 professionals as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

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1 Public safety communications professionals dedicate their lives
2 to helping others by performing work that goes far beyond merely
3 relaying information between the public and first responders. In
4 times of crises, the information collected and actions taken by
5 public safety communications professionals form the foundation for
6 an effective response by law enforcement agencies, fire
7 departments, and emergency medical service professionals.
8 It is the sponsor's intent to recognize these professionals as an
9 important part of the first responder community by designating
10 them as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3804

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 8, 2021

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3804.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 3804 designates certain public safety communications professionals as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

Public safety communications professionals dedicate their lives to helping others by performing work that goes far beyond merely relaying information between the public and first responders. In times of crises, the information collected and actions taken by public safety communications professionals form the foundation for an effective response by law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical service professionals.

It is the sponsor's intent to recognize these professionals as an important part of the first responder community by designating them as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3804

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 15, 2021

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3804.

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Public safety communications professionals dedicate their lives to helping others by performing work that goes far beyond merely relaying information between the public and first responders. In times of crises, the information collected and actions taken by public safety communications professionals form the foundation for an effective response by law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical service professionals.

Therefore, these professionals are recognized as an important part of the first responder community by designating them as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 3804 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1590, which also was amended and reported by the committee on the same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to make technical corrections to:

- 1) update statutory law that was amended by previous enactments;
- and
- 2) remove a section of law that was repealed by a previous enactment.

SENATE, No. 1590

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Senator ANTHONY M. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators T.Kean and Ruiz

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6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. (New section) This act shall be known and may be cited as
9 the “9-1-1 First Responder Dispatcher Act.”

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11 2. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:

12 a. There are over 6,000 public safety call centers, known as
13 public safety answering points, in the United States.

14 b. Public safety communications professionals dedicate their
15 lives to helping others by performing work that goes far beyond
16 merely relaying information between the public and first
17 responders.

18 c. In times of crises, the information collected and actions
19 taken by public safety communications professionals form the
20 foundation for an effective response by law enforcement agencies,
21 fire departments, and emergency medical service professionals.

22 d. Public safety communications professionals are an important
23 part of the first responder community that provides immediate
24 assistance to crime and disaster victims.

25 e. Accordingly, it is altogether fitting and proper to recognize
26 the role of public safety communications professionals, including 9-
27 1-1 dispatchers or operators, as emergency response personnel by
28 designating them as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

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30 3. (New section) Persons appointed as public safety
31 communications professionals, also referred to as 9-1-1 dispatchers
32 or operators, shall hereinafter be referred to as 9-1-1 first responder
33 dispatchers.

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35 4. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15) is amended to
36 read as follows:

37 1. a. Any person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic
38 beverages who knowingly possesses without legal authority or who
39 knowingly consumes any alcoholic beverage in any school, public
40 conveyance, public place, or place of public assembly, or motor
41 vehicle, is guilty of a disorderly persons offense, and shall be fined
42 not less than \$500.

43 b. Whenever this offense is committed in a motor vehicle, the
44 court shall, in addition to the sentence authorized for the offense,
45 suspend or postpone for six months the driving privilege of the

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.

1 defendant. Upon the conviction of any person under this section,
2 the court shall forward a report to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
3 Commission stating the first and last day of the suspension or
4 postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section.
5 If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17
6 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a
7 suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a
8 motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is
9 imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person
10 reaches the age of 17 years.

11 If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid
12 driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately
13 collect the license and forward it to the commission along with the
14 report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court
15 shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth,
16 eye color, and sex of the person as well as the first and last date of
17 the license suspension period imposed by the court.

18 The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the
19 person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period
20 of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject
21 to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required
22 to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to
23 receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the
24 receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent
25 charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

26 If the person convicted under this section is not a New Jersey
27 resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the
28 non-resident driving privilege of the person based on the age of the
29 person and submit to the commission the required report. The court
30 shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this
31 section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the commission shall
32 notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the
33 suspension or postponement.

34 c. In addition to the general penalty prescribed for a disorderly
35 persons offense, the court may require any person who violates this
36 act to participate in an alcohol education or treatment program,
37 authorized by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
38 in the Department of Human Services, for a period not to exceed the
39 maximum period of confinement prescribed by law for the offense
40 for which the individual has been convicted.

41 d. Nothing in this act shall apply to possession of alcoholic
42 beverages by any such person while actually engaged in the
43 performance of employment pursuant to an employment permit
44 issued by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage
45 Control, or for a bona fide hotel or restaurant, in accordance with
46 the provisions of R.S.33:1-26, or while actively engaged in the

1 preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel
2 management program at a county vocational school or post
3 secondary educational institution.

4 e. The provisions of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-
5 81.1a) shall apply to a parent, guardian or other person with legal
6 custody of a person under 18 years of age who is found to be in
7 violation of this section.

8 f. An underage person and one or two other persons shall be
9 immune from prosecution under this section if:

10 (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that
11 another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to
12 alcohol consumption;

13 (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one
14 or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person
15 who called 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1
16 **【operator】** first responder dispatcher;

17 (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1
18 report; and

19 (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other
20 persons acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-
21 1-1 call remained on the scene with the person under the legal age
22 in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and
23 cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel
24 on the scene.

25 The underage person who received medical assistance also shall
26 be immune from prosecution under this section.

27 g. For purposes of this section, an alcoholic beverage includes
28 powdered alcohol as defined by R.S.33:1-1.

29 (cf: P.L.2015, c.137, s.3)

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31 5. Section 3 of P.L.2017, c.116 (C.26:2K-68) is amended to
32 read as follows:

33 3. a. The commissioner shall establish a system to allow for
34 the electronic reporting of emergency medical services dispatch and
35 response information as required pursuant to section 2 of
36 P.L.2017, c.116 (C.26:2K-67). Information shall be reported to the
37 system in a format and at such intervals as required by the
38 commissioner, except that, to the extent possible, the system shall
39 interact with existing systems used by emergency medical services
40 providers and emergency medical services dispatch centers,
41 including, but not limited to, emsCharts and Image Trend, to
42 facilitate automated, real-time reporting of the information. The
43 department shall furnish to EMS providers and 9-1-1 first responder
44 dispatchers, without charge, any software or programs developed by
45 the department for accessing and using the electronic reporting
46 system.

1 b. The electronic reporting system established pursuant to this
2 section shall, at a minimum, seek to record and track data
3 concerning types of medical emergencies for which emergency
4 medical services are requested, response times for emergency
5 medical services providers, patterns in the timing and location of
6 requests for emergency medical services, patterns in the type or
7 nature of emergency medical services provided, and patterns in
8 dispatch and response activity.

9 c. The commissioner shall, in consultation with the Emergency
10 Medical Services Advisory Council, adopt rules and regulations,
11 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
12 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), establishing quality performance metrics and
13 pre-hospital protocols for emergency medical services providers,
14 which shall be based on the data tracked and recorded pursuant to
15 subsection b. of this section. The commissioner shall review and
16 update the rules and regulations concerning quality performance
17 metrics and pre-hospital protocols as appropriate.

18 d. The commissioner shall make the response times for
19 emergency medical services providers that are tracked and recorded
20 pursuant to subsection b. of this section available to the public on
21 the department's Internet website.

22 (cf: P.L.2017, c.116, s.3)

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24 6. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.133 (C.40:48-1.2a) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 2. a. An underage person and one or two other persons shall
27 be immune from prosecution under an ordinance authorized by
28 section 1 of P.L.2000, c.33 (C.40:48-1.2) prohibiting any person
29 under the legal age who, without legal authority, knowingly
30 possesses or knowingly consumes an alcoholic beverage on private
31 property if:

32 (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that
33 another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to
34 alcohol consumption;

35 (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one
36 or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person
37 who called 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1
38 **【operator】** first responder dispatchers;

39 (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1
40 report; and

41 (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other
42 persons acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-
43 1-1 call remained on the scene with the person under the legal age
44 in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and
45 cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel
46 on the scene.

1 b. The underage person who received medical assistance as
2 provided in subsection a. of this section also shall be immune from
3 prosecution under an ordinance authorized by section 1 of
4 P.L.2000, c.33 (C.40:48-1.2).
5 (cf: P.L.2009, c.133, s.2)

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7 7. Section 3 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-3) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. a. There is established in the Office of Information
10 Technology an Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services.

11 b. The office shall be under the immediate supervision of a
12 director, who shall be a person qualified by training and experience
13 to direct the work of the office. The director shall administer the
14 provisions of this act subject to review by the Chief Technology
15 Officer and shall perform other duties as may be provided by law.
16 The director shall be appointed by the Chief Technology Officer,
17 but the commission shall advise the Chief Technology Officer on
18 the qualifications of the director. The Chief Technology Officer is
19 authorized to appoint, in accordance with Title 11A of the New
20 Jersey Statutes, clerical, technical, and professional assistants, and
21 also may designate any available personnel as shall be necessary to
22 effectuate the purposes of this act.

23 The office shall designate a staff member from within the Office
24 of Information Technology to be designated as a professional
25 spectrum manager. The professional spectrum manager shall be
26 responsible for approving all applications for public safety spectrum
27 allocations in the State to ensure that the State fully complies with
28 Federal Communications Commission rules that impact frequency
29 allocation for public safety use. The spectrum manager may be
30 chosen from among the current employees of the office and the
31 chosen employee may continue the duties and responsibilities of
32 their current position in addition to the duties and responsibilities of
33 spectrum manager as provided in this section.

34 The office shall designate a staff member from within the Office
35 of Information Technology to be designated the Statewide
36 Interoperability Coordinator to coordinate interoperable
37 communications grants and projects consistent with the National
38 Communications Plan. The coordinator may be chosen from among
39 the current employees of the office and the chosen employee may
40 continue the duties and responsibilities of his current position in
41 addition to the duties and responsibilities of coordinator as provided
42 in this section.

43 The office shall, subject to review by the commission and the
44 Chief Technology Officer, and in consultation with the council, the
45 telephone companies, the Board of Public Utilities and the wireless
46 telephone companies, and with the assistance of the Office of
47 Information Technology in but not of the Department of the
48 Treasury, continue to plan, design, implement, and coordinate the

1 Statewide emergency enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system to be
2 established pursuant to this act as well as any changes to that
3 system needed to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service.

4 To this end the office shall establish, after review and approval
5 by the commission, in consultation with the council, a State plan for
6 the emergency enhanced 9-1-1 system in this State, which plan shall
7 include:

8 (1) The configuration of, and requirements for, the enhanced 9-
9 1-1 network. The office with the approval of the commission and
10 the Chief Technology Officer, in consultation with the council, only
11 as provided herein, and assistance and advice of the Office of
12 Information Technology in but not of the Department of the
13 Treasury is empowered to enter into contracts for the provision of
14 this network.

15 (2) The role and responsibilities of the counties and
16 municipalities of the State in the implementation of the system,
17 consistent with the provisions of this act, including a timetable for
18 implementation.

19 (3) Technical and operational standards for the establishment of
20 public safety answering points (PSAPs) which utilize enhanced 9-1-
21 1 network features in accordance with the provisions of this act and
22 in alignment with the Next Generation 9-1-1 Planning by the
23 National 9-1-1 Office within the United States Department of
24 Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
25 Those entities having responsibility for the creation and
26 management of PSAPs shall conform to these standards in the
27 design, implementation and operation of the PSAPs. These
28 standards shall include provision for the training and certification of
29 call-takers and **public safety** 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers or
30 for the adoption of such a program.

31 The office, after review and approval by the commission and the
32 Chief Technology Officer, in consultation with the council, only as
33 provided herein, may update and revise the State plan from time to
34 time.

35 The office may inspect each PSAP to determine if it meets the
36 requirements of this act and the technical and operational standards
37 established pursuant to this section. The office shall explore ways
38 to maximize the reliability of the system.

39 The plan or any portion of it may be implemented by the
40 adoption of regulations pursuant to subsection b. of section 15 of
41 this act.

42 The State plan shall require the consolidation of PSAPs as
43 appropriate, consistent with revisions in the plan to upgrade the
44 enhanced 9-1-1 system and shall condition the allocation of moneys
45 dedicated for the operation of PSAPs on the merging and sharing of
46 PSAP functions by municipalities, counties and the State Police,
47 consistent with the revised plan. The Treasurer may establish, by
48 regulation, a 9-1-1 call volume minimum that may be utilized as a

1 factor in determining which PSAP functions are to be consolidated
2 under the State plan.

3 The State plan shall limit the use of sworn law enforcement
4 officers to provide dispatch services and the office shall condition
5 the receipt of moneys dedicated for the operation of PSAPs on the
6 limited use of sworn law enforcement officers, except for officers
7 returning to active duty from an injury or other physical disability.

8 The office shall plan, implement and coordinate a Statewide
9 public education program designed to generate public awareness at
10 all levels of the emergency enhanced 9-1-1 system. Advertising
11 and display of 9-1-1 shall be in accordance with standards
12 established by the office. Advertising expenses may be defrayed
13 from the moneys appropriated to the office.

14 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.125).

15 d. To this end, the office shall, subject to review and approval
16 by the commission and the Chief Technology Officer, and in
17 consultation with the council, develop a Statewide Communications
18 Interoperability Plan, which shall include:

19 (1) the strategy to most effectively provide interoperability and
20 coordinate public safety communications between and among State,
21 county and municipal public safety agencies. The office shall
22 submit recommendations and proposals, as appropriate, to the
23 Regional Planning Committees to which the State is assigned by the
24 Federal Communications Commission; and

25 (2) the role and responsibilities of the counties and
26 municipalities of the State in the implementation of the New Jersey
27 Interoperable Communications System, consistent with the National
28 Communications Plan and the provisions of this act, including a
29 timetable for implementation.

30 e. The office, after review and approval by the commission and
31 the Chief Technology Officer, in consultation with the council, only
32 as provided herein, may update and revise the State plan as needed.
33 The plan or any portion of it may be implemented by the adoption
34 of regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
35 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

36 f. The office, after review and approval by the commission and
37 the Chief Technology Officer, only as provided herein, shall submit
38 a report to the Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations
39 Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee, or their
40 successors, not later than February 15 of each year, concerning its
41 progress in carrying out the provisions of this act and the
42 expenditure of moneys appropriated thereto and appropriated for the
43 purposes of installation of the Statewide enhanced 9-1-1 network
44 and the New Jersey Interoperable Communications System.

45 (cf: P.L.2011, c.4, s.2)

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47 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill designates certain public safety communications
4 professionals as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

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6 Public safety communications professionals dedicate their lives
7 to helping others by performing work that goes far beyond merely
8 relaying information between the public and first responders. In
9 times of crises, the information collected and actions taken by
10 public safety communications professionals form the foundation for
11 an effective response by law enforcement agencies, fire
12 departments, and emergency medical service professionals.

13 It is the sponsor's intent to recognize these professionals as an
14 important part of the first responder community by designating
15 them as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1590

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 15, 2021

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1590.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill designates certain public safety communications professionals as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

Public safety communications professionals dedicate their lives to helping others by performing work that goes far beyond merely relaying information between the public and first responders. In times of crises, the information collected and actions taken by public safety communications professionals form the foundation for an effective response by law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical service professionals.

Therefore, these professionals are recognized as an important part of the first responder community by designating them as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers.

As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 1590 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3804, which also was amended and reported by the committee on the same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to make technical corrections to:

- 1) update statutory law that was amended by previous enactments;
- and
- 2) remove a section of law that was repealed by a previous enactment.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/18/2022

TRENTON – Governor Murphy today signed the following bills:

S-384/A-1964 (Weinberg, Singleton/Stanley, Munoz, McKeon, Sumter, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttie, Wimberly, Mosquera, Downey, Chiaravalloti) – Expands training for judges, law enforcement officers and assistant county prosecutors concerning handling of domestic violence cases

S-386/A-1763 (Weinberg, Singleton/Munoz, Vainieri Huttie, Downey, Mosquera, Lampitt, Benson) - Establishes mandatory domestic violence training for municipal prosecutors

S-396/A-4903 (Weinberg, Addiego/Johnson, Mukherji) – Adjusts statute of limitations on damage claim for construction defect in common interest communities

S-705/A-1077 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Speight, Vainieri Huttie, Downey) – Requires DOH to develop and implement plan to improve access to perinatal mood and anxiety disorder screening

SCS for S-844 and 2533/ACS for A-4635 (Pou, Greenstein/Zwicker, Lopez) – Revises reporting requirements for charitable organizations and non-profit corporations

S-867/A-2316 (Pou/Jimenez, Giblin, Johnson) – Permits physical therapists to perform dry needling under certain circumstances

S-896/A-2396 (Pou, Turner/Wimberly, Timberlake, Murphy) – Expands Office of Public Defender representation of juveniles; repeals section 4 of P.L.1968, c.371

S-969WGR/ACS for A-2687 (Ruiz, Turner/Mazzeo, Lampitt, Moen) – Establishes loan redemption program for certain teachers to redeem loan amounts received under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students Loan Program through employment in certain schools; makes annual appropriation of \$1 million

S-994/A-6248 (Sweeney, Singleton/Lopez) – Requires State agencies and political subdivisions to make good faith effort to purchase five percent of goods and services from Central Nonprofit Agency

SCS for S-1016/ACS for A-2070 (Smith, Bateman/Calabrese, Mukherji, Benson) – Restricts use of neonicotinoid pesticides

S-1020/AS for ACS for A-1184 and 4414 (Ruiz, Gopal/Zwicker, Conaway, Verrelli, Caputo) – Requires School Report Card to include demographic breakdown of students who receive disciplinary actions; requires Commissioner of Education to establish Statewide database concerning certain disciplinary actions

S-1559/A-1659 (Scutari, Diegnan/Quijano, Bramnick, Mukherji, Sumter, Downey, Dancer) – “New Jersey Insurance Fair Conduct Act”

S-1771/A-1489 (Madden, Turner/Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie) – Expressly prohibits invasive examination of unconscious patient by health care practitioner without patient’s prior informed written consent

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

SCS for S-2515/ACS for A-4676 (Smith, Greenstein/Quijano, Jasey, McKeon) – Establishes postconsumer recycled content requirements for rigid plastic containers, glass containers, paper and plastic carryout bags, and plastic trash bags; prohibits sale of polystyrene loose fill packaging

S-2723/A-2614 (Sweeney, Turner/Murphy, Benson, Timberlake) – “21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act”

S-2830/A-5291 (Ruiz, Singleton/Quijano) – Requires educator preparation program to report passing rates of students who complete certain tests and to disseminate information on test fee waiver programs, and permits collection of student fee for certain testing costs

S-2835/A-5292 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Lampitt, Jasey) – Requires compilation of data and issuance of annual reports on New Jersey teacher workforce

S-2921/A-5554 (Gopal, Greenstein/Houghtaling, Downey, Mukherji) – Allows municipalities to designate outdoor areas upon which people may consume alcoholic beverages

S-3009/A-4847 (Vitale, Gopal, Gill/Vainieri Huttie, Quijano, Verrelli) – Authorizes expanded provision of harm reduction services to distribute sterile syringes and provide certain support services to persons who use drugs intravenously

S-3081/A-5219 (Singleton/McKeon, Dunn) – Repeals law concerning excess rates and charges for title insurance; makes agreement to use services of title or settlement service company subject to attorney review

S-3164/A-4987 (Gopal, Singleton/Houghtaling, Vainieri Huttie, Giblin) – Creates NJ Legislative Youth Council

S-3265/A-5074 (Diegnan, Greenstein/DeAngelo, Dancer, Mukherji) – Permits members of SPRS to purchase service credit for prior public employment with federal government or another state

S-3342/A-5463 (Codey, Singleton/Jasey, Giblin, Timberlake) – Directs NJT to erect statue in honor of A. Philip Randolph; appropriates \$90,000

S-3465/A-4336 (Oroho, Sweeney/Houghtaling, Space) – Directs Department of Agriculture to pay annual premiums to enrolled dairy farmers for certain coverage under the federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program; appropriates \$125,000

S-3488wGR/A-5537 (Sweeney, Gopal, O'Scanlon/Burzichelli, Dancer, Spearman) – 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

S-3493/A-5458 (Vitale, Gill/Vainieri Huttie, Mukherji, McKnight) – Permits expungement of possession or distribution of hypodermic syringe or needle offense in cases of previous expungement; repeals criminal offense of possession of syringe

S-3539/A5409 (T. Kean, Gopal/Houghtaling) – Directs DEP to establish grant program for local governments to support development of community gardens

S-3594/A-5509 (Singleton, Scutari/Zwicker, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli) – Provides that in personal

injury or wrongful death lawsuits, calculations of lost or impaired earnings capacity not be reduced because of race, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, or affectional or sexual orientation

S-3672/A-6009 (Singleton, Turner, Moen, Johnson, McKnight) – Permits exemption from civil service examination requirement for entry-level law enforcement officers, sheriff's officers, and State and county correctional police officers; permits hiring or appointment of such officers under certain conditions, and makes appropriation

S-3673/A-6219 (Gopal, Greenstein/Burzichelli) – Authorizes limited breweries and craft distilleries to sell at retail and offer for sampling purposes product bottled and stored off-site under certain circumstances

S-3685/A-5576 (Ruiz, Codey/Jasey, Lampitt, Mukherji) – Permits teacher and professional staff member who provides special services retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF if employment commences during 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years

S-3707/A-5673 (Vitale, Ruiz/Vainieri Huttle, Downey, Zwicker) – Repeals statute criminalizing sexual penetration while infected with venereal disease or HIV under certain circumstances; requires that in prosecutions for endangering another by creating substantial risk of transmitting infectious disease, name of defendant and other person be kept confidential

S-3764/A-3369 (Gopal, Weinberg/Johnson, Stanley, Karabinchak) – Establishes Commission on Asian American Heritage in DOE

S-3810/ACS for A-5862 (Sweeney, Addiego, Greenstein/Benson, Quijano) – “Responsible Collective Negotiations Act”

S-3968/A-5930 (Singleton, Beach/Sumter, Karabinchak) – Increases purchasing threshold permitting Director of Division of Purchase and Property to delegate authority to agencies; increases bid advertising threshold on certain contracts by same scale

S-3975/A-5963 (Greenstein, Oroho/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, DeAngelo) – Establishes requirements to commence screening newborn infants for congenital cytomegalovirus infection; establishes public awareness campaign

S-4004wGR/A-5950 (Weinberg, Greenstein/Sumter, Benson, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database of certain appointed positions and elected offices

S-4020/A-5867 (Gopal, Cunningham/Chiaravalloti, Jasey, Carter) – Expands bonding authority of New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority to permit financing for general funding needs at New Jersey's institutions of higher education

S-4021/A-6100 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Jasey, Timberlake, Stanley) – Requires school districts to provide instruction on history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies

S-4043/A-6005 (Cunningham/Jasey, Greenwald) – Raises statutory threshold for certain public bidding, permits bidder disqualification due to prior negative experience, adds exemptions to public bidding requirement under "State College Contracts Law," and establishes process for cooperative pricing system

S-4063/A-6220 (Sweeney/Giblin, Egan) – Removes New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission from appropriations act provision that limits compensation and health benefits; clarifies PERS and SHBP eligibility for members of commission

S-4068/ACS for A-6110 and 6185 (Sarlo, Oroho/Benson, Mukherji, Bramnick) – Revises elective pass-through entity business alternative income tax

S-4074wGR/A-6000 (Ruiz, Beach/Verrelli, Lampitt, Carter) – Allows alternative evaluation in place of basic skills testing requirements for certain teacher certification

SCS for S-4102/A-6230 (Sweeney, Ruiz/Benson, Mejia, Zwicker) – Establishes Direct Support Professional Career Development Program; appropriates \$1,000,000

S-4128/A-6231 (Sweeney, Pou/Houghtaling, Conaway, Dancer) – Requires that only fruits and vegetables grown and packaged in NJ may be labeled by food retailers as local to State

S-4207/A-6119 (Sweeney, Beach/Mukherji, Egan, Pintor Marin) – Concerns apprenticeship programs of public works contractors

S-4210/A-6062 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Greenwald, McKnight, Mukherji) – Requires EDA to establish loan program to assist certain businesses with funding to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities

S-4211/A-6228 (Sweeney, Corrado/Benson, Speight, Zwicker) – Establishes county college-based adult centers for transition for individuals with developmental disabilities; makes annual appropriation of \$4.5 million

S-4218/A-6256 (Scutari/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mukherji) – Appropriates \$2 million to CRDA to support costs associated with hosting NAACP National Convention in Atlantic City

S-4233/A-6229 (Scutari, Gopal/Mukherji, Jimenez) – Limits fees charged to patients and authorized third parties for copies of medical and billing records

S-4252/A-6182 (Madden/Murphy, Chaparro) – Limits extension of mandatory retirement to 90 days from State Police Retirement System during emergencies

A-259/S-2224 (DeAngelo, Mukherji, Benson/Gopal, Pennacchio) – Provides civil service preference to military service members who did not serve in theater of operation but received campaign or expedition medal

A-798/S-52 (Verrelli, Vainieri Huttie, Armato/Singer, Greenstein) – Establishes local drug overdose fatality review teams

A-802/S-1352 (Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Murphy/Turner, Pou) – Requires certain retailers to train employees on gift card fraud

A-862wGR/S-962 (Chiaravalloti, Karabinchak/Pennacchio, Pou) – Permits municipalities to refund excess property taxes paid by a taxpayer who wins an assessment appeal as a property tax credit

A-953/S-4031 (Karabinchak, Houghtaling/Pou) – Requires architects disclose insurance coverage

ACS for A-998 and 2349/S-4312 (Moen, Downey, Houghtaling, Benson, Vainieri Huttie/Ruiz, Beach, Singleton) – The “New Jersey Social Innovation Act”; establishes social innovation loan pilot program and study commission within EDA

A-1121/S-1871 (Murphy, Dancer, Stanley/Lagana, Pennacchio) – Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia

A-1219wGR/S-1054 (Chaparro, McKnight/Stack) – Requires owner notification of rabies testing protocol prior to testing of owner’s animal for rabies

A-1229wGR/S-2161 (Schaer, Mosquera, Tucker, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Wimberly, Pintor Marin, Jasey/Turner, Singleton) – Requires DCA to make information on homeless prevention programs and services available on its Internet website

A-1293/S-3977 (Greenwald, Burzichelli, Mukherji/Greenstein, Gopal) – Establishes advisory council for the brewery, cidery, meadery, and distillery industries in NJ and provides for funding through certain alcoholic beverage tax receipts

A-1663/S-1842 (Quijano, Vainieri Huttle, Karabinchak/Cryan, Scutari) – Establishes “New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Program”

A-2186/S-1599 (Mukherji, Chaparro, McKnight/Codey, Pou) – Establishes Statewide database of beds in shelters for the homeless

A-2360/S-3285 (Chaparro, Karabinchak, Johnson/Greenstein, Stack) – Requires electric public utility to charge residential rate for service used by residential customer for electric vehicle charging at charging stations within certain designated parking spaces

A-2685wGR/S-4209 (Armato, Mazzeo, Mukherji/Stack) – Concerns information on property condition disclosure statement

A-2772/S-1040 (Downey, Houghtaling, Benson/Gopal) – Authorizes certain Medicaid recipients residing on post-secondary school campus to participate remotely in meetings of non-medical nature regarding Medicaid benefits

A-2877/S-1149 (Dancer, Vainieri Huttle, Reynolds-Jackson/Ruiz) – Requires registration of certain vacant and abandoned properties with municipalities and provides enforcement tools related to maintenance of these properties

A-3007/S-3127 (Lampitt, Dunn, Benson/Lagana, Gopal) – Requires institutions of higher education to provide students with access to mental health care programs and services and to establish a hotline to provide information concerning the availability of those services

A-3392/S-1219 (Reynolds-Jackson, Timberlake, Jasey/Turner, Beach) – Requires student representative be appointed to each board of education of school district and board of trustees of charter school that includes grades nine through 12

A-3804/S-1590 (Armato, Murphy, S. Kean/Beach, A.M. Bucco) – Designates 9-1-1 operators or dispatchers as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers

A-3870/S-2807 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Pou) – “Defense Against Porch Pirates Act”; amends theft statute

A-3950wGR/S-3180 (Verrelli, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Turner) – Prohibits employer use of tracking device in vehicle operated by employee under certain circumstances

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

A-4232/S-4231 (Houghtaling, Dancer, Wirths/Oroho, Smith) – Creates program in Department of Agriculture for deer fencing on certain farmland

A-4238/S-2561 (Chiaravalloti, Schaer, Benson/Gopal, Singer) – Establishes minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for adult medical day care services

A-4241/S-2894 (Downey, Vainieri Huttle, Murphy/Pou) – Requires DHS to conduct biennial survey of SNAP experience

ACS for A-4253/S-3233 (Conaway, Pinkin, Jimenez/Cryan) – Requires certain electronic medical programs to include demographic data entry feature; requires laboratories to record certain patients' demographic information; requires certain hospitals and laboratories to implement cultural competency training program

A-4366/S-2801 (Taliaferro, Sumter, Mukherji/Pou, Greenstein) – Requires Police Training Commission to contract with crisis intervention training center to provide mental health training to police officers and establish curriculum specific to persons experiencing economic crisis or substance use disorder

A-4434wGR/S-2716 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Mukherji/Beach, Ruiz) – Establishes Student Wellness Grant Program in DOE

A-4478/S2759 (Vainieri Huttle, Speight, Schepisi, DeCroce/Vitale, Madden) – Establishes additional requirements for DOH to assess sanctions and impose penalties on nursing homes; revises reporting requirements for nursing homes

A-4569/S-3535 (Reynolds-Jackson, Benson, Karabinchak/Turner) – Requires BPU, electric power suppliers, and gas suppliers to publish certain information related to filing of customer complaints

ACS for A-4655/S-3595 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Carter/Turner) – Limits police presence at polling places and ballot drop boxes; prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of ballot drop box

A-4771/S-2951 (Downey, Armato, Mukherji/Gopal, Singleton) – Expands offenses eligible for expungement upon successful discharge from drug court

A-4856/S-3094 (Lampitt, Benson, Caputo/Ruiz, Beach) – Requires Internet websites and web services of school districts, charter schools, renaissance schools, and the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf to be accessible to persons with disabilities

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

ACS for A-5075wGR/S-4001 (Burzichelli, Dancer, Johnson/Sweeney, A.M. Bucco) – Removes Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial from auspices of DEP and establishes museum as independent organization; makes \$200,000 supplemental appropriation

A-5160/S-3324 (DeAngelo, Conaway, Zwicker/Smith, Bateman) – Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold, offered for sale, or leased in the State

A-5294/S-3418 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, Verrelli/Gopal, Madden) – Provides fast track hiring and advancement employment opportunities by State for persons with significant disabilities

A-5296/S-3426 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, McKnight/T. Kean, Schepisi) – Provides for employment by State of certain persons with disabilities

A-5322/S-3433 (Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, DePhillips/Cruz-Perez, T. Kean) – Provides for process to vacate and expunge certain arrests, charges, complaints, convictions, other dispositions, and DNA

records, associated with violations by certain human trafficking victims

A-5336wGR/S-3441 (Benson, Freiman, Vainieri Huttie/Diegnan, Madden) – Requires DHS to establish payment programs for purchase of transportation services from private sector and government transportation service providers

A-5439/S-3760 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Beach) – Changes deadline for New Jersey Racing Commission's annual report from end of calendar year to end of State fiscal year

A-5694/S-3783 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Madden) – Permits dependents of military member to enroll in school district in advance of military member's relocation to district

A-5814/S-3851 (Swain, Tully, Benson/Lagana, Diegnan) – Creates Office of School Bus Safety in Department of Education; appropriates \$200,000

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

A-5997/S-4084 (Coughlin, Lopez/Sweeney, O'Scanlon) – Removes requirement for Legislature, DOE, free public libraries, and historical societies to purchase "Manual of the Legislature of New Jersey"

A-6012/S-4076 (Moen, Murphy, Freiman/Sarlo, Gopal) – Appropriates \$500,000 for USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee to support commissioning of boat and assigned personnel

A-6020/S-4114 (Conaway, Jimenez, Vainieri Huttie/Codey) – Establishes requirements for certain tobacco product retailers to stock and sell nicotine replacement therapy products

A-6060/S-4272 (Tucker, Caputo, Mukherji/Cunningham) – Makes supplemental appropriation of \$8 million to DHS to increase reimbursement for funeral, burial, and crematory services provided to certain beneficiaries of Work First New Jersey and Supplemental Security Income programs

A-6073/S-4140 (Verrelli/Vitale) – Temporarily waives certain basic life support services crewmember requirements

A-6093/S-4201 (Stanley, Benson, Timberlake/Greenstein, Gopal) – Mandates periodic cancer screening examinations for firefighters enrolled in SHBP

A-6108wGR/S-4247 (DeAngelo, Egan, Houghtaling/Madden) – Updates licenses offered by and certain licensure requirements from Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors

A-6132/S-4235 (Schaer, Greenwald, Conaway/Singer, Gopal) – Permits volunteer paramedics to operate within mobile intensive care units

A-6133/S-4251 (Bramnick, Mukherji, Downey/Scutari) – Allows certain persons not yet appointed as administrator of estate to pursue lawsuit for damages for wrongful death on behalf of deceased's survivors

A-6150/S-4119 (DeAngelo, Karabinchak, Wirths/Oroho, Pou) – Revises penalties for transfer of certain professional and occupational licenses

A-6159/S-4236 (Coughlin, McKnight/Vitale, Ruiz) – Revises and renames Office of Food Insecurity Advocate

A-6162/S-4246 (Benson, Stanley/Gopal) – Requires certain motor vehicle dealers to maintain certain

requirements for business premises

A-6205/S-4270 (Coughlin, McKeon/Pou) – Amends certain requirements concerning insurance holding companies

A-6206wGR/S-4260 (Wimberly/Diegnan, Oroho) – Codifies right of real estate broker-salespersons and salespersons to define relationship with broker as one between broker and independent contractor or employee and enforces current and previous written agreements addressing relationship

A-6207/S-4222 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Benson/Sweeney) – Eliminates requirement for DOE to set certain tuition rates for approved private schools for students with disabilities in certain cases

A-6208/S-4151 (Mosquera, DeAngelo, Armato/Greenstein, Cruz-Perez) – Appropriates \$60,940,361 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for farmland preservation purposes

A-6209/S-4154 (Freiman, Spearman, Egan/Turner, Oroho) – Appropriates \$18 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

A-6210/S-4150 (Taliaferro, Moriarty, Burzichelli/Cruz-Perez, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$4.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

A-6211/S-4149 (Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$440,240 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

A-6212/S-4148 (Jimenez, Swain, Timberlake/Codey, Corrado) – Appropriates \$54.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-6213/S-4155 (Kennedy, Carter, Tully/Bateman, Smith) – Appropriates \$49.932 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

A-6214/S-4153 (Danielsen, Zwicker, Conaway/Greenstein, Smith) – Appropriates \$80,539,578 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

A-6215/S-4152 (Stanley, Murphy, Jasey/Smith, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$14,687,510 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

A-6246/S-4295 (Karabinchak/Sweeney) – Concerns changes in control of hotels and disruptions of hotel services

A-6257/S-4311 (McKnight/Sweeney, Singleton) – Imposes surcharge on casino hotel occupancies to fund public safety services

A-6262/S-4314 (Burzichelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji/Sweeney, Oroho, T. Kean) – Permits PERS retiree to return to employment in NJ Legislature after retirement under certain circumstances

A-6263/S-4315 (Burzichelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji/Sweeney, Oroho, T. Kean) – Appropriates \$2 million to Legislative Services Commission

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

S-73/A-4580 (Bateman, Sarlo/Zwicker, Thomson, McKnight) – Establishes requirements for sale of cottage food products

S-995/A-6172 (Sweeney, A.M. Bucco/Downey, McKnight) – Requires DOLWD and DHS to conduct assessment of community rehabilitation programs and community businesses

S-1934/A-1158 (Sweeney, Pou, Cryan/Freiman, Lopez, Murphy) – Authorizes use of disability benefits for transportation provided by transportation network companies

S-2679/A-1979 (Beach, Smith/Stanley, Lopez, Kennedy) – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

S-2768/A-4664 (Singleton, Ruiz/Reynolds-Jackson, Stanley, Sumter) – Authorizes State Chief Diversity Officer to conduct disparity study concerning utilization of minority-owned and women-owned businesses in State procurement process

S-3458/A-6245 (Lagana, Gopal/Coughlin, Jimenez, Mukherji) – Revises out-of-network arbitration process

S-3529/A-5442 (Addiego, Diegnan/DeAngelo, Dancer, Dunn) – Clarifies that member of SPRS may receive accidental disability benefit under certain circumstances

S-3715/A-5804 (Cryan/Quijano, Mukherji) – Modifies certain definitions related to transient accommodation taxes and fees

S-4189/A-6112 (Vitale, Cruz-Perez/Lopez) – Permits PERS retiree to return to elective public office after retirement under certain circumstances

A-1073/S-3432 (Speight, Pintor Marin, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz, O'Scanlon) – Establishes requirements to screen certain people who are pregnant and who have given birth for preeclampsia

A-1269/S-3490 (Greenwald, Giblin, Calabrese/Cruz-Perez, Beach) – Eliminates one percent tax on purchasers of Class 4A commercial property transferred for consideration in excess of \$1 million

A-4958/S-3740 (Tully, Armato, Zwicker/Lagana, Oroho) – Provides temporary exemption under sales and use tax for winterizing certain small business operations

A-5334/S-3442 (Lopez, Mazzeo, Stanley/Diegnan, T. Kean) – Requires DOT, NJT, and DHS to study and implement transportation mobility and accessibility improvements for persons with autism and developmental disabilities

A-5484/S-3817 (Dancer, Caputo, Houghtaling/Lagana) – Requires New Jersey Racing Commission to adopt procedures to enforce internal controls; requires annual audit

A-6033/S-4194 (Bramnick/Sweeney, T. Kean) – Classifies golf caddies as independent contractors for purposes of State employment laws

A-6157/S-4202 (Speight, Moen/Ruiz, Beach) – Prohibits circumventing intergovernmental transfer process for law enforcement officers in certain circumstances

