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NJSA: 18A:4-51 to 18A:4-54 (Establishes Commission on Asian American Heritage in DOE.)

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SPONSOR(S) Gopal, Vin and others

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SENATE: Education

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Title 18A.
Subtitle 2.
Chapter 4.
Article 6. (New)
Asian American
Cultural and
Educational
Programs
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18A:4-54

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 410, *approved January 18, 2022*
Senate, No. 3764 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing the Commission on Asian ¹American¹
2 Heritage and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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

- 7
8 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
- 9 a. The 2010 United States Census estimated that there were
10 approximately 17.3 million Asian Americans residing in the United
11 States, or roughly 5.6 percent of the nation's population, with the
12 largest subgroups being Chinese Americans, Filipino Americans,
13 Indian Americans, Vietnamese Americans, Korean Americans, and
14 Japanese Americans.
- 15 b. According to the census, almost three-quarters of all Asian
16 Americans live in just 10 states (California, New York, Texas, New
17 Jersey, Hawaii, Illinois, Washington, Florida, Virginia, and
18 Pennsylvania). In fact, only two states, Hawaii and California, had a
19 higher percentage of Asian Americans in their total populations
20 than New Jersey.
- 21 c. By 2016, in its estimate of the nation's population, the
22 census bureau estimated that the population of Asian Americans
23 had grown to approximately 21 million.
- 24 d. New Jersey is home to a significant number of people of
25 Asian descent. According to the most recent American Community
26 Survey, the Asian population of New Jersey is 9.4 percent of the
27 total population of the State, significantly higher than the national
28 percentage.
- 29 e. The histories of our nation and our State have been
30 significantly enriched by the heritage of people of Asian descent.
31 Our nation and our State have benefitted substantially from 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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted December 16, 2021.

1 influences and contributions of these men, women, and children and
2 their culture, history, and heritage.

3 f. It is desirable to educate our citizens about the positive
4 aspects of the culture, music, art, language, history, and people of
5 Asian heritage.

6 g. It is the policy of the State of New Jersey that the culture,
7 history, and heritage of people of Asian descent are a proper
8 concern for all people, particularly students enrolled in the schools
9 of the State.

10 h. It is appropriate and desirable that programs, workshops,
11 institutes, seminars, and other teacher-training activities for the
12 study of the culture, history, and heritage of people of Asian
13 descent be conducted at the high schools and institutions of higher
14 education in this State.

15 i. It is fitting and proper to establish a permanent State-level
16 commission to survey, design, encourage, and promote the
17 implementation of Asian ¹or Asian American¹ cultural and
18 educational programs in this State, with responsibility for the
19 coordination of events that will provide appropriate awareness and
20 memorialization of the culture, history, heritage, and language of
21 people of Asian ¹or Asian American¹ descent on a regular basis
22 throughout the State.

23

24 2. a. The Commission on Asian ¹American¹ Heritage is
25 created and established in the Executive Branch of the State
26 Government. For the purposes of complying with the provisions of
27 Article V, Section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution,
28 the commission is allocated within the Department of Education,
29 but notwithstanding this allocation, the commission shall be
30 independent of any supervision or control by the department or any
31 board or officer thereof.

32 The commission shall consist of 21 members, including the
33 Commissioner of Education, ex officio, or a designee, the chair of
34 the executive board of the Presidents' Council, ex officio, or a
35 designee, and 19 public members.

36 Public members shall be appointed as follows: five public
37 members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, at least
38 one of whom shall have a Masters' degree in an area of Asian
39 studies¹**【or culture】** , Asian American studies, or related
40 disciplines¹; five public members shall be appointed by the Speaker
41 of the General Assembly, at least one of whom shall have a Masters'
42 degree in an area of Asian studies ¹**【or culture】** , Asian American
43 studies, or related disciplines¹; and nine public members shall be
44 appointed by the Governor, no less than four of whom shall at the
45 time of their appointment have at least a Masters' degree in an area
46 of Asian studies ¹**【or culture】** , Asian American studies, or related
47 disciplines¹. The public members shall be residents of the State
48 who have served prominently as spokespersons for, or as leaders of,

1 organizations in the Asian ¹or Asian American¹ heritage community
2 which serve members of religious, ethnic, national heritage, or
3 social groups or who are experienced in the field of Asian ¹or Asian
4 American¹ heritage education. To the greatest extent practicable,
5 they shall be chosen with due regard to provide the commission
6 with broad regional representation and ethnic diversity. At least
7 one-half of the public members shall be of Asian ¹or Asian
8 American¹ descent.

9 b. Each public member of the commission shall serve for a
10 term of three years, except that of the initial members appointed:
11 one member appointed by the President of the Senate, one member
12 appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, and two
13 members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of one
14 year; two members appointed by the President of the Senate, two
15 members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, and
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17 two years; and two members appointed by the President of the
18 Senate, two members appointed by the Speaker of the General
19 Assembly, and four members appointed by the Governor shall serve
20 for terms of three years. Public members shall be eligible for
21 reappointment and shall serve until their successors are appointed
22 and qualified. The term of the successor of any incumbent shall be
23 calculated from the expiration of the term of that incumbent. A
24 vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled in
25 the same manner as the original appointment, but for the unexpired
26 term only.

27 c. The members of the commission shall serve without
28 compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all
29 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

30 d. The commission annually shall elect a chairperson from
31 among its members. It shall meet upon the call of the chair or of a
32 majority of the commission members. The presence of a majority
33 of the authorized membership of the commission shall be required
34 for the conduct of official business.

35 e. The commission shall appoint an executive director, who
36 shall serve at its pleasure and shall be a person qualified by training
37 and experience to perform the duties of the office.

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39 3. The commission shall have the following responsibilities
40 and duties:

41 a. To provide, based upon the collective knowledge and
42 experience of its members, assistance and advice to the public and
43 nonpublic schools of this State with respect to the implementation
44 of ¹historical,¹ cultural^{1,1} and educational programs concerning
45 people of Asian ¹and Asian American¹ descent;

46 b. ¹To infuse the history of Asian Americans into the social
47 studies curriculum in order to provide an accurate, complete, and
48 inclusive history;

1 c. To ensure that New Jersey teachers are equipped to
2 effectively teach the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
3 Social Studies;

4 d.¹ To meet with county and local school officials and other
5 interested public and private organizations, for the purpose of
6 assisting with the planning, coordination, or modification of courses
7 of study dealing with issues, matters and subjects concerning or
8 relating to the culture, history, and heritage of people of Asian ¹or
9 Asian American¹ descent;

10 [c.] e.¹ To survey and catalog the extent and breadth of
11 Asian ¹and Asian American¹ heritage cultural awareness and
12 educational programs presently being incorporated into the
13 curricula and taught in the school systems of this State; to inventory
14 those Asian ¹and Asian American¹ heritage exhibits and resources
15 which may be incorporated into courses of study at various
16 locations throughout the State and, upon request, to assist the
17 Department of Education and other educational agencies in the
18 development and implementation of Asian ¹and Asian American¹
19 heritage cultural awareness and educational programs. In
20 furtherance of this responsibility, the commission shall be
21 authorized to contact and cooperate with existing Asian ¹and Asian
22 American¹ heritage public or private nonprofit resource
23 organizations and may act as a liaison concerning issues and topics
24 involving and relating to the culture, history, and heritage of Asians
25 ¹and Asian Americans¹ to members of the United States Senate and
26 House of Representatives, and the New Jersey Senate and General
27 Assembly;

28 [d.] f.¹ To compile a roster of individual volunteers who are
29 willing to share their knowledge and experience in classrooms,
30 seminars, and workshops on subjects concerning and relating to the
31 culture, history, and heritage of people of Asian ¹and Asian
32 American¹ descent. These volunteers may be scholars, clergymen,
33 community relations professionals, and other persons who, by
34 virtue of their experience, training, or interest, have acquired
35 personal or academic knowledge of the culture, history, and
36 heritage of Asians ¹and Asian Americans¹ and who are willing to
37 share that knowledge with students and teachers;

38 [e.] g.¹ To coordinate events observing the culture, history,
39 and heritage of people of Asian ¹and Asian American¹ descent and
40 to seek volunteers who are willing and able to participate in
41 commemorative events that will enhance student awareness of the
42 significance of the culture, history, and heritage of Asians ¹and
43 Asian Americans¹;

44 [f.] h.¹ To prepare reports for the Governor and the
45 Legislature regarding its findings and recommendations to facilitate
46 the inclusion of ¹Asian American history,¹ Asian heritage studies

1 and special programs memorializing the culture, history, and
2 heritage of Asians ¹and Asian Americans¹ in the educational system
3 of this State; and

4 ¹[g.] i.¹ To develop, in consultation with the Department of
5 Education, curriculum guidelines for the teaching of subjects and
6 topics concerning and relating to the culture, history, and heritage
7 of people of Asian ¹and Asian American¹ descent. To the greatest
8 extent practicable, each board of education shall incorporate those
9 guidelines as part of the curriculum for its district's elementary and
10 secondary school students.

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12 4. a. The commission is authorized to call upon any
13 department, office, division, or agency of the State, or of any
14 county, municipality, or school district of the State, to supply such
15 data, program reports and other information, personnel, and
16 assistance as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities
17 under this act.

18 b. These departments, offices, divisions, and agencies shall, to
19 the extent possible, and not inconsistent with any other law of this
20 State, cooperate with the commission and shall furnish it with such
21 information, personnel, and assistance as may be necessary or
22 helpful to accomplish the purposes of this act.

23
24 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28
29 Establishes Commission on Asian American Heritage in DOE.

SENATE, No. 3764

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 11, 2021

Sponsored by:

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

Senator LORETTA WEINBERG

District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Senators Diegnan, Greenstein, T.Kean, Ruiz, Singleton, Schepisi,
Thompson, Codey, Gill and Turner**

SYNOPSIS

Establishes Commission on Asian Heritage in DOE.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/16/2021)

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13 Japanese Americans.

14 b. According to the census, almost three-quarters of all Asian
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16 Jersey, Hawaii, Illinois, Washington, Florida, Virginia, and
17 Pennsylvania). In fact, only two states, Hawaii and California, had a
18 higher percentage of Asian Americans in their total populations
19 than New Jersey.

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21 census bureau estimated that the population of Asian Americans
22 had grown to approximately 21 million.

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24 Asian descent. According to the most recent American Community
25 Survey, the Asian population of New Jersey is 9.4 percent of the
26 total population of the State, significantly higher than the national
27 percentage.

28 e. The histories of our nation and our State have been
29 significantly enriched by the heritage of people of Asian descent.
30 Our nation and our State have benefitted substantially from the
31 influences and contributions of these men, women, and children and
32 their culture, history, and heritage.

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34 aspects of the culture, music, art, language, history, and people of
35 Asian heritage.

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23 b. To meet with county and local school officials and other
24 interested public and private organizations, for the purpose of
25 assisting with the planning, coordination, or modification of courses
26 of study dealing with issues, matters and subjects concerning or
27 relating to the culture, history, and heritage of people of Asian
28 descent;

29 c. To survey and catalog the extent and breadth of Asian
30 heritage cultural awareness and educational programs presently
31 being incorporated into the curricula and taught in the school
32 systems of this State; to inventory those Asian heritage exhibits and
33 resources which may be incorporated into courses of study at
34 various locations throughout the State and, upon request, to assist
35 the Department of Education and other educational agencies in the
36 development and implementation of Asian heritage cultural
37 awareness and educational programs. In furtherance of this
38 responsibility, the commission shall be authorized to contact and
39 cooperate with existing Asian heritage public or private nonprofit
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41 and topics involving and relating to the culture, history, and
42 heritage of Asians to members of the United States Senate and
43 House of Representatives, and the New Jersey Senate and General
44 Assembly;

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46 to share their knowledge and experience in classrooms, seminars,
47 and workshops on subjects concerning and relating to the culture,
48 history, and heritage of people of Asian descent. These volunteers

1 may be scholars, clergymen, community relations professionals, and
2 other persons who, by virtue of their experience, training, or
3 interest, have acquired personal or academic knowledge of the
4 culture, history, and heritage of Asians and who are willing to share
5 that knowledge with students and teachers;

6 e. To coordinate events observing the culture, history, and
7 heritage of people of Asian descent and to seek volunteers who are
8 willing and able to participate in commemorative events that will
9 enhance student awareness of the significance of the culture,
10 history, and heritage of Asians;

11 f. To prepare reports for the Governor and the Legislature
12 regarding its findings and recommendations to facilitate the
13 inclusion of Asian heritage studies and special programs
14 memorializing the culture, history, and heritage of Asians in the
15 educational system of this State; and

16 g. To develop, in consultation with the Department of
17 Education, curriculum guidelines for the teaching of subjects and
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20 board of education shall incorporate those guidelines as part of the
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22 students.

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25 department, office, division, or agency of the State, or of any
26 county, municipality, or school district of the State, to supply such
27 data, program reports and other information, personnel, and
28 assistance as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities
29 under this act.

30 b. These departments, offices, divisions, and agencies shall, to
31 the extent possible, and not inconsistent with any other law of this
32 State, cooperate with the commission and shall furnish it with such
33 information, personnel, and assistance as may be necessary or
34 helpful to accomplish the purposes of this act.

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36 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill establishes the Commission on Asian Heritage within
42 the Department of Education. Notwithstanding its allocation, the
43 commission is independent of any supervision or control by the
44 department. The purpose of the commission is to survey, design,
45 encourage, and promote the implementation of Asian cultural and
46 educational programs in this State.

- 1 Under the bill, the commission will:
- 2 • provide assistance and advice to the public and nonpublic
3 schools of the State with respect to the implementation of
4 cultural and educational programs concerning people of
5 Asian descent;
 - 6 • meet with county and local school officials and other
7 interested public and private organizations for the purpose of
8 assisting with the planning, coordination, or modification of
9 courses of study dealing with issues, matters, and subjects
10 concerning or relating to the culture, history, and heritage of
11 people of Asian descent;
 - 12 • survey and catalog the extent and breadth of Asian heritage
13 cultural awareness and educational programs presently being
14 incorporated into the curricula and taught in the school
15 systems of the State;
 - 16 • compile a roster of individual volunteers who are willing to
17 share their knowledge and experience in classrooms,
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22 of people of Asian descent and seek volunteers who are
23 willing and able to participate in commemorative events that
24 will enhance student awareness of the significance of the
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26 The commission will consist of 21 members, including the
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28 the Presidents' Council, ex officio, or their designees, and 19 public
29 members, including: five members appointed by the President of the
30 Senate, at least one of whom has a Masters' degree in an area of
31 Asian studies or culture; five members appointed by the Speaker of
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37 of the State who have served prominently as spokespersons for, or
38 as leaders of, organizations in the Asian heritage community which
39 serve members of religious, ethnic, national heritage, or social
40 groups or who are experienced in the field of Asian heritage
41 education. At least one-half of the public members must be of
42 Asian descent.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3764

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2021

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 3764 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill establishes the Commission on Asian American Heritage within the Department of Education. Notwithstanding its allocation, the commission is independent of any supervision or control by the department. The purpose of the commission is to survey, design, encourage, and promote the implementation of historical, cultural, and educational programs concerning people of Asian and Asian American descent in this State.

Under the bill, the commission will:

- provide assistance and advice to the public and nonpublic schools of the State with respect to the implementation of cultural and educational programs concerning people of Asian and Asian American descent;
- meet with county and local school officials and other interested public and private organizations for the purpose of assisting with the planning, coordination, or modification of courses of study dealing with issues, matters, and subjects concerning or relating to the culture, history, and heritage of people of Asian and Asian American descent;
- survey and catalog the extent and breadth of Asian and Asian American heritage cultural awareness and educational programs presently being incorporated into the curricula and taught in the school systems of the State;
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) update language throughout the bill to include reference to persons of Asian American descent, in addition to persons of Asian descent; and

(2) provide that the commission's responsibilities and duties include infusing the history of Asian Americans in the social studies curriculum and ensuring that New Jersey teachers are equipped to effectively teach the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3369

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman STERLEY S. STANLEY

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman ROBERT J. KARABINCHAK

District 18 (Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttel, Assemblyman Benson, Assemblywoman Jimenez, Assemblymen Giblin, Mukherji, Spearman, Assemblywomen N.Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson, Jasey, Stanfield, McKnight, Timberlake, Assemblymen Calabrese, Zwicker, Assemblywoman Murphy, Assemblyman Freiman, Assemblywomen Downey, Lopez, Lampitt, DiMaso, Quijano, Tucker and Speight

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18 higher percentage of Asian Americans in their total populations
19 than New Jersey.

20 c. By 2016, in its estimate of the nation's population, the
21 census bureau estimated that the population of Asian Americans
22 had grown to approximately 21 million.

23 d. New Jersey is home to a significant number of people of
24 Asian descent. According to the most recent American Community
25 Survey, the Asian population of New Jersey is 9.4 percent of the
26 total population of the State, significantly higher than the national
27 percentage.

28 e. The histories of our nation and our State have been
29 significantly enriched by the heritage of people of Asian descent.
30 Our nation and our State have benefitted substantially from the
31 influences and contributions of these men, women, and children and
32 their culture, history, and heritage.

33 f. It is desirable to educate our citizens about the positive
34 aspects of the culture, music, art, language, history, and people of
35 Asian heritage.

36 g. It is the policy of the State of New Jersey that the culture,
37 history, and heritage of people of Asian descent are a proper
38 concern for all people, particularly students enrolled in the schools
39 of the State.

40 h. It is appropriate and desirable that programs, workshops,
41 institutes, seminars, and other teacher-training activities for the
42 study of the culture, history, and heritage of people of Asian
43 descent be conducted at the high schools and institutions of higher
44 education in this State.

45 i. It is fitting and proper to establish a permanent State-level
46 commission to survey, design, encourage, and promote the
47 implementation of Asian cultural and educational programs in this
48 State, with responsibility for the coordination of events that will

1 provide appropriate awareness and memorialization of the culture,
2 history, heritage, and language of people of Asian descent on a
3 regular basis throughout the State.

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5 2. a. The Commission on Asian Heritage is created and
6 established in the Executive Branch of the State Government. For
7 the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, Section
8 IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is
9 allocated within the Department of Education, but notwithstanding
10 this allocation, the commission shall be independent of any
11 supervision or control by the department or any board or officer
12 thereof.

13 The commission shall consist of 21 members, including the
14 Commissioner of Education, ex officio, or a designee, the chair of
15 the executive board of the Presidents' Council, ex officio, or a
16 designee, and 19 public members.

17 Public members shall be appointed as follows: five public
18 members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, at least
19 one of whom shall have a Masters' degree in an area of Asian
20 studies or culture; five public members shall be appointed by the
21 Speaker of the General Assembly, at least one of whom shall have a
22 Masters' degree in an area of Asian studies or culture; and nine
23 public members shall be appointed by the Governor, no less than
24 four of whom shall at the time of their appointment have at least a
25 Masters' degree in an area of Asian studies or culture. The public
26 members shall be residents of the State who have served
27 prominently as spokespersons for, or as leaders of, organizations in
28 the Asian heritage community which serve members of religious,
29 ethnic, national heritage, or social groups or who are experienced in
30 the field of Asian heritage education. To the greatest extent
31 practicable, they shall be chosen with due regard to provide the
32 commission with broad regional representation and ethnic diversity.
33 At least one-half of the public members shall be of Asian descent.

34 b. Each public member of the commission shall serve for a
35 term of three years, except that of the initial members appointed:
36 one member appointed by the President of the Senate, one member
37 appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, and two
38 members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of one
39 year; two members appointed by the President of the Senate, two
40 members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, and
41 three members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of
42 two years; and two members appointed by the President of the
43 Senate, two members appointed by the Speaker of the General
44 Assembly, and four members appointed by the Governor shall serve
45 for terms of three years. Public members shall be eligible for
46 reappointment and shall serve until their successors are appointed
47 and qualified. The term of the successor of any incumbent shall be
48 calculated from the expiration of the term of that incumbent. A

1 vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled in
2 the same manner as the original appointment, but for the unexpired
3 term only.

4 c. The members of the commission shall serve without
5 compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all
6 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

7 d. The commission annually shall elect a chairperson from
8 among its members. It shall meet upon the call of the chair or of a
9 majority of the commission members. The presence of a majority
10 of the authorized membership of the commission shall be required
11 for the conduct of official business.

12 e. The commission shall appoint an executive director, who
13 shall serve at its pleasure and shall be a person qualified by training
14 and experience to perform the duties of the office.

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16 3. The commission shall have the following responsibilities
17 and duties:

18 a. To provide, based upon the collective knowledge and
19 experience of its members, assistance and advice to the public and
20 nonpublic schools of this State with respect to the implementation
21 of cultural and educational programs concerning people of Asian
22 descent;

23 b. To meet with county and local school officials and other
24 interested public and private organizations, for the purpose of
25 assisting with the planning, coordination, or modification of courses
26 of study dealing with issues, matters and subjects concerning or
27 relating to the culture, history, and heritage of people of Asian
28 descent;

29 c. To survey and catalog the extent and breadth of Asian
30 heritage cultural awareness and educational programs presently
31 being incorporated into the curricula and taught in the school
32 systems of this State; to inventory those Asian heritage exhibits and
33 resources which may be incorporated into courses of study at
34 various locations throughout the State and, upon request, to assist
35 the Department of Education and other educational agencies in the
36 development and implementation of Asian heritage cultural
37 awareness and educational programs. In furtherance of this
38 responsibility, the commission shall be authorized to contact and
39 cooperate with existing Asian heritage public or private nonprofit
40 resource organizations and may act as a liaison concerning issues
41 and topics involving and relating to the culture, history, and
42 heritage of Asians to members of the United States Senate and
43 House of Representatives, and the New Jersey Senate and General
44 Assembly;

45 d. To compile a roster of individual volunteers who are willing
46 to share their knowledge and experience in classrooms, seminars,
47 and workshops on subjects concerning and relating to the culture,
48 history, and heritage of people of Asian descent. These volunteers

1 may be scholars, clergymen, community relations professionals, and
2 other persons who, by virtue of their experience, training, or
3 interest, have acquired personal or academic knowledge of the
4 culture, history, and heritage of Asians and who are willing to share
5 that knowledge with students and teachers;

6 e. To coordinate events observing the culture, history, and
7 heritage of people of Asian descent and to seek volunteers who are
8 willing and able to participate in commemorative events that will
9 enhance student awareness of the significance of the culture,
10 history, and heritage of Asians;

11 f. To prepare reports for the Governor and the Legislature
12 regarding its findings and recommendations to facilitate the
13 inclusion of Asian heritage studies and special programs
14 memorializing the culture, history, and heritage of Asians in the
15 educational system of this State; and

16 g. To develop, in consultation with the Department of
17 Education, curriculum guidelines for the teaching of subjects and
18 topics concerning and relating to the culture, history, and heritage
19 of people of Asian descent. To the greatest extent practicable, each
20 board of education shall incorporate those guidelines as part of the
21 curriculum for its district's elementary and secondary school
22 students.

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24 4. a. The commission is authorized to call upon any
25 department, office, division, or agency of the State, or of any
26 county, municipality, or school district of the State, to supply such
27 data, program reports and other information, personnel, and
28 assistance as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities
29 under this act.

30 b. These departments, offices, divisions, and agencies shall, to
31 the extent possible, and not inconsistent with any other law of this
32 State, cooperate with the commission and shall furnish it with such
33 information, personnel, and assistance as may be necessary or
34 helpful to accomplish the purposes of this act.

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36 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill establishes the Commission on Asian Heritage within
42 the Department of Education. Notwithstanding its allocation, the
43 commission is independent of any supervision or control by the
44 department. The purpose of the commission is to survey, design,
45 encourage, and promote the implementation of Asian cultural and
46 educational programs in this State.

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Under the bill, the commission will:

- 1 • provide assistance and advice to the public and nonpublic
2 schools of the State with respect to the implementation of
3 cultural and educational programs concerning people of
4 Asian descent;
- 5 • meet with county and local school officials and other
6 interested public and private organizations for the purpose of
7 assisting with the planning, coordination, or modification of
8 courses of study dealing with issues, matters, and subjects
9 concerning or relating to the culture, history, and heritage of
10 people of Asian descent;
- 11 • survey and catalog the extent and breadth of Asian heritage
12 cultural awareness and educational programs presently being
13 incorporated into the curricula and taught in the school
14 systems of the State;
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16 share their knowledge and experience in classrooms,
17 seminars, and workshops on subjects concerning and relating
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19 descent; and
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28 members, including: five members appointed by the President of the
29 Senate, at least one of whom has a Masters' degree in an area of
30 Asian studies or culture; five members appointed by the Speaker of
31 the General Assembly, at least one of whom has a Masters' degree
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33 by the Governor, no less than four of whom have, at the time of
34 their appointment, at least a Masters' degree in an area of Asian
35 studies or culture. The public members are required to be residents
36 of the State who have served prominently as spokespersons for, or
37 as leaders of, organizations in the Asian heritage community which
38 serve members of religious, ethnic, national heritage, or social
39 groups or who are experienced in the field of Asian heritage
40 education. At least one-half of the public members must be of
41 Asian descent.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3369

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 12, 2021

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3369.

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Under the bill, the commission will:

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- meet with county and local school officials and other interested public and private organizations for the purpose of assisting with the planning, coordination, or modification of courses of study dealing with issues, matters, and subjects concerning or relating to the culture, history, and heritage of people of Asian descent;
- survey and catalog the extent and breadth of Asian heritage cultural awareness and educational programs presently being incorporated into the curricula and taught in the school systems of the State;
- compile a roster of individual volunteers who are willing to share their knowledge and experience in classrooms, seminars, and workshops on subjects concerning and relating to the culture, history, and heritage of people of Asian descent; and
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STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3369

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblyman JOHNSON)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 20, 2021

These floor amendments:

(1) update language throughout the bill to include reference to persons of Asian American descent, in addition to persons of Asian descent; and

(2) provide that the commission's responsibilities and duties include infusing the history of Asian Americans in the social studies curriculum and ensuring that New Jersey teachers are equipped to effectively teach the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies.

Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Ensuring AAPI-Inclusive Curriculum is Taught in New Jersey Schools

01/18/2022

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today signed legislation (S4021/A6100 and S3764/A3369) that will ensure that the contributions, history, and heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) are included in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Social Studies for students in kindergarten through Grade 12. S4021 will create an AAPI curriculum requirement for schools and S3764 will establish the Commission for Asian American Heritage within the Department of Education.

“The members of our Asian American/Pacific Islander community have contributed so much to our state and nation,” **said Governor Murphy**. “By teaching students about the history and heritage of our AAPI community, we can ensure that the diversity of our state is reflected in our curriculum and create a more tolerant and knowledgeable future for New Jersey. I am proud to sign these bills into law.”

“By incorporating instruction on the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, New Jersey schools can provide a curriculum that reflects the diversity of our state,” **said Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan, Acting Commissioner of Education**. “In addition, the establishment of the Commission on Asian American Heritage will serve as an invaluable resource to enhance classroom instruction throughout the state.”

“Though Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continue to make significant and positive contributions to our state, they remain misunderstood and are often targeted for race-based violence and bigotry,” **said Senator Vin Gopal**. “With these new laws, and implementation of learning standards that do more to highlight the history and achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, I am confident we will be able to better educate students about Asian American culture and foster greater understanding across the many diverse communities of our state.”

“Members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community have made countless contributions to our state and country, yet they are made virtually invisible by our history books. This erasure of AAPI history is unacceptable and incredibly harmful for young people who are being robbed of valuable representation that could have a positive impact on their lives,” **said Assembly sponsors Raj Mukherji, Mila Jasey, Britnee Timberlake, and Sterley Stanley in a joint statement regarding S4021/A6100**. “Excluding the rich history of the AAPI community from our schools’ curriculum not only prevents students from gaining a full understanding of our nation’s history, but also opens the door for racial biases that can turn into violence and hatred. One of New Jersey’s best qualities is its diversity, which we should be highlighting in our schools. By expanding the K-12 curriculum to include lessons on the history and contributions of the AAPI community, we can help break down persisting negative stereotypes and show the over 140,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander students in our state that their stories and experiences matter.”

“People of Asian descent experienced discrimination long before 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic clearly exacerbated acts of hatred and bigotry,” **said Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, prime sponsor of S3764**. “Even more frightening is the fact that many incidents go unreported, leaving open the question of just how many people have experienced harassment, or even violence. Hate has no home in New Jersey, and we have a responsibility to teach our children the importance of tolerance and acceptance.”

“The Asian American and Pacific Islander community has enriched every corner of New Jersey's culture, economy, schools, arts, businesses, and so much more,” **said Assemblyman Sterley Stanley, the first person of South Asian descent from Middlesex County to join the New Jersey General Assembly and sponsor of S3764.** “The programs developed under this bill will reinforce to students that our state’s diversity is our strength.”

“Representation matters. This bill will ensure people of Asian descent are included in our students’ curriculum, potentially bringing in-depth Asian history to some classrooms for the first time,” **said Assemblyman Rob Karabinchak said of S3764.** “There’s never been a more important moment for us to broaden children’s understanding of the world around them and promote inclusivity and respect.”

“The New Jersey Asian American community applauds Governor Murphy and the Legislature for their bold and timely leadership incorporating the Asian American experience as part of our public-school curriculum,” **said Dr. Kani Ilangovan of Make Us Visible NJ.** “All children deserve to know they belong. All children deserve to feel safe. This law will help ensure Asian Americans are represented in our great American story. According to the latest Stop AAPI Hate report, 1 in 3 AAPI parents stated that their child experienced a hate incident in school in this past year. With the rise of anti-Asian violence, education is the best antidote to hate.”

“I am looking forward to having New Jersey schools include Asian American history and contributions in the public-school curriculum. We will be able to feel more visible and safer, and that we are valued in our shared history, in the country we have built and continue to build together. The most important result of these legislations, moving forward, is that it will set the stage for inspiring more younger students to participate and contribute to the movement,” **said Russell Fan, Cofounder of Livingston AAPI Youth Alliance.**

“The Sikh community is excited to see the State of New Jersey leading the country by passing this legislation. According to SALDEF's National Sikh Survey, 58% of the Sikh community has experienced bullying or harassment and this is a positive step to help reduce that discrimination,” **said Amman Deep Singh Sehra, Vice Chair of SALDEF.** “Students now will start to learn about the contributions of the AAPI community in the United States, which better reflects our true history and showcases the contributions by everyone.”

“These laws exemplify our New Jersey values and we are so grateful to Governor Murphy and the Legislature,” **said Amber Reed and Jeffrey Chang of AAPI Montclair.** “Amidst the tide of anti-Asian hate, we found hope in joining a diverse coalition of parents, advocates, students, and legislators to use the best tool we have to fight hate: education. All children deserve to know they matter, that they belong, and they too are part of our country and state’s history. In our own community we have seen how swiftly the lives and mental health of children can improve when their stories are taught in their classrooms. We will continue to work with our partners to ensure that the promise of these laws is realized and that all New Jersey children grow up with acceptance, belonging, and love.”

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 Huttle, 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 Huttle, 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 Huttle, 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 Huttle) – 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 Huttle, 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 Huttle, 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 Huttle, 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 Huttel, 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 Huttel/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

