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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 177, *approved January 11, 2016*
Senate, No. 1940 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning certain bill payment certification to boards of
2 education and local government bodies and amending
3 ¹**[N.J.S.18A:19-4 and N.J.S.40A:5-16]** various parts of the New
4 Jersey Statutes and P.L.1982, c.196¹ .
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:
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9 ¹1. N.J.S.18A:19-1 is amended to read as follows:

10 18A:19-1. **[The]** Except as provided in subsection b. of
11 N.J.S.18A:19-4, the money or funds of the board of education in the
12 custody of the secretary or treasurer of school moneys shall be
13 expended by the secretary or treasurer of school moneys by, and
14 only by, warrants, each made payable to the order of the person
15 entitled to receive the amount thereof and specifying the object for
16 which **[it]** the warrant is issued, signed by the president and
17 secretary of the board of education and the chief school
18 administrator or by the treasurer of school moneys, as appropriate
19 to the district,

20 (a) After audit of the account or demand to be paid, by the
21 secretary, and after approval by the board of education, or

22 (b) In accordance with payrolls duly certified as provided by
23 this title, or

24 (c) For debt service, or

25 (d) When provided by resolution of the board of education, after
26 audit of the account or demand to be paid, and approval by a person
27 designated by the board of education.¹

28 (cf: P.L.2010, c.39, s.14)
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30 ¹2. N.J.S.18A:19-2 is amended to read as follows:

31 18A:19-2. **[No]** Except as provided in subsection b. of
32 N.J.S.18A:19-4, a claim or demand against a school district shall
33 not be paid by the secretary or treasurer of school moneys, as
34 appropriate, unless **[it]** the claim or demand is authorized by law
35 and the rules of the board of education of the district, is fully
36 itemized and verified, has been duly audited as required by law, has
37 been presented to, and approved by, the board of education at a
38 meeting thereof, or presented to, and approved by, a person
39 designated by the board of education for that purpose, and 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 SEG committee amendments adopted October 16, 2014.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted December 8, 2014.

1 amount required to pay the **[same]** claim or demand is available for
2 **[said]** that purpose.¹

3 (cf: P.L.2010, c.39, s.15)

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5 ²3. N.J.S.18A:19-3 is amended to read as follows:

6 18A:19-3. **[All]** Except as provided in subsection b. of
7 N.J.S.18A:19-4, all claims and demands, that equal or exceed
8 **[15%]** 15 percent of the bid threshold amount established pursuant
9 to N.J.S.18A:18A-3, except for payrolls and debt service, shall be
10 verified by affidavit, or by a signed declaration in writing,
11 contained therein or annexed thereto, to the effect that the **[same]**
12 claims and demands are correct in all particulars, that the articles
13 have been furnished or the services rendered as stated therein, and
14 that no bonus has been given or received on account thereof.²

15 (cf: P.L.2007, c.42, s.3)

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17 ¹**[1.]** ²**[3.]**¹ ⁴² N.J.S.18A:19-4 is amended to read as follows:

18 18A:19-4. a. All claims and demands against the board of
19 education, except **[such as]** those which are to be paid from funds
20 derived from athletic events or other activities of pupil
21 organizations, shall, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the
22 board of education, be examined, audited, and certified in writing
23 by the secretary and presented by **[him]** the secretary to the board
24 of education for its approval at a regularly called meeting, and if
25 found to be correct, shall be ordered paid by the board of education,
26 whereupon the secretary and the president of the board of education
27 and the chief school administrator shall issue and sign a warrant in
28 payment therefor. In a district which has a treasurer of school
29 moneys, the secretary thereupon shall forward the warrant to the
30 treasurer of school moneys.

31 b. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not
32 apply to payments made by a board of education for the provision
33 of:

34 (1) telecommunications ²or basic cable² service provided by a
35 telecommunications ²or cable television² company under the
36 jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities;

37 (2) electric, gas, water, or sewer utility service provided by a
38 public utility, as that term is defined pursuant to R.S.48:2-13,
39 ²**[and]** that is² regulated by the Board of Public Utilities pursuant
40 to Title 48 of the Revised Statutes; or

41 (3) a service that is provided under a contract between a public
42 utility, as that term is defined pursuant to R.S.48:2-13, and a board
43 of education that is approved by the Board of Public Utilities under
44 which rates for service are controlled by the ²**[board of education**
45 pursuant to the]² terms of the contract.

46 (cf: P.L.2010, c.39, s.16)

²~~14.~~ 5.² Section 4 of P.L.1982, c.196 (C.18A:19-4.1) is amended to read as follows:

1 4. A board of education may, by resolution, designate a person
2 in addition to the secretary to audit any account and demand to be
3 paid pursuant to subsection a. of N.J.S.18A:19-4, and provide for
4 approval of ~~such~~ the account or demand by ~~such~~ that person or
5 the secretary prior to presentation to the board of education. Any
6 ~~such~~ account or demand approval shall be presented to the board
7 of education at their next meeting for ratification. The board of
8 education may establish a maximum dollar amount for which
9 payment may be authorized without prior board of education
10 approval.¹

11 (cf: P.L.1982, c.196, s.4)

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13 ¹~~2.~~ ²~~5.1~~ 6.² N.J.S.40A:5-16 is amended to read as follows:

14 40A:5-16. The governing body of any local unit shall not pay
15 out any of its moneys:

16 a. unless the person claiming or receiving ~~the same~~ payment
17 ~~shall~~ first ~~present~~ presents a detailed bill of items or demand,
18 specifying particularly how the bill or demand is made up, with the
19 certification of the party claiming payment that ~~it~~ the bill or
20 demand is correct. The governing body may, by resolution, require
21 an affidavit in lieu of the ~~said~~ certification, and the clerk or
22 disbursing officer of the local unit may take ~~such~~ the affidavit
23 without cost ~~.,~~; and

24 b. unless ~~it~~ the payment carries a written or electronic
25 certification of some officer or duly designated employee of the
26 local unit having knowledge of the facts that the goods have been
27 received by, or the services rendered to, the local unit.

28 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this
29 section, upon adoption by the Local Finance Board of rules adopted
30 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
31 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) that provide for procedures to be followed by
32 local units and under those circumstances deemed appropriate by
33 the ~~board~~ Local Finance Board, a local unit shall be permitted to
34 pay out its moneys without requiring a certification of the party
35 claiming payment as otherwise required by subsection a. of this
36 section. ~~Such~~ Those circumstances may include, but shall not be
37 limited to:

38 (1) when payment to vendors is required in advance of the
39 delivery of certain materials or services that cannot be obtained
40 from any other source at comparable prices; ~~or~~

41 (2) when ordering, billing, and payment transactions for goods
42 or services are made through a computerized electronic transaction;
43 or

44 (3) when the claim or demand is less than a threshold set by the
45 ~~board~~ Local Finance Board and the certification is not readily

1 obtainable by the contracting unit; but **[such]** the exceptions shall
2 not include reimbursement of employee expenses or payment for
3 personal services.

4 d. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not
5 apply to payments made by a governing body of a local unit for the
6 provision of:

7 (1) telecommunications² or basic cable² service provided by a
8 telecommunications² or cable television² company under the
9 jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities;

10 (2) electric, gas, water, or sewer utility service provided by a
11 public utility, as that term is defined pursuant to R.S.48:2-13, ²that
12 is² regulated by the Board of Public Utilities pursuant to Title 48 of
13 the Revised Statutes; or

14 (3) a service that is provided under a contract between a public
15 utility, as that term is defined pursuant to R.S.48:2-13, and a
16 governing body that is approved by the Board of Public Utilities
17 under which rates for service are controlled by the ²**[governing**
18 body pursuant to the]² terms of the contract.

19 (cf: P.L.2000, c.126, s.21)

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21 ¹**[2.]** ²**[6.1]** 7.² This act shall take effect immediately, but
22 shall remain inoperative for 60 days following the date of
23 enactment.

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28 Exempts board of education and local government payments to
29 entities under BPU jurisdiction from certain certification
30 requirements.

SENATE, No. 1940

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 28, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator STEVEN V. OROHO

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Senator JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

Exempts boards of education and local government payments to public utilities from certain certification requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S1940 OROHO, VAN DREW

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2 education and local government bodies and amending
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14 by the secretary and presented by **[him]** the secretary to the board
15 of education for its approval at a regularly called meeting, and if
16 found to be correct, shall be ordered paid by the board of education,
17 whereupon the secretary and the president of the board of education
18 and the chief school administrator shall issue and sign a warrant in
19 payment therefor. In a district which has a treasurer of school
20 moneys, the secretary thereupon shall forward the warrant to the
21 treasurer of school moneys.

22 b. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not
23 apply to payments made by a board of education for the provision
24 of:

25 (1) telecommunications service provided by a
26 telecommunications company under the jurisdiction of the Board of
27 Public Utilities;

28 (2) electric, gas, water, or sewer utility service provided by a
29 public utility, as that term is defined pursuant to R.S.48:2-13, and
30 regulated by the Board of Public Utilities pursuant to Title 48 of the
31 Revised Statutes; or

32 (3) a service that is provided under a contract between a public
33 utility, as that term is defined pursuant to R.S.48:2-13, and a board
34 of education that is approved by the Board of Public Utilities under
35 which rates for service are controlled by the board of education
36 pursuant to the terms of the contract.

37 (cf: P.L.2010, c.39, s.16)

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39 2. N.J.S.40A:5-16 is amended to read as follows:

40 40A:5-16. The governing body of any local unit shall not pay
41 out any of its moneys;

42 a. unless the person claiming or receiving **[the same]** payment
43 **[shall]** first **[present]** presents a detailed bill of items or demand,
44 specifying particularly how the bill or demand is made up, with the
45 certification of the party claiming payment that **[it]** the bill or

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 demand is correct. The governing body may, by resolution, require
2 an affidavit in lieu of the **【said】** certification, and the clerk or
3 disbursing officer of the local unit may take **【such】** the affidavit
4 without cost **【.】**; and

5 b. unless **【it】** the payment carries a written or electronic
6 certification of some officer or duly designated employee of the
7 local unit having knowledge of the facts that the goods have been
8 received by, or the services rendered to, the local unit.

9 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this
10 section, upon adoption by the Local Finance Board of rules adopted
11 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
12 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) that provide for procedures to be followed by
13 local units and under those circumstances deemed appropriate by
14 the **【board】** Local Finance Board, a local unit shall be permitted to
15 pay out its moneys without requiring a certification of the party
16 claiming payment as otherwise required by subsection a. of this
17 section. **【Such】** Those circumstances may include, but shall not be
18 limited to:

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20 delivery of certain materials or services that cannot be obtained
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23 or services are made through a computerized electronic transaction;
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26 **【board】** Local Finance Board and the certification is not readily
27 obtainable by the contracting unit; but **【such】** the exceptions shall
28 not include reimbursement of employee expenses or payment for
29 personal services.

30 d. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not
31 apply to payments made by a governing body of a local unit for the
32 provision of:

33 (1) telecommunications service provided by a
34 telecommunications company under the jurisdiction of the Board of
35 Public Utilities;

36 (2) electric, gas, water, or sewer utility service provided by a
37 public utility, as that term is defined pursuant to R.S.48:2-13, and
38 regulated by the Board of Public Utilities pursuant to Title 48 of the
39 Revised Statutes; or

40 (3) a service that is provided under a contract between a public
41 utility, as that term is defined pursuant to R.S.48:2-13, and a
42 governing body that is approved by the Board of Public Utilities
43 under which rates for service are controlled by the governing body
44 pursuant to the terms of the contract.

45 (cf: P.L.2000, c.126, s.21)

S1940 OROHO, VAN DREW

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1 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
2 inoperative for 60 days following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill exempts payments for electric, gas,
8 telecommunications, water, and sewer utility services provided by
9 companies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities
10 (BPU) from school district and local government certification
11 requirements related to payments for goods and services with public
12 money. The intent of this bill is to relieve public bodies, such as
13 school districts, counties, municipalities, and subdivisions of
14 counties and municipalities, from burdensome requirements, and
15 additional bureaucratic measures associated with the bill payment
16 certification process. Since the billing procedures, service, and
17 rates for public utility service are reviewed and regulated by the
18 BPU, and subject to a long-established process governed according
19 to law, the additional certification requirement is both redundant
20 and unduly burdensome on school districts, local government units,
21 and regulated public utilities. An exemption from these
22 certification requirements will provide savings for taxpayers that
23 fund school districts and local government entities, and will save
24 money for public utility ratepayers throughout the State.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1940

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 16, 2014

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1940.

As amended and reported, this bill exempts payments for electric, gas, telecommunications, water, and sewer utility services provided by companies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) from school district and local government certification requirements related to payments for goods and services with public money. This bill will relieve public bodies, such as school districts, counties, municipalities, and subdivisions of counties and municipalities, from requirements associated with the bill payment certification process.

The committee amended the bill to provide for utility service bill payment restriction exemptions from additional school district requirements provided in current law.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1940 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: OCTOBER 27, 2014

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Exempts boards of education and local government payments to public utilities from certain certification requirements.
- Type of Impact:** Reduced local costs.
- Agencies Affected:** Local school districts, counties, and municipalities.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Local Cost	Indeterminate cost reduction – See comments below		

- The certification requirements exempted typically involve staff hours for a local clerk, town manager, or school financial officer or other finance staff. There can also be administrative costs related to additional paperwork or correspondence with public utilities in order to ensure that certification requirements are met.
- The administrative and labor cost savings are unlikely to be large enough to result in lower staffing levels, making a determination of savings difficult to calculate. The value of those savings will likely be realized in the form of time and resources made available to existing staff to be utilized on other business of a local government unit.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 1940 (1R) of 2014 exempts payments for electric, gas, telecommunications, water, and sewer utility services provided by companies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities from school district and local government certification requirements related to payments for goods and services with public money.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services concludes that this bill will result in reduced local costs of an indeterminate amount. There are real, but difficult to quantify costs for local government units to certify payments made to public utilities, because these costs are borne in the course of normal business for the local government staff members that manage the finances of local government units. The reduction in burden and administrative cost for these staff members is likely to be rather small given the relatively small number of annual public utility transactions for each local government unit. The time savings for these employees is highly unlikely to be great enough to permit any reduction in staffing, so the savings will instead come in the form of additional staff hours that can be utilized for other needs of the local government units. As a result, the Office of Legislative Services finds that this bill will result in a small decrease in local costs, realized in the form of increased time available to individuals responsible for certification of payments.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

*Analyst: Patrick Brennan
Senior Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1940

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2014

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1940 (1R), with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill exempts payments for electric, gas, water, and sewer utility services and telecommunications and basic cable television service provided by companies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) from school district and local government certification requirements related to payments for goods and services with public money. This bill will relieve public bodies, such as school districts, counties, municipalities, and subdivisions of counties and municipalities, from requirements associated with the bill payment certification process.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to exempt payments for basic cable television service provided by a cable television company under the jurisdiction of the BPU from the certification requirements. The amendments provide for an additional exemption from a school district bill payment requirement provided in current law and make grammatical corrections.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services finds that the certification requirements exempted by the bill typically involve staff hours for a local clerk, town manager, school financial officer, or other local government finance staff. There can also be administrative costs related to additional paperwork or correspondence to ensure that certification requirements are met. The administrative and labor cost savings are unlikely to be large enough to result in lower staffing levels, making a determination of savings difficult to calculate. The value of those savings will likely be realized in the form of time and resources made available to existing staff to be utilized on other business of a local government unit.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1940 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2014

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Exempts boards of education and local government payments to entities under BPU jurisdiction from certain certification requirements.
- Type of Impact:** Reduced local costs.
- Agencies Affected:** Local school districts, counties, and municipalities.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
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BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 1940 (2R) of 2014 exempts payments for electric, gas, telecommunications, water, cable, and sewer utility services provided by companies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities from school district and local government certification requirements related to payments for goods and services with public money.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services concludes that this bill will result in reduced local costs of an indeterminate amount. There are real, but difficult to quantify costs for local government units to certify payments made to public utilities, because these costs are borne in the course of normal business for the local government staff members that manage the finances of local government units. The reduction in burden and administrative cost for these staff members is likely to be rather small given the relatively small number of annual public utility transactions for each local government unit. The time savings for these employees is highly unlikely to be great enough to permit any reduction in staffing, so the savings will instead come in the form of additional staff hours that can be utilized for other needs of the local government units. As a result, the Office of Legislative Services finds that this bill will result in a small decrease in local costs, realized in the form of increased time available to individuals responsible for certification of payments.

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ASSEMBLY REGULATORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]
SENATE, No. 1940

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2015

The Assembly Regulatory Oversight Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1940 (2R).

This bill exempts payments for electric, gas, water, and sewer utility services and telecommunications and basic cable television service provided by companies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) from school district and local government certification requirements related to payments for goods and services with public money. This bill will relieve public bodies, such as school districts, counties, municipalities, and subdivisions of counties and municipalities, from requirements associated with the bill payment certification process. Further, the bill exempts payments for basic cable television service provided by a cable television company under the jurisdiction of the BPU from the certification requirements, and the bill provides for an additional exemption from a school district bill payment requirement provided in current law.

Senate Bill No. 1940 (2R) of 2014-2015 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2893 (1R) of 2014-2015.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2893

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 10, 2014

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI
District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)
Assemblyman PARKER SPACE
District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

SYNOPSIS

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/24/2015)

A2893 BURZICHELLI, SPACE

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4 disbursing officer of the local unit may take **【such】** the affidavit
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19 limited to:

20 (1) when payment to vendors is required in advance of the
21 delivery of certain materials or services that cannot be obtained
22 from any other source at comparable prices; **【or】**

23 (2) when ordering, billing, and payment transactions for goods
24 or services are made through a computerized electronic transaction;
25 or

26 (3) when the claim or demand is less than a threshold set by the
27 **【board】** Local Finance Board and the certification is not readily
28 obtainable by the contracting unit; but **【such】** the exceptions shall
29 not include reimbursement of employee expenses or payment for
30 personal services.

31 d. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not
32 apply to payments made by a governing body of a local unit for the
33 provision of:

34 (1) telecommunications service provided by a
35 telecommunications company under the jurisdiction of the Board of
36 Public Utilities;

37 (2) electric, gas, water, or sewer utility service provided by a
38 public utility, as that term is defined pursuant to R.S.48:2-13, and
39 regulated by the Board of Public Utilities pursuant to Title 48 of the
40 Revised Statutes; or

41 (3) a service that is provided under a contract between a public
42 utility, as that term is defined pursuant to R.S.48:2-13, and a
43 governing body that is approved by the Board of Public Utilities
44 under which rates for service are controlled by the governing body
45 pursuant to the terms of the contract.

46 (cf: P.L.2000, c.126, s.21)

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1 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
2 inoperative for 60 days following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill exempts payments for electric, gas,
8 telecommunications, water, and sewer utility services provided by
9 companies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities
10 (BPU) from school district and local government certification
11 requirements related to payments for goods and services with public
12 money. The intent of this bill is to relieve public bodies, such as
13 school districts, counties, municipalities, and subdivisions of
14 counties and municipalities, from burdensome requirements, and
15 additional bureaucratic measures associated with the bill payment
16 certification process. Since the billing procedures, service, and
17 rates for public utility service are reviewed and regulated by the
18 BPU, and subject to a long-established process governed according
19 to law, the additional certification requirement is both redundant
20 and unduly burdensome on school districts, local government units,
21 and regulated public utilities. An exemption from these
22 certification requirements will provide savings for taxpayers that
23 fund school districts and local government entities, and will save
24 money for public utility ratepayers throughout the State.

ASSEMBLY REGULATORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2893

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2015

The Assembly Regulatory Oversight Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2893.

As amended, this bill exempts payments for electric, gas, telecommunications, water, and sewer utility services provided by companies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) from school district and local government certification requirements related to payments for goods and services with public money. Because the billing procedures, service, and rates for public utility service are reviewed and regulated by the BPU, and subject to a long-established process governed according to law, the additional certification requirement is both redundant and unduly burdensome on school districts, local government units, and regulated public utilities. An exemption from these certification requirements may provide savings for taxpayers that may be used to fund school districts and local government entities, and may save money for public utility ratepayers throughout the State.

As amended, Assembly Bill No. 2893 of 2014-2015 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1940 (2R) of 2014-2015.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill as follows: (1) to provide for utility service bill payment restriction exemptions from additional school district requirements provided in current law, (2) to exempt payments for basic cable television service provided by a cable television company under the jurisdiction of the BPU from the certification requirements, (3) to provide for an additional exemption from a school district bill payment requirement provided in current law, and (4) to make grammatical corrections. These amendments would make this bill identical to Senate Bill No. 1940 (2R) of 2014-2015.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2893

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 22, 2015

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Exempts boards of education and local government payments to entities under BPU jurisdiction from certain certification requirements.
- Type of Impact:** Reduced local costs.
- Agencies Affected:** Local school districts, counties, and municipalities.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Local Cost	Indeterminate cost reduction – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services finds that the certification requirements exempted typically involve staff hours for a local clerk, town manager, or school financial officer or other finance staff. There can also be administrative costs related to additional paperwork or correspondence with public utilities in order to ensure that certification requirements are met.
- The administrative and labor cost savings are unlikely to be large enough to result in lower staffing levels, making a determination of savings difficult to calculate. The value of those savings will likely be realized in the form of time and resources made available to existing staff to be utilized on other business of a local government unit.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 2893 (1R) of 2014 exempts payments for electric, gas, telecommunications, water, and sewer utility services provided by companies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) from school district and local government certification requirements related to payments for goods and services with public money.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services concludes that this bill will result in reduced local government and public school district costs of an indeterminate amount. There are real, but difficult to quantify costs for these local government units to certify payments made to public utilities, because these costs are borne in the course of normal business for the local government staff members that manage the finances of local government units. The reduction in burden and administrative cost for these staff members is likely to be rather small given the relatively small number of annual public utility transactions for each local government unit. The time savings for these employees is highly unlikely to be great enough to permit any reduction in staffing, so the savings will instead come in the form of additional staff hours that can be utilized for other needs of the local government units. As a result, the Office of Legislative Services finds that this bill will result in a small decrease in local costs, realized in the form of increased time available to individuals responsible for certification of payments.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today took action on legislation, including a bill aimed at helping inmates who were victims of domestic violence and a second bill designed to help non-violent drug offenders reclaim their lives by streamlining the process for expungement of their criminal records.

The Governor suggested minor changes to strengthen Senate Bill No. 995, which seeks to help domestic violence victims who have been convicted of crimes against their abusers by establishing a community reentry program to assist victim-offenders assimilate into society upon release from custody and prevent further victimization.

Governor Christie conditionally vetoed the bill, proposing that the program be established solely in the Department of Corrections.

"The goal of this bill is commendable and I sincerely support its objective," Governor Christie said. "Domestic violence is tragic, and victims deserve support and counseling. However, the bill conflates the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Corrections and the State Parole Board, combining the agencies' separate residential program functions. Accordingly, I suggest minor amendments, in accordance with the intent of the legislation to establish this program within the Department of Corrections, consistent with its existing reintegration programming and tailored to the specific needs of this limited inmate population."

The bill as written also called for an automatic early release program for this specific subset of inmates upon successful completion of the reentry program, an element of the bill that Governor Christie does not support.

"I cannot support the creation of early release programs because they would begin to chisel away at the long-standing function of the State Parole Board," Governor Christie said. "For decades, the State Parole Board has faithfully fulfilled its charge to carefully review and consider the underlying facts and circumstances of each applicant for parole. While I continue to encourage the Legislature to explore reforms that will create efficiencies in State government, I remain grounded in my belief that the review of parole applications is best accomplished through the reasoned, compassionate, experienced and individualized judgment of the State Parole Board and not through an automatic process based upon one factor."

Governor Christie similarly took action to strengthen the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bills Nos. 206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060 and 3108, and urged quick approval from the Legislature.

The bill proposes to allow those who have successfully completed the Drug Court program to expunge the related criminal charges, and it further aims to make the expungement process more efficient.

Seeking to balance the needs of non-violent ex-offenders with public safety, Governor Christie conditionally vetoed the bill, retaining the current waiting period for expungements for indictable offenses, currently 10 years, or five years if a court determines that expungement is in the public's interest.

"While I support breaking down barriers to employment and education for non-violent ex-offenders, I cannot endorse a bill that compromises public safety," Governor Christie said. "As written, this bill would cut in half the presumptive waiting period to expunge indictable offenses, often felonies, from ten years to five years, and eliminate an important safeguard which allows a judge to consider whether granting an expungement is in the public's interest. The current public interest exception to the presumptive waiting period is an effective and efficient way to help ex-offenders combat the collateral consequences of their offense, while also ensuring that public safety is not compromised."

Governor Christie further suggested retaining the five-year waiting period for disorderly persons offenses, while adopting the bill's provision to lower this waiting period to three years, if a court determines that expungement is in the public interest.

The Governor also took the following action on other pending legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

S-475/A-3223 (Madden, Sweeney/Mosquera, Webber, Moriarty, Mukherji, Garcia, Munoz, Lampitt) - Requires certain information regarding Down syndrome be provided to certain parents and families

S-650 (Doherty, Beach/DiMaio, Andrzejczak, Peterson, DeAngelo) - Designates State Route 173 between Clinton and Phillipsburg as "173rd Airborne Brigade Highway"

S-835/A-1972 (Bateman/Garcia, Danielson) - Enhances penalties for false incrimination and making fictitious reports

S-939/A-2913 (Bateman, A.R. Bucco/Caride, Dancer, A.M. Bucco) - Designates Black Swallowtail butterfly as State Butterfly

S-1940/A-2893 (Oroho, Van Drew/Burzichelli, Space) - Exempts board of education and local government payments to entities under BPU jurisdiction from certain certification requirements

S-2145/A-631 (Van Drew, Madden/Moriarty, Burzichelli, Tucker, DeAngelo, Danielson, Mukherji) - Authorizes hiring preference for veterans in non-civil service jurisdictions

S-2301/A-3522 (Greenstein, Stack/Stender, Mukherji, Lagana, Diegman) - Regulates pharmacy benefits managers and requires certain disclosures concerning multiple source generic drug pricing

S-2432/A-4720 (Madden/Moriarty, Mosquera) - Requires notification of member or retiree of State-administered retirement system under certain circumstances when member or retiree requests change in beneficiary for group life insurance

S-2453/A-3805 (Weinberg, Allen/Burzichelli, Singleton) - Requires earlier mandatory polling hours for school elections; requires discretionary additional polling hours be consistent with current primary and general elections

S-2523/A-3917 (Gill, Greenstein, Benson/DeAngelo, Johnson) - Permits municipalities and municipal parking authorities to create Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program

SCS for S-2586, 2587, A-3217, and 3218 (Stack, Cunningham, Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Garcia) - Requires certain sanitary and protective procedures for used mattresses

SCS for S-2668/A-4270 (Beach, Madden/Lampitt, Vainieri Huttie, Benson, Spencer, Wimberly, Mosquera) - Establishes "MVP Emergency Alert System" for missing persons with mental, intellectual, or developmental disabilities

SS for S-2770/AS for A-3956 (Sweeney, Addiego/Lampitt, Greenwald, Vainieri Huttie, Benson, Mazzeo) - Authorizes establishment of Achieving a Better Life Experience accounts for persons with certain disabilities

S-2940/A-4531 (Singer, Sweeney/Spencer, Benson, Casagrande, Muoio) - Creates new criminal offenses concerning endangering another person; repeals N.J.S.2C:12-2 and N.J.S.2C:24-7

S-2961/A-4188 (Codey, Vitale/Garcia, Lagana, Taliaferro, Vainieri Huttie, Danielsens, Holley, Benson, Jimenez) - Clarifies that Alzheimer's disease and related disorders may be listed as secondary cause of death on death certificate when appropriate

S-2978/A-4194 (Van Drew, Oroho/Burzichelli, Spencer, Rumana, Webber, Benson) - Authorizes mobile electronic waste destruction units to operate without DEP permit

S-3004/A-4685 (Cunningham, Van Drew/Andrzejczak, Johnson, Muoio, Wimberly) - Permits municipality with UEZ to participate in Downtown Business Improvements Zone Loan Fund

S-3076/A-4621 (Weinberg, Bateman/Johnson, Caride) - Increases maximum legal fee to represent victims from \$1,000 to \$3,000

S-3110/A-4617 (Scutari/Johnson, Webber) - Permits certain health clubs to offer swimming lessons and otherwise remain exempt from first aid personnel and lifeguarding requirements

S-3117/A-4781 (Gordon, Bateman, Sweeney, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttie, Eustace, Gusciora, Lampitt, Angelini, Moriarty) - Prohibits Division of Developmental Disabilities from compelling transfers of individuals with developmental disabilities from out-of-State to in-State facilities unless certain exceptions apply

S-3220/A-4790 (Sweeney, O'Toole, Vitale/Greenwald, Conaway, Vainieri Huttie, Handlin, Garcia) - Establishes a process to integrate certain health data and other data from publicly supported programs for population health research

S-3232/A-4834 (Sarfo, Oroho/Lagana, Burzichelli, Schaer, DeAngelo, Phoebus) - Allows businesses due to receive grant under Business Employment Incentive Program to receive tax credit instead of grant

S-3270/A-4705 (Gill, Bateman/Schaer, Coughlin, Lagana, S. Kean, Ciattarelli) - "Certificates of Insurance Act;" governs use of certificates of insurance; provides DOBI with enforcement authority

SJR-81/AJR-122 (Barnes/Vainieri Huttle, Schaer, Lampitt) - Condemns Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement against Israel

A-308/S-2203 (Russo, Rumana/O'Toole, Smith) - Prohibits escrow agent evaluation services from charging escrow agents fees

A-1098/S-671 (Vainieri Huttle, Eustace, Diegnan, Giblin/Pou, Sarlo, Weinberg) - Requires DHS and DMVA to conduct or contract for follow-up studies of former residents transitioning to community from their facilities

A-1355/S-2963 (Stender, Lampitt, Holley, Moriarty/T. Kean, Vitale) - Requires DOH to provide information about crib safety on its Internet website

A-1783/S-2020 (McKeon, Rible, Sumter, Moriarty/Vitale, Cunningham) - "Art Therapist Licensing Act"

A-2023/S-2675 (Greenwald, Benson/Cruz-Perez) - Revises definition of "responsible charge" as it pertains to licensed professional engineers and licensed architects

A-2229 (Wisniewski, Diegnan) - Concerns contracts for asphalt work under the "Local Public Contracts Law"

A-2301/S-1481 (Andrzejczak/Van Drew) - Designates certain interchanges of Garden State Parkway in honor of Melvin M. Loftus and Christopher Meyer

A-3052/S-1090 (Mazzeo, Pinkin, Mukherji, Wimberly/A.R. Bucco, Whelan) - Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property damaged or destroyed during, or as the result of, a natural disaster when a state of emergency is declared by the Governor

A-3246/S-3069 (Dancer, Burzichelli, Vainieri Huttle/Oroho, Sarlo) - Requires timeframe of standardbred mare residing in New Jersey breeding farm be inclusive of foaling instead of between foal's conception and birth

A-3293/S-2146 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Pinkin, Webber, Simon, Mukherji/Van Drew, Doherty) - Allows military personnel and veterans to present certain identifying documents in lieu of municipal beach tags to gain admission to certain beaches

A-3331/S-3111 (Benson, Rodriguez-Gregg, Coughlin/Gill, Beach) - Requires health benefits coverage for synchronization of prescribed medications under certain circumstances

A-3390/S-2309 (Coughlin, Pinkin, Webber, Diegnan/Vitale) - Permits transmittal of certain land use documents via email

A-3395/S-2294 (Wisniewski/Sacco) - Allows insurer to obtain certificates of ownership or salvage certificates of title for motor vehicles under certain circumstances

A-3499/S-2256 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Johnson, Pinkin, DeAngelo/Van Drew) - Requires DMVA to encourage and facilitate returning service members' registration with VA

A-3507/S-2677 (Eustace, Webber, Munoz, Schepisi, Rumana/Gordon, Sarlo) - Amends law concerning county and municipal stream cleaning activities

A-3749/S-2568 (Lampitt, Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Pinkin/Beach, Allen) - Establishes program to provide assistance to qualified veterans in in-patient and out-patient treatment programs to travel to medical counseling in State

A-3849/SCS for S-2466 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mazzeo, Pintor Marin, Benson/Turner, Singer) - Requires BPU to provide links to pricing information to customers from electric and gas public utilities, and third-party electric power and gas suppliers

A-3950/S-2832 (Prieto, Jimenez, Quijano/Greenstein, Turner) - Permits correctional facilities to utilize body imaging scanning equipment

A-4079/S-2819 (Eustace, Andrzejczak, Taliaferro, Benson, Dancer/Van Drew, Beach) - Directs Department of Agriculture to publish on its website "New Jersey Gleaning Week" and "Farmers Against Hunger Day" page

A-4094/S-2884 (Conaway, Singleton, Wimberly, Lampitt, Benson/Whelan, Madden) - Permits administration of epinephrine auto-injector device by persons who complete approved educational program

A-4438/S-3202 (Mukherji, Burzichelli/Scutari, Madden) - Raises maximum workers' compensation fees for evaluating physicians

A-4518/S-3010 (Schaer, Eustace, Benson, Pintor Marin/Sarlo) - Modifies and clarifies provisions of certain economic incentive programs

AJR-57/SJR-42 (Space/Oroho) - Designates April of each year as "Sarcoidosis Awareness Month"

AJR-93/SJR-73 (Eustace, Andrzejczak, Taliaferro, Benson/Van Drew, Beach) - Designates third week of September as "New Jersey Gleaning Week"

AJR-94/SJR-74 (Eustace, Andrzejczak, Taliaferro, Benson/Van Drew, Beach) - Designates Wednesday of third week of September as "Farmers Against Hunger Day"

AJR-100/SJR-70 (Andrzejczak, Tucker, DeAngelo, Mazzeo/Van Drew, Whelan) - Designates first week in August of each year as "Coast Guard Week" and honors Cape May as U.S. Coast Guard's enlisted accession point and recruit training center

BILLS VETOED:

S-264/A-1347 (Greenstein, Cunningham/Stender, Egan, O'Donnell, Wimberly) – **ABSOLUTE** - "Thomas P. Canzanella Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act"; concerns workers compensation for public safety workers

S-374/A-3403 (Scutari, Beck/Rible, DeAngelo, Mukherji) - **ABSOLUTE** - Concerns attorney fees for workers' compensation awards

SCS for S-779, 1952/ACS for A-2474 (Weinberg, Sarlo, Lesniak/Johnson, Garcia, Vainieri Huttie, Lagana, Mukherji, Moriarty) - **ABSOLUTE** - "Garden State Film and Digital Media Jobs Act" expands existing film and digital media production tax credit programs

S-995/A-1677 (Weinberg, Allen/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie, Lampitt, Mosquera) – **CONDITIONAL** - Establishes in DOC, supervised community reintegration program for certain victims of domestic abuse

S-1346/A-3837 (Rice/Coughlin, Garcia, Rodriguez-Gregg, Pintor Marin, Jasey) - **CONDITIONAL** - Concerns the recording of mortgages

S-2260/A-688 (Scutari, Cardinale/Schaer) - **CONDITIONAL** - Modifies certain fees charged by, and requirements imposed on, check casher licensees

S-2524/A-4067 (Gill, Allen/Lagana, Singleton, Moriarty) - **CONDITIONAL** - The "Municipal Volunteer Property Tax Reduction Act"; permits certain municipal property owners to perform volunteer services in return for property tax vouchers

S-2577/ACS for A-4139 (Stack, Schaer/Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Quijano) - **CONDITIONAL** - Establishes temporary mortgage relief programs for certain owners of real property impacted by "Superstorm Sandy"

S-2867/A-4248 (Ruiz, Pou/Jasey, Sumter, Vainieri Huttie, Green, Holley, Wimberly) - **ABSOLUTE** - Permits municipal land banking in conjunction with online property database development

S-3024/A-4463 (Scutari/Giblin, Diegnan, Jimenez, Caputo, Vainieri Huttie) – **CONDITIONAL** - Revises laws concerning real estate licensees

S-3282/A-4850 (Rice, Cunningham/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson) - **CONDITIONAL** - Expands Police Training Commission membership to include representative from Northern New Jersey and South Jersey Chapters of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

ACS for A-206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060, and 3108/S-2663 (Green, Spencer, Gusciora, Johnson, McKeon, Giblin, Wimberly, Mainor, Quijano/Turner, Lesniak, Pou) - **CONDITIONAL** - Shortens waiting periods for expungement of criminal and other records and information; makes various changes to other expungement procedures and requirements

A-3257/S-2125 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Burzichelli/Van Drew) - **CONDITIONAL** - Provides that determination by county agriculture development board or State Agriculture Development Committee as to what qualifies as farm-based recreational activity in pinelands protection area is binding on Pinelands Commission

A-4103/S-2840 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Giblin/Allen, Whelan) - **ABSOLUTE** - Creates workforce training program for former casino workers

A-4233/S-2435 (Jasey, McKeon, Vainieri Huttie, Mukherji, Lampitt/Codey, Vitale) - **ABSOLUTE** - Provides Medicaid coverage for advance care planning

A-4275/S2831 (Prieto, Eustace, Lagana, Greewald, Quijano, Danielsen, Mukherji/Sweeney, Turner, Sarlo) – **CONDITIONAL** - "New Jersey Secure Choice Savings Program Act"; establishes retirement savings program for certain workers

A-4326/S-2942 (Schaer, Lagana, Eustace, Prieto/Gordon, Barnes) - **ABSOLUTE** - Reforms annual State revenue estimating and reporting, and executive State budget presentation and revenue certification processes

A-4386/S-3042 (Coughlin, Pinkin/Vitale, Singer) - **CONDITIONAL** - Permits candidates for school board to circulate petitions jointly and be bracketed together on ballot; permits short nonpolitical designation of principles on petitions and ballots; provides for study of impact of changes

A-4638/S-3118 (Vainieri Huttie, Singleton, Holley, Mosquera, Tucker, Benson/Sweeney, Madden) - **ABSOLUTE** - Requires DCPP to implement policies and procedures to ensure caseworker safety; "Leah's Law"

A-4703/S-3172 (Spencer, Tucker, Pintor Marin, Egan, Muoio, Gusciora/Rice, Smith) - **ABSOLUTE** - Increases tax credit cap by \$165 million for certain qualified residential projects under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program and restricts increase to certain projects

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