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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 295, *approved January 19, 2016*
Assembly, No. 4105 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning security officers, designated as "¹Detective¹
2 Melvin ¹Vincent¹ Santiago's Law," and amending and
3 supplementing P.L.2004, c.134.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. Section 2 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-2) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 2. As used in this act:

11 a. "Owner" or "operator" means an officer, director, member, sole
12 proprietor, partner or associate of a private security company.

13 b. "Security officer" means any person who performs any of the
14 following functions or activities as an employee, agent or
15 subcontractor of a security officer company as defined in subsection c.
16 of this section for a fee, hire or reward, notwithstanding the fact that
17 other functions and activities may also be performed by the same
18 person for fee, hire or reward; or any person who ¹carries a firearm in
19 the performance of the person's duties and¹ performs any of the
20 following functions and activities as an exclusive employee of a
21 company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function as
22 defined in subsection e. of this section whose primary duty is to
23 provide these security functions and activities for that company and
24 whose services are not contracted to any other entity or person:

25 (1) protection of person or property, real or personal, from injury
26 or harm or for any other purpose whatsoever;

27 (2) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents and
28 activities for the purpose of preventing the theft, or the unlawful
29 taking, conversion, concealment or misappropriation of goods, wares,
30 merchandise, money, bonds, stocks, notes or other valuable
31 instruments, documents, papers or articles; or

32 (3) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents and
33 activities for the purpose of preventing any unauthorized access, entry
34 or unlawful activity, including but not limited to, robbery, burglary,
35 arson, criminal mischief, vandalism or trespass.

36 The term shall not mean or include, and nothing in this act shall
37 apply to, any law enforcement officer of this State, or any political

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted November 9, 2015.

1 subdivision of the State, while in the actual performance of his duties.
2 For the purposes of this section, a law enforcement officer shall be
3 deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties if the law
4 enforcement officer is in uniform, or is exhibiting evidence of his
5 authority, is performing public safety functions on behalf of and as
6 assigned by his chief of police or the chief law enforcement officer of
7 his law enforcement agency and is receiving compensation, if any,
8 from his law enforcement agency at the rates or stipends as are
9 established by law. A law enforcement officer shall not be deemed to
10 be in the actual performance of his duties, for the purposes of this
11 section, if the law enforcement officer is performing private security
12 functions or activities for a private employer while receiving
13 compensation for those duties from the private employer, and a law
14 enforcement officer shall not wear his uniform, or otherwise exhibit
15 evidence of his authority as a law enforcement officer, while
16 performing private security functions or activities for a private
17 employer.

18 c. "Security officer company" means any body, board, person,
19 firm, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund,
20 authority or similar entity that is organized for the purpose of or
21 primarily engages in the business of furnishing for a fee, hire, reward
22 or compensation one or more security officers. The term shall not
23 mean or include, and nothing in this act shall apply to, any board,
24 body, commission or agency of the United States of America or of this
25 State or any other state, territory or possession of the United States of
26 America, or any county, municipality or school district or any officer
27 or employee solely, exclusively and regularly employed by any of the
28 foregoing. The term shall include any business of watch, guard or
29 patrol agency.

30 d. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Division of
31 State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

32 e. "Company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security
33 function" means any body, board, person, firm, corporation,
34 partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund, authority or similar
35 entity that is organized for the general purpose of conducting business,
36 but which also employs persons¹ who are required to carry a firearm in
37 the performance of their duties¹ to provide¹ armed¹ security services
38 exclusively for their business or employees, and does not contract
39 these employees to any other entity or person.

40 ¹f. "Loss prevention employee" means an unarmed employee of a
41 company whose primary responsibility is loss prevention and the
42 protection of assets of that company.¹

43 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.2)

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45 2. Section 4 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-4) is amended to read
46 as follows:

1 4. a. ¹~~【No】~~ A¹ person shall ¹not¹ be employed as a security
2 officer by a security officer company or a company maintaining a
3 proprietary or in-house security function, or perform the functions and
4 activities of ~~【,】~~ a security officer, unless that person is registered with
5 the superintendent as required in this section.

6 ¹The requirements of this section shall not apply to:

7 (1) a loss prevention employee;

8 (2) an employee of a company whose business includes hosting
9 sporting and entertainment events at an arena or stadium where a State,
10 county, or municipal law enforcement agency is on the premises
11 during the event and whose in-house security employees do not carry
12 handguns or other licensed weapons;

13 (3) a security officer employed by a company maintaining a
14 proprietary or in-house security function whose in-house security
15 employees do not carry handguns or other licensed weapons; or

16 (4) a security employee regulated under federal law.¹

17 Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
18 guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

19 b. An application for registration as a security officer shall be
20 filed with the superintendent on a form and in a manner prescribed by
21 the superintendent and shall set forth under oath:

22 (1) the applicant's full name, age, which shall be at least 18 years,
23 and residence;

24 (2) the name and address of all employers or occupations engaged
25 in for the immediately preceding five years;

26 (3) that the applicant has not been convicted of any disqualifying
27 crime or offense as set forth in subsection c. of this section; and

28 (4) such further information as the superintendent may require to
29 show the good character, competency and integrity of the applicant.

30 Any person who shall knowingly make a false statement in, or
31 knowingly omit any material information from, an application as
32 required by this subsection shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth
33 degree in addition to any other crime or offense specified by law.

34 c. No person shall be issued a certificate of registration as a
35 security officer under the provisions of this section if the person has
36 been convicted, as indicated by a criminal history record background
37 check performed pursuant to the provisions of this section, of: a crime
38 of the first, second, third or fourth degree; any offense involving the
39 unlawful use, possession or sale of a controlled dangerous substance as
40 defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2; or any offense where the registration of the
41 individual would be contrary to the public interest, as determined by
42 the superintendent. Each applicant shall submit to the superintendent
43 the applicant's fingerprints and written consent for a criminal history
44 record background check to be performed. The superintendent shall
45 compare these to fingerprints on file with the State Bureau of
46 Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of
47 Investigation, consistent with applicable State and federal laws, rules
48 and regulations. The applicant shall bear the cost for the criminal

1 history record background check, including all costs of administering
2 and processing the check.

3 d. A person whose application has been approved by the
4 superintendent shall complete the required education and training
5 program established in section 5 of this act. Upon satisfactory
6 completion of this program, and upon the payment of a fee in an
7 amount established by the superintendent, the applicant shall be
8 entitled to and the superintendent shall issue and deliver to the
9 applicant a security officer certificate of registration.

10 e. The superintendent may revoke or suspend such certificate of
11 registration for a violation of any of the provisions of this act or for
12 other good cause. A certificate of registration shall be surrendered to
13 the superintendent within 72 hours after its term has expired or after
14 notice in writing to the holder that the certificate of registration has
15 been revoked.

16 f. The certificate of registration shall be renewed ~~every two~~
17 ~~years~~ ^{every two years by an applicant for an unarmed security}
18 ^{officer position and} ~~each year~~ ^{by an applicant for an armed security}
19 ^{officer position} upon forms prescribed by the superintendent ~~and~~
20 ~~payment of~~. ~~The applicant shall pay~~ a fee in an amount established
21 by the superintendent by rule and regulation ~~and shall complete an~~
22 ~~eight-hour refresher course of classroom instruction taught by a~~
23 ~~certified security officer instructor~~. The certificate of registration may
24 be renewed without further investigation unless it is deemed by the
25 superintendent that the applicant no longer qualifies or verified
26 objections to the renewal are received by the superintendent prior to
27 issuance.

28 g. The revocation or suspension of any certificate of registration
29 by the superintendent shall be subject to notice and a hearing.

30 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.4)

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32 3. Section 8 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-8) is amended to read
33 as follows:

34 8. a. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by this act or
35 any other law, an owner or operator of a licensed security officer
36 company or a company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security
37 function who employs a security officer in violation of the provisions
38 of this act shall be liable to a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for
39 the first offense and not more than \$20,000 for a second or subsequent
40 offense. For the purposes of this subsection, each violation shall
41 constitute a separate offense.

42 b. ⁽¹⁾ In addition to any other penalties prescribed by this act or
43 any other law, a person who permits himself to be employed as or
44 performs the functions and activities of a security officer while in
45 violation of the provisions of this act shall be liable to a civil penalty
46 ¹ ~~not to exceed~~ ¹ ~~of not more than~~ ¹ \$1,000 for a first offense and not
47 more than \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense. For the

1 purposes of this subsection, each violation shall constitute a separate
2 offense.

3 ¹(2) In addition to any other penalties prescribed by this act or any
4 other law, a certified security officer instructor who fails to comply
5 with rules and regulations governing the functions of a certified
6 security officer instructor shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more
7 than \$1,000 for a first offense and not more than \$2,500 for a second
8 or subsequent offense. For the purposes of this subsection, each
9 violation shall constitute a separate offense.¹

10 c. A penalty imposed under subsection a. or b. of this section
11 shall be recovered in a civil action pursuant to "The Penalty
12 Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).
13 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.8)

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15 4. Section 11 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-11) is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 11. Each owner or operator of a security officer company or
18 company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function,
19 and each person employed as a security officer on the effective date
20 of this act and any act amendatory or supplementary thereto shall
21 comply with the requirements of this act by the first day of the
22 **【seventh】** thirteenth month after its effective date or the effective
23 date of any act amendatory or supplementary thereto.

24 Any person employed as a security officer by a company
25 maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function or who
26 performed the functions and activities of a security officer for such
27 a company prior to the effective date of this amendatory and
28 supplementary act shall complete the education and training
29 program established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.2004, c.134
30 (C.45:19A-5) and register as a security officer with the
31 superintendent pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-
32 4) no later than the first day of the thirteenth month following the
33 effective date of this act.

34 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.11)

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36 5. (New section) A security officer who carries a firearm in the
37 performance of his duties shall wear a standardized uniform as
38 prescribed by the superintendent in rules and regulations. ¹These rules
39 and regulations shall require SORA Level 2 armed security officers to
40 wear on their uniform a badge indicating this status and armed security
41 officers who wear company-issued shirts to have the word
42 “SECURITY” printed on the reverse side of the shirt.¹

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44 6. (New section) A security officer, when carrying a firearm in
45 the performance of his duties, shall secure the weapon in a level 3
46 or higher security holster.

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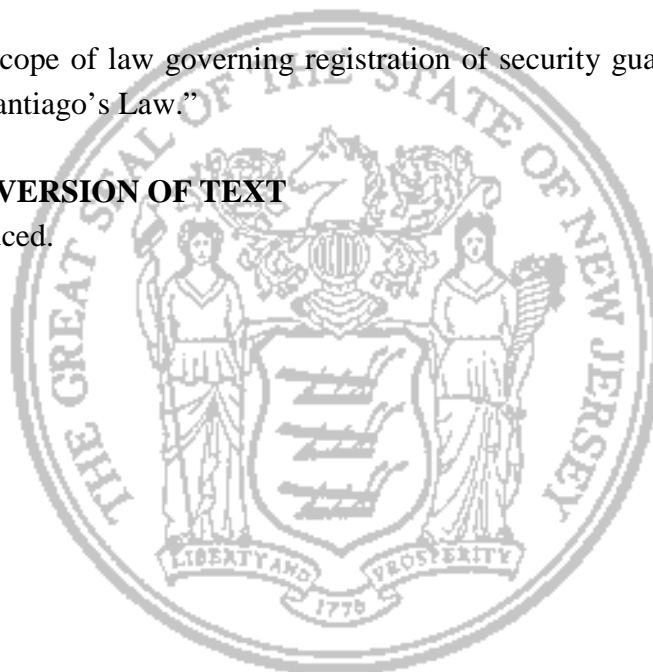
District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Expands scope of law governing registration of security guards; designated as "Melvin Santiago's Law."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/8/2015)

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14 the following functions or activities as an employee, agent or
15 subcontractor of a security officer company as defined in subsection
16 c. of this section for a fee, hire or reward, notwithstanding the fact
17 that other functions and activities may also be performed by the
18 same person for fee, hire or reward; or any person who performs
19 any of the following functions and activities as an exclusive
20 employee of a company maintaining a proprietary or in-house
21 security function as defined in subsection e. of this section whose
22 primary duty is to provide these security functions and activities for
23 that company and whose services are not contracted to any other
24 entity or person:

25 (1) protection of person or property, real or personal, from
26 injury or harm or for any other purpose whatsoever;

27 (2) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents
28 and activities for the purpose of preventing the theft, or the
29 unlawful taking, conversion, concealment or misappropriation of
30 goods, wares, merchandise, money, bonds, stocks, notes or other
31 valuable instruments, documents, papers or articles; or

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33 and activities for the purpose of preventing any unauthorized
34 access, entry or unlawful activity, including but not limited to,
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36 The term shall not mean or include, and nothing in this act shall
37 apply to, any law enforcement officer of this State, or any political
38 subdivision of the State, while in the actual performance of his
39 duties. For the purposes of this section, a law enforcement officer
40 shall be deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties if the
41 law enforcement officer is in uniform, or is exhibiting evidence of
42 his authority, is performing public safety functions on behalf of and
43 as assigned by his chief of police or the chief law enforcement
44 officer of his law enforcement agency and is receiving
45 compensation, if any, from his law enforcement agency at the rates

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 or stipends as are established by law. A law enforcement officer
2 shall not be deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties,
3 for the purposes of this section, if the law enforcement officer is
4 performing private security functions or activities for a private
5 employer while receiving compensation for those duties from the
6 private employer, and a law enforcement officer shall not wear his
7 uniform, or otherwise exhibit evidence of his authority as a law
8 enforcement officer, while performing private security functions or
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10 c. "Security officer company" means any body, board, person,
11 firm, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund,
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13 primarily engages in the business of furnishing for a fee, hire,
14 reward or compensation one or more security officers. The term
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16 board, body, commission or agency of the United States of America
17 or of this State or any other state, territory or possession of the
18 United States of America, or any county, municipality or school
19 district or any officer or employee solely, exclusively and regularly
20 employed by any of the foregoing. The term shall include any
21 business of watch, guard or patrol agency.

22 d. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Division
23 of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

24 e. "Company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security
25 function" means any body, board, person, firm, corporation,
26 partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund, authority or similar
27 entity that is organized for the general purpose of conducting
28 business, but which also employs persons to provide security
29 services exclusively for their business or employees, and does not
30 contract these employees to any other entity or person.

31 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.2)

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37 in-house security function, or perform the functions and activities of
38 **[.]** a security officer, unless that person is registered with the
39 superintendent as required in this section. Any person who violates
40 the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth
41 degree.

42 b. An application for registration as a security officer shall be
43 filed with the superintendent on a form and in a manner prescribed
44 by the superintendent and shall set forth under oath:

45 (1) the applicant's full name, age, which shall be at least 18
46 years, and residence;

47 (2) the name and address of all employers or occupations
48 engaged in for the immediately preceding five years;

1 (3) that the applicant has not been convicted of any
2 disqualifying crime or offense as set forth in subsection c. of this
3 section; and

4 (4) such further information as the superintendent may require
5 to show the good character, competency and integrity of the
6 applicant.

7 Any person who shall knowingly make a false statement in, or
8 knowingly omit any material information from, an application as
9 required by this subsection shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth
10 degree in addition to any other crime or offense specified by law.

11 c. No person shall be issued a certificate of registration as a
12 security officer under the provisions of this section if the person has
13 been convicted, as indicated by a criminal history record
14 background check performed pursuant to the provisions of this
15 section, of: a crime of the first, second, third or fourth degree; any
16 offense involving the unlawful use, possession or sale of a
17 controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2; or any
18 offense where the registration of the individual would be contrary to
19 the public interest, as determined by the superintendent. Each
20 applicant shall submit to the superintendent the applicant's
21 fingerprints and written consent for a criminal history record
22 background check to be performed. The superintendent shall
23 compare these to fingerprints on file with the State Bureau of
24 Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau
25 of Investigation, consistent with applicable State and federal laws,
26 rules and regulations. The applicant shall bear the cost for the
27 criminal history record background check, including all costs of
28 administering and processing the check.

29 d. A person whose application has been approved by the
30 superintendent shall complete the required education and training
31 program established in section 5 of this act. Upon satisfactory
32 completion of this program, and upon the payment of a fee in an
33 amount established by the superintendent, the applicant shall be
34 entitled to and the superintendent shall issue and deliver to the
35 applicant a security officer certificate of registration.

36 e. The superintendent may revoke or suspend such certificate
37 of registration for a violation of any of the provisions of this act or
38 for other good cause. A certificate of registration shall be
39 surrendered to the superintendent within 72 hours after its term has
40 expired or after notice in writing to the holder that the certificate of
41 registration has been revoked.

42 f. The certificate of registration shall be renewed **【**every two
43 years**】** each year upon forms prescribed by the superintendent **【**and
44 payment of**】** . The applicant shall pay a fee in an amount
45 established by the superintendent by rule and regulation and shall
46 complete an eight-hour refresher course of classroom instruction
47 taught by a certified security officer instructor. The certificate of
48 registration may be renewed without further investigation unless it

1 is deemed by the superintendent that the applicant no longer
2 qualifies or verified objections to the renewal are received by the
3 superintendent prior to issuance.

4 g. The revocation or suspension of any certificate of
5 registration by the superintendent shall be subject to notice and a
6 hearing.

7 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.4)

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9 3. Section 8 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-8) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 8. a. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by this act or
12 any other law, an owner or operator of a licensed security officer
13 company or a company maintaining a proprietary or in-house
14 security function who employs a security officer in violation of the
15 provisions of this act shall be liable to a civil penalty not to exceed
16 \$10,000 for the first offense and not more than \$20,000 for a second
17 or subsequent offense. For the purposes of this subsection, each
18 violation shall constitute a separate offense.

19 b. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by this act or
20 any other law, a person who permits himself to be employed as or
21 performs the functions and activities of a security officer while in
22 violation of the provisions of this act shall be liable to a civil
23 penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for a first offense and not more than
24 \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense. For the purposes of this
25 subsection, each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

26 c. A penalty imposed under subsection a. or b. of this section
27 shall be recovered in a civil action pursuant to "The Penalty
28 Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

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33 11. Each owner or operator of a security officer company or
34 company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function,
35 and each person employed as a security officer on the effective date
36 of this act and any act amendatory or supplementary thereto shall
37 comply with the requirements of this act by the first day of the
38 **【seventh】** thirteenth month after its effective date or the effective
39 date of any act amendatory or supplementary thereto.

40 Any person employed as a security officer by a company
41 maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function or who
42 performed the functions and activities of a security officer for such
43 a company prior to the effective date of this amendatory and
44 supplementary act shall complete the education and training
45 program established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.2004, c.134
46 (C.45:19A-5) and register as a security officer with the
47 superintendent pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-
48 4) no later than the first day of the thirteenth month

1 following the effective date of this act.

2 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.11)

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4 5. (New section) A security officer who carries a firearm in the
5 performance of his duties shall wear a standardized uniform as
6 prescribed by the superintendent in rules and regulations.

7

8 6. (New section) A security officer, when carrying a firearm in
9 the performance of his duties, shall secure the weapon in a level 3
10 or higher security holster.

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12 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
13 after enactment.

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STATEMENT

17

18 This bill expands the scope of current law regulating security
19 guards in this State.

20 Under the "Security Officer Registration Act," commonly
21 referred to as SORA, security guards employed by security guard
22 companies are strictly regulated by the Division of State Police.
23 This bill extends SORA's provisions to security guards employed
24 by private companies.

25 Specifically under the bill, any person who is employed as an in-
26 house security officer by a company that maintains a proprietary or
27 in-house security function is required to register with the
28 Superintendent of State Police and complete an education and
29 training course. Under current law, only security officers who are
30 employed by a "security officer company" that furnishes security
31 services to other entities are required to register with the
32 superintendent.

33 Other requirements of SORA also would be extended to in-house
34 security officers. An in-house security officer would be required to
35 be 18 years of age or older. A person convicted of any of the
36 following crimes or offenses would not be permitted to register as a
37 security officer: (1) a crime of the first, second, third, or fourth
38 degree; (2) an offense involving the unlawful use, possession or
39 sale of a controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-
40 2; or (3) an offense where the issuance of a license would be
41 contrary to the public interest, as determined by the superintendent.
42 A person who violates SORA's provisions is guilty of a crime of
43 the fourth degree and subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a
44 first offense and \$2,500 for a subsequent offense. The violator's
45 registration also may be revoked or suspended. Registered in-house
46 security officers also would be issued special identification cards,
47 the illegal use of which would constitute a crime of the fourth
48 degree.

1 The bill also requires a person employed as an in-house security
2 officer prior to the bill's effective date to register as a security
3 officer and complete the education and training program within one
4 year following the enactment of the bill. A company employing an
5 in-house security officer in violation of SORA is subject to a civil
6 penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for the first offense and not more
7 than \$20,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

8 The bill also imposes additional requirements on all security
9 officers under SORA. Currently, security officers are required to
10 renew their registration every two years. Regulations promulgated
11 pursuant to SORA require applicants for renewal to also complete
12 an eight-hour refresher course. This bill requires security officers
13 to renew their registrations and complete the refresher course every
14 year.

15 The bill further requires armed security guards to wear uniforms
16 standardized across the industry for identification purposes. The
17 Superintendent of State Police is responsible for determining the
18 standards for this uniform under the bill.

19 Finally, the bill requires armed security guards to carry their
20 handguns in a level 3 or higher retention level holster. Handgun
21 holsters are ranked from level 1 to level 4 based on how secure the
22 weapon is in the holster. A weapon in the least secure level 1
23 holster can be easily withdrawn by the officer or another person.
24 More secure level 2 holsters, which include a "thumb break," or
25 safety strap retention system, generally are used by police officers.
26 Level 3 and 4 holsters have additional security features.

27 This bill is entitled "Melvin Santiago's Law" in honor of the 23-
28 year old Jersey City rookie police officer tragically killed by a
29 suspect who grabbed a gun from a Walgreen's security guard and
30 open-fired on Santiago in his police vehicle as he responded to the
31 armed robbery.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4105

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4105.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4105 expands the scope of current law regulating security guards in this State.

Under the "Security Officer Registration Act," commonly referred to as SORA, security guards employed by security guard companies are strictly regulated by the Division of State Police. This amended bill extends SORA's provisions to armed security guards employed by private companies.

Specifically, under the amended bill, any person employed as an in-house security officer who is required to carry a firearm in the performance of that person's duties by a company that maintains a proprietary or in-house security function is required to register with the Superintendent of State Police and complete an education and training course. Under current law, only security officers who are employed by a "security officer company" that furnishes security services to other entities are required to register with the superintendent.

Other requirements of SORA also would be extended to armed, in-house security officers under the amended bill. An armed, in-house security officer would be required to be 18 years of age or older. A person convicted of any of the following crimes or offenses would not be permitted to register as a security officer: (1) a crime of the first, second, third, or fourth degree; (2) an offense involving the unlawful use, possession, or sale of a controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2; or (3) an offense where the issuance of a license would be contrary to the public interest, as determined by the superintendent.

Under current law, a person who acts as a security guard without complying with the registration requirements is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree, which is punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 18 months, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both. The violator also is subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for a first offense and \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense. The violator's registration also may be

revoked or suspended. Under the bill, these penalties would apply to in-house security officers who violate registration requirements.

The provisions of the amended bill do not apply to loss prevention employees or unarmed security officers employed by companies that maintain a proprietary or in-house security function. The amended bill defines a loss prevention employee as an unarmed employee of a company whose primary responsibility is loss prevention and the protection of assets of that company. The amended bill's provisions also do not apply to employees of a company whose business includes hosting sporting and entertainment events at an arena or stadium where a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency is on the premises during the event and whose in-house security employees do not carry handguns or other licensed weapons. Security employees regulated under federal law also are exempted under the provisions of the bill.

Under the amended bill, a person employed as an armed, in-house security officer prior to the bill's effective date is required to register as a security officer and complete the education and training program within one year following the enactment of the bill.

The amended bill also imposes additional requirements on all security officers under SORA. Currently, security officers are required to renew their registration every two years. Regulations promulgated pursuant to SORA require applicants for renewal to also complete an eight-hour refresher course. Under the amended bill, unarmed security officers employed by a security guard company would continue to be required to renew their registration every two years, but armed security officers would be required to renew their registrations every year.

The amended bill also imposes additional penalties upon security officer instructors who do not comply with rules and regulations governing the functions of a certified security officer instructor. For a first offense, a person is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 and for a second or subsequent offense not more than \$2,500.

The amended bill further requires all armed security guards in the industry to wear standardized uniforms for identification purposes. The Superintendent of State Police is responsible for determining the standards for this uniform under the bill. The standards are to require SORA Level 2 armed security officers to wear on their uniform a badge indicating this status and armed security officers who wear company-issued shirts to have the word "SECURITY" printed on the reverse side of the shirt.

Finally, the amended bill requires armed security guards to carry their handguns in a level 3 or higher retention level holster. Handgun holsters are ranked from level 1 to level 4 based on how secure the weapon is in the holster. A weapon in the least secure level 1 holster can be easily withdrawn by the officer or another person. More secure level 2 holsters, which include a "thumb break," or safety strap

retention system, generally are used by police officers. Level 3 and 4 holsters have additional security features.

According to the sponsor, this bill is entitled “Detective Melvin Vincent Santiago’s Law” in honor of the 23-year old Jersey City rookie police officer tragically killed by a suspect who grabbed a gun from a Walgreen’s security guard and open-fired on Santiago in his police vehicle as he responded to the armed robbery.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) provide that the bill applies to companies maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function which employs persons who are required carry a firearm in the performance of their duties to provide armed security services;

(2) exempt from the bill’s provisions unarmed in-house security guards, security employees regulated under federal law, loss prevention employees, and employees of companies whose business includes hosting sporting and entertainment events at an arena or stadium where a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency is on the premises during the event and whose in-house security employees do not carry handguns or other licensed weapons;

(3) require security guards to renew their registrations every other year if they’re unarmed and every year if they’re armed;

(4) impose a civil of \$1,000 to \$2,500 on certified security officer instructors who do not comply with regulations;

(5) require SORA Level 2 armed security officers to wear on the uniform required by the bill a badge indicating this status and armed security officers who wear company-issued shirts to have the word “SECURITY” printed on the reverse side of the shirt;

(6) change the bill’s designation from “Melvin Santiago’s Law” to “Detective Melvin Vincent Santiago’s Law;” and

(7) make other technical amendments.

SENATE, No. 2977

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 8, 2015

Sponsored by:

Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Expands scope of law governing registration of security guards; designated as "Melvin Santiago's Law."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning security officers, designated as "Melvin
2 Santiago's Law," and amending and supplementing P.L.2004,
3 c.134.

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

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8 1. Section 2 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-2) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 2. As used in this act:

11 a. "Owner" or "operator" means an officer, director, member,
12 sole proprietor, partner or associate of a private security company.

13 b. "Security officer" means any person who performs any of
14 the following functions or activities as an employee, agent or
15 subcontractor of a security officer company as defined in subsection
16 c. of this section for a fee, hire or reward, notwithstanding the fact
17 that other functions and activities may also be performed by the
18 same person for fee, hire or reward; or any person who performs
19 any of the following functions and activities as an exclusive
20 employee of a company maintaining a proprietary or in-house
21 security function as defined in subsection e. of this section whose
22 primary duty is to provide these security functions and activities for
23 that company and whose services are not contracted to any other
24 entity or person:

25 (1) protection of person or property, real or personal, from
26 injury or harm or for any other purpose whatsoever;

27 (2) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents
28 and activities for the purpose of preventing the theft, or the
29 unlawful taking, conversion, concealment or misappropriation of
30 goods, wares, merchandise, money, bonds, stocks, notes or other
31 valuable instruments, documents, papers or articles; or

32 (3) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents
33 and activities for the purpose of preventing any unauthorized
34 access, entry or unlawful activity, including but not limited to,
35 robbery, burglary, arson, criminal mischief, vandalism or trespass.

36 The term shall not mean or include, and nothing in this act shall
37 apply to, any law enforcement officer of this State, or any political
38 subdivision of the State, while in the actual performance of his
39 duties. For the purposes of this section, a law enforcement officer
40 shall be deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties if the
41 law enforcement officer is in uniform, or is exhibiting evidence of
42 his authority, is performing public safety functions on behalf of and
43 as assigned by his chief of police or the chief law enforcement
44 officer of his law enforcement agency and is receiving
45 compensation, if any, from his law enforcement agency at the rates

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 or stipends as are established by law. A law enforcement officer
2 shall not be deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties,
3 for the purposes of this section, if the law enforcement officer is
4 performing private security functions or activities for a private
5 employer while receiving compensation for those duties from the
6 private employer, and a law enforcement officer shall not wear his
7 uniform, or otherwise exhibit evidence of his authority as a law
8 enforcement officer, while performing private security functions or
9 activities for a private employer.

10 c. "Security officer company" means any body, board, person,
11 firm, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund,
12 authority or similar entity that is organized for the purpose of or
13 primarily engages in the business of furnishing for a fee, hire,
14 reward or compensation one or more security officers. The term
15 shall not mean or include, and nothing in this act shall apply to, any
16 board, body, commission or agency of the United States of America
17 or of this State or any other state, territory or possession of the
18 United States of America, or any county, municipality or school
19 district or any officer or employee solely, exclusively and regularly
20 employed by any of the foregoing. The term shall include any
21 business of watch, guard or patrol agency.

22 d. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Division
23 of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

24 e. "Company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security
25 function" means any body, board, person, firm, corporation,
26 partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund, authority or similar
27 entity that is organized for the general purpose of conducting
28 business, but which also employs persons to provide security
29 services exclusively for their business or employees, and does not
30 contract these employees to any other entity or person.

31 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.2)

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33 2. Section 4 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-4) is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 4. a. No person shall be employed as a security officer by a
36 security officer company or a company maintaining a proprietary or
37 in-house security function, or perform the functions and activities of
38 **[.]** a security officer, unless that person is registered with the
39 superintendent as required in this section. Any person who violates
40 the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth
41 degree.

42 b. An application for registration as a security officer shall be
43 filed with the superintendent on a form and in a manner prescribed
44 by the superintendent and shall set forth under oath:

45 (1) the applicant's full name, age, which shall be at least 18
46 years, and residence;

47 (2) the name and address of all employers or occupations
48 engaged in for the immediately preceding five years;

1 (3) that the applicant has not been convicted of any
2 disqualifying crime or offense as set forth in subsection c. of this
3 section; and

4 (4) such further information as the superintendent may require
5 to show the good character, competency and integrity of the
6 applicant.

7 Any person who shall knowingly make a false statement in, or
8 knowingly omit any material information from, an application as
9 required by this subsection shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth
10 degree in addition to any other crime or offense specified by law.

11 c. No person shall be issued a certificate of registration as a
12 security officer under the provisions of this section if the person has
13 been convicted, as indicated by a criminal history record
14 background check performed pursuant to the provisions of this
15 section, of: a crime of the first, second, third or fourth degree; any
16 offense involving the unlawful use, possession or sale of a
17 controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2; or any
18 offense where the registration of the individual would be contrary to
19 the public interest, as determined by the superintendent. Each
20 applicant shall submit to the superintendent the applicant's
21 fingerprints and written consent for a criminal history record
22 background check to be performed. The superintendent shall
23 compare these to fingerprints on file with the State Bureau of
24 Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau
25 of Investigation, consistent with applicable State and federal laws,
26 rules and regulations. The applicant shall bear the cost for the
27 criminal history record background check, including all costs of
28 administering and processing the check.

29 d. A person whose application has been approved by the
30 superintendent shall complete the required education and training
31 program established in section 5 of this act. Upon satisfactory
32 completion of this program, and upon the payment of a fee in an
33 amount established by the superintendent, the applicant shall be
34 entitled to and the superintendent shall issue and deliver to the
35 applicant a security officer certificate of registration.

36 e. The superintendent may revoke or suspend such certificate
37 of registration for a violation of any of the provisions of this act or
38 for other good cause. A certificate of registration shall be
39 surrendered to the superintendent within 72 hours after its term has
40 expired or after notice in writing to the holder that the certificate of
41 registration has been revoked.

42 f. The certificate of registration shall be renewed **【**every two
43 years**】** each year upon forms prescribed by the superintendent **【**and
44 payment of**】** . The applicant shall pay a fee in an amount
45 established by the superintendent by rule and regulation and shall
46 complete an eight-hour refresher course of classroom instruction
47 taught by a certified security officer instructor. The certificate of
48 registration may be renewed without further investigation unless it

1 is deemed by the superintendent that the applicant no longer
2 qualifies or verified objections to the renewal are received by the
3 superintendent prior to issuance.

4 g. The revocation or suspension of any certificate of
5 registration by the superintendent shall be subject to notice and a
6 hearing.

7 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.4)

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9 3. Section 8 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-8) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 8. a. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by this act or
12 any other law, an owner or operator of a licensed security officer
13 company or a company maintaining a proprietary or in-house
14 security function who employs a security officer in violation of the
15 provisions of this act shall be liable to a civil penalty not to exceed
16 \$10,000 for the first offense and not more than \$20,000 for a second
17 or subsequent offense. For the purposes of this subsection, each
18 violation shall constitute a separate offense.

19 b. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by this act or
20 any other law, a person who permits himself to be employed as or
21 performs the functions and activities of a security officer while in
22 violation of the provisions of this act shall be liable to a civil
23 penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for a first offense and not more than
24 \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense. For the purposes of this
25 subsection, each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

26 c. A penalty imposed under subsection a. or b. of this section
27 shall be recovered in a civil action pursuant to "The Penalty
28 Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

29 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.8)

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31 4. Section 11 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-11) is amended to
32 read as follows:

33 11. Each owner or operator of a security officer company or
34 company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function,
35 and each person employed as a security officer on the effective date
36 of this act and any act amendatory or supplementary thereto shall
37 comply with the requirements of this act by the first day of the
38 **【seventh】** thirteenth month after its effective date or the effective
39 date of any act amendatory or supplementary thereto.

40 Any person employed as a security officer by a company
41 maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function or who
42 performed the functions and activities of a security officer for such
43 a company prior to the effective date of this amendatory and
44 supplementary act shall complete the education and training
45 program established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.2004, c.134
46 (C.45:19A-5) and register as a security officer with the
47 superintendent pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-
48 4) no later than the first day of the thirteenth month

1 following the effective date of this act.

2 (cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.11)

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4 5. (New section) A security officer who carries a firearm in the
5 performance of his duties shall wear a standardized uniform as
6 prescribed by the superintendent in rules and regulations.

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8 6. (New section) A security officer, when carrying a firearm in
9 the performance of his duties, shall secure the weapon in a level 3
10 or higher security holster.

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12 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
13 after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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18 This bill expands the scope of current law regulating security
19 guards in this State.

20 Under the "Security Officer Registration Act," commonly
21 referred to as SORA, security guards employed by security guard
22 companies are strictly regulated by the Division of State Police.
23 This bill extends SORA's provisions to security guards employed
24 by private companies.

25 Specifically under the bill, any person who is employed as an in-
26 house security officer by a company that maintains a proprietary or
27 in-house security function is required to register with the
28 Superintendent of State Police and complete an education and
29 training course. Under current law, only security officers who are
30 employed by a "security officer company" that furnishes security
31 services to other entities are required to register with the
32 superintendent.

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34 security officers. An in-house security officer would be required to
35 be 18 years of age or older. A person convicted of any of the
36 following crimes or offenses would not be permitted to register as a
37 security officer: (1) a crime of the first, second, third, or fourth
38 degree; (2) an offense involving the unlawful use, possession or
39 sale of a controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-
40 2; or (3) an offense where the issuance of a license would be
41 contrary to the public interest, as determined by the superintendent.
42 A person who violates SORA's provisions is guilty of a crime of
43 the fourth degree and subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a
44 first offense and \$2,500 for a subsequent offense. The violator's
45 registration also may be revoked or suspended. Registered in-house
46 security officers also would be issued special identification cards,
47 the illegal use of which would constitute a crime of the fourth
48 degree.

1 The bill also requires a person employed as an in-house security
2 officer prior to the bill's effective date to register as a security
3 officer and complete the education and training program within one
4 year following the enactment of the bill. A company employing an
5 in-house security officer in violation of SORA is subject to a civil
6 penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for the first offense and not more
7 than \$20,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

8 The bill also imposes additional requirements on all security
9 officers under SORA. Currently, security officers are required to
10 renew their registration every two years. Regulations promulgated
11 pursuant to SORA require applicants for renewal to also complete
12 an eight-hour refresher course. This bill requires security officers
13 to renew their registrations and complete the refresher course every
14 year.

15 The bill further requires armed security guards to wear uniforms
16 standardized across the industry for identification purposes. The
17 Superintendent of State Police is responsible for determining the
18 standards for this uniform under the bill.

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20 handguns in a level 3 or higher retention level holster. Handgun
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28 year old Jersey City rookie police officer tragically killed by a
29 suspect who grabbed a gun from a Walgreen's security guard and
30 open-fired on Santiago in his police vehicle as he responded to the
31 armed robbery.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2977

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 11, 2015

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2977.

As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2977 expands the scope of current law regulating security guards in this State.

Under the “Security Officer Registration Act,” commonly referred to as SORA, security guards employed by security guard companies are strictly regulated by the Division of State Police. This bill extends SORA’s provisions to security guards employed by private companies.

Specifically, under the amended bill, any person employed as an in-house security officer by a company that maintains a proprietary or in-house security function is required to register with the Superintendent of State Police and complete an education and training course. Under current law, only security officers who are employed by a “security officer company” that furnishes security services to other entities are required to register with the superintendent.

Other requirements of SORA also would be extended to in-house security officers under the amended bill. An in-house security officer would be required to be 18 years of age or older. A person convicted of any of the following crimes or offenses would not be permitted to register as a security officer: (1) a crime of the first, second, third, or fourth degree; (2) an offense involving the unlawful use, possession, or sale of a controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2; or (3) an offense where the issuance of a license would be contrary to the public interest, as determined by the superintendent.

Under current law, a person who acts as a security guard without complying with the registration requirements is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree, which is punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 18 months, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both. The violator also is subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for a first offense and \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense. The violator’s registration also may be revoked or suspended. Under the bill, these penalties would apply to in-house security officers who violate registration requirements.

The provisions of the amended bill do not apply to loss prevention employees. The amended bill defines a loss prevention employee as

an unarmed employee of a company and whose primary responsibility is loss prevention and the protection of assets of that business. The amended bill's provisions also do not apply to employees of a company whose business includes hosting sporting and entertainment events at an arena or stadium where a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency is on the premises during the event and whose in-house security employees do not carry handguns or other licensed weapons.

Under the amended bill, a person employed as an in-house security officer prior to the bill's effective date is required to register as a security officer and complete the education and training program within one year following the enactment of the bill.

The amended bill also imposes additional requirements on all security officers under SORA. Currently, security officers are required to renew their registration every two years. Regulations promulgated pursuant to SORA require applicants for renewal to also complete an eight-hour refresher course. Under the amended bill, unarmed security officers would continue to be required to renew their registration every two years, but armed security officers would be required to renew their registrations every year. Both armed and unarmed security officers would be statutorily required to complete the refresher course every year.

The amended bill also imposes additional penalties upon security officer instructors who do not comply with rules and regulations governing the functions of a certified security officer instructor. For a first offense, a person is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 and for a second or subsequent offense not more than \$2,500.

The amended bill further requires all armed security guards in the industry to wear standardized uniforms for identification purposes. The Superintendent of State Police is responsible for determining the standards for this uniform under the bill. The standards are to require SORA Level 2 armed security officers to wear on their uniform a badge indicating this status and armed security officers who wear company-issued shirts to have the word "SECURITY" printed on the reverse side of the shirt.

Finally, the amended bill requires armed security guards to carry their handguns in a level 3 or higher retention level holster. Handgun holsters are ranked from level 1 to level 4 based on how secure the weapon is in the holster. A weapon in the least secure level 1 holster can be easily withdrawn by the officer or another person. More secure level 2 holsters, which include a "thumb break," or safety strap retention system, generally are used by police officers. Level 3 and 4 holsters have additional security features.

According to the sponsor, this bill is entitled "Melvin Santiago's Law" in honor of the 23-year old Jersey City rookie police officer tragically killed by a suspect who grabbed a gun from a Walgreen's

security guard and open-fired on Santiago in his police vehicle as he responded to the armed robbery.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) exempt from the bill's provisions loss prevention employees and employees of companies whose business includes hosting sporting and entertainment events at an arena or stadium where a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency is on the premises during the event and whose in-house security employees do not carry handguns or other licensed weapons;

(2) require security guards to renew their registrations every other year if they're unarmed and every year if they're armed;

(3) impose a civil of \$1,000 to \$2,500 on certified security officer instructors who do not comply with regulations;

(4) require SORA Level 2 armed security officers to wear on the uniform required by the bill a badge indicating this status and armed security officers who wear company-issued shirts to have the word "SECURITY" printed on the reverse side of the shirt; and

(5) make other technical amendments.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 2977

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator GREENSTEIN)

ADOPTED: JUNE 25, 2015

Senate Bill No. 2977 (1R) expands the scope of this State's "Security Officer Registration Act." Commonly referred to as SORA, the act strictly regulates security guards employed by security guard companies. This bill extends SORA's provisions to security guards employed by private companies.

The bill exempts from its provisions loss prevention employees and employees of a company whose business includes hosting sporting and entertainment events at an arena or stadium where a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency is on the premises during the event and whose in-house security employees do not carry handguns or other licensed weapons.

These Senate amendments also exempt security employees regulated under federal law.

STATEMENT TO
[Second Reprint]
SENATE, No. 2977

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator GREENSTEIN)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 7, 2016

Senate Bill No. 2977(2R) expands the scope of this State's "Security Officer Registration Act," commonly referred to as SORA. Designated as "Melvin Santiago's Law," the bill extends SORA's provisions to security guards employed by private companies. Current law governs security guards employed by security guard companies.

These Senate amendments rename the bill "Detective Melvin Vincent Santiago's Law." The amendments also limit the scope of the bill's provisions to armed security officers.

As amended, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4105 (1R).

Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation From The 216th Legislative Session

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 Tags: [Weather](#)



Trenton, NJ – Furthering his administration's commitment to New Jersey's veterans and military personnel, Governor Chris Christie took action today on legislation from the 216th Legislative Session, including 11 legislative measures designed to assist both active military members and veterans, along with their families.

"From the very start of this administration, we have focused on serving the needs of our veterans and the men and women still in active duty, assisting them with everything from securing jobs to finding the proper health care and social services," said Governor Christie. "The bills I signed today continue to make good on our promise to help those who have given so much of themselves to defend and serve this nation find a seamless transition back to civilian life and receive a helping-hand, when needed, no matter how long after their discharge from the military."

The enacted legislation includes:

- **S-172/A-2276 (Whelan, Beach/DeAngelo, Quijano)** - Exempts disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients from payment of municipal parking meter fees when their vehicles bear a disable veteran's or Purple Heart license plate or placard issued by New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
- **S-2972/A-4465 (Van Drew, Cruz-Perez/Andrzejczak, Tucker, Benson)** - Requires DMVA assist and mentor veterans through criminal justice system
- **A-1667/S-2155 (Johnson, DeAngelo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Pintor Marin/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Permits child whose parent or guardian is ordered into active military service to remain enrolled in school district where child's parent or guardian resided prior to active military service
- **A-2935/S-1325 (Andrzejczak, Lagana, Webber, Mosquera, Lampitt/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Authorizes property tax deferment for deployed military personnel
- **A-2299/S-239 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Stack)** - Requires municipalities to exempt 100% disabled veterans from construction permit surcharge fees for improvements to promote living unit accessibility; appropriates \$20,000 for municipal reimbursements
- **A-3552/S-2636 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson/Beach, Van Drew)** - Creates financial planning assistance program for disabled veterans and their caregivers
- **A-3554/S-2606 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson, Danielsen/Beach, Cruz-Perez)** - Increases income eligibility cap to receive respite care for certain veterans
- **AS for A-3750/S-2569 (Lampitt, Tucker, Andrzejczak, Singleton, Mosquera/Beach, Allen)** - Requires Adjutant General to create informational webpage for women veterans
- **A-4148/S-2731 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Beach)** - Provides an excused absence on Veterans Day for pupil who participates in certain activities for veterans or active duty members of United States Armed Forces or New Jersey National Guard

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- **AJR-117/SJR-85 (Tucker, Holley, Vainieri Huttie/Beach, Whelan, Madden)** - Urges Congress to restore funding to Vets4Warriors veteran suicide hotline

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

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- **S-451/A-1103 (Ruiz, Allen/Vainieri Huttie, Singleton, Benson)** - Establishes Office of the Special Education Ombudsman in DOE
- **S-485/A-1976 (Cunningham, Ruiz/Lampitt, Mosquera, Quijano)** -Requires president of public institution of higher education to regularly report on-campus criminal and fire events to the institution's governing board
- **S-489/A-4926 (Cunningham, T. Kean/Diegnan, Mukherji, Benson)** - Authorizes institutions of higher education to grant college credit to high school students who complete the Jersey Boys State or Jersey Girls State program
- **S-832/A-2039 (Whelan, Beach/Moriarty, Stender, Garcia)** - Permits voter registration of certain persons at age 17 for voting at next election occurring on or after 18th birthday
- **S-1046/A-2721 (Turner, Scutari/Gusciora)** - Concerns alterations in child support obligations in response to changes to status of supported child
- **S-1184/A-1950 (Vitale, Beach/Conaway, Diegnan, Sumter, Danielsen)** - Revises requirements for licensure and creates physician-delegated scope of practice for physician assistants
- **S-1346wGR/A-3837 (Rice/Coughlin, Garcia, Rodriguez-Gregg, Pintor Marin, Jasey)** - Concerns the recording of mortgages
- **S-1447/A-2829 (Greenstein, Addiego/Johnson, Mainor, Rible, Quijano)** - Prohibits posting, publishing on the Internet, or disclosing certain information regarding law enforcement officers
- **S-1567/A-410 (A.R. Bucco, Van Drew/A.M. Bucco, Bramnick, Johnson, Quijano, Rumana)** - Establishes DOT roadside memorial program for fallen police officers, sheriff's officers, EMS workers, and firefighters; designated as "Patrolman Joseph Wargo's Law"
- **S-1687/A-4924 (Ruiz, Vitale/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Permits students made homeless by act of terrorism or natural disaster to attend tuition-free the school district in which they resided prior to being homeless for two school years after the event
- **S-2032wGR/A-3440 (Codey, Turner/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Requires DOE to review Core Curriculum Content Standards to ensure that they incorporate modern computer science standards where appropriate
- **S-2110/A-3343 (Oroho/Space, Vainieri Huttie, Schaer, Phoebus, Pinkin)** - Requires nursing homes to offer form designating beneficiary of personal needs allowance accounts from incoming and current residents

- **S-2201/A-3273 (O'Toole/Russo, Rumana, Casagrande)** - Authorizes youth camps to maintain supply of epinephrine and permit trained employees to administer epinephrine to camp members suffering from anaphylaxis
- **SCS for S-2251/A-3708 (Oroho, Barnes/Diegnan, Webber, Johnson, Space, Phoebus)** - Increases monetary amounts for transfer of estate assets without administration and for exemption from debts of the deceased
- **S-2260wGR/A-688 (Scutari, Cardinale/Schaer)** - Modifies certain fees charged by, and requirements imposed on, check casher licensees
- **S-2284wGR/A-3549 (Pou, Weinberg/Schaer, Vainieri Huttle, Webber, Singleton, Jimenez, Johnson, Bramnick)** - Requires Medicaid managed care organizations to meet certain conditions prior to reducing reimbursement rates for personal care assistant services and home-based supportive care services
- **S-2442/A-3891 (T. Kean, Sarlo/Bramnick, Rodriquez-Gregg, Johnson, Casagrande, Schepisi)** - Establishes NJ Innovation and Research Fellowship Program in DOLWD
- **S-2495/A-3868 (Codey, Rice/Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, Coughlin)** - Authorizes State-chartered banks, savings banks, savings and loans, and credit unions to conduct certain savings account promotions
- **S-2617/A-3944 (Cardinale/Garcia, McKeon, Auth, Eustace, Pinkin)** - Requires DEP to adopt regulations to allow cultivation of commercial shellfish species in certain coastal and inner harbor waters for research, educational, or restoration purposes; requires community engagement process for revision thereof
- **S-2627/A-3957 (Cardinale, Sacco/Schepisi, Auth, Eustace, Rumana, Johnson)** - Designates State Highway Route 17 in Borough of Ramsey as "Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill Memorial Highway"
- **S-2695/A-4110 (T. Kean, Sacco/Dancer, Benson, Jimenez, Johnson)** - Requires MVC conduct study and make recommendations concerning electronic driver's licenses and mobile applications
- **S-2741/A-4213 (Doherty/Vainieri Huttle, Webber)** - Permits unregulated solicitation to perform snow shoveling within 24 hours of predicted snowstorm
- **S-2787wGR/A-4273 (Sweeney/Singleton, Burzichelli, Giblin, Prieto, Wimberly)** - Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation
- **S-2880/A-4704 (Lesniak, T. Kean/Diegnan, Wisniewski)** - Provides up to \$25 million in tax credits under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant Program for certain infrastructure at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- **S-2922/A-4925 (Ruiz, Turner/Diegnan, Jasey)** - Requires DOE on its website to link to Department of Treasury's website where list is maintained of all third party individuals and vendors employed or retained for work associated with State assessments
- **S-2923/A-4901 (Ruiz, Turner/Jasey, Caputo)** - Requires school district or charter school to provide notification to parent or guardian of enrolled student on upcoming administration of State assessments or commercially-developed standardized assessment
- **S-2960/A-4331 (Codey, Rice/Garcia, Vainieri Huttle, Danielsén, DeAngelo, Holley, Benson, Mukherji)** -

Establishes requirements for training programs for homemaker-home health aides in care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders

- **S-3019/A-4771 (Sweeney, Stack/Burzichelli, Muoio)** - Requires filing of financial agreement for long term tax exemption with county finance officer and counsel; requires quarterly payment of county share of payment in lieu of tax
- **S-3129/A-4728 (Madden, Cunningham/DeAngelo, Benson, Lampitt, Quijano)** - Directs DOLWD to provide information regarding employee leave and benefit rights
- **S-3168/A-4769 (Sweeney, O'Toole/Burzichelli)** - Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities
- **S-3170/A-4768 (Pou, Bateman/Burzichelli)** - Requires county superintendent of elections to operate pursuant to county administrative code; subjects certain salary costs of office of county superintendent of elections to review and approval by county governing body
- **S-3171/A-4575 (Whelan, Oroho/Greenwald, Burzichelli)** - Creates definition of certified mail
- **S-3182/A-4690 (Ruiz, Pou/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter)** - Delays certain documentation submission deadlines under certain business tax credit programs
- **S-3207/A-4714 (Vitale, T. Kean/Lampitt, Mosquera)** - Limits liability of caregivers when facilitating normalcy for children in foster care
- **S-3240/A-4878 (Lesniak, Allen/Spencer, Sumter, Holley, Eustace)** - Authorizes establishment of recovery high school alternative education programs
- **S-3242/A-4856 (Vitale, Sweeney/Vainieri Huttie)** - Clarifies best interests of the child should be primary consideration in actions undertaken by State governmental entities and courts of law
- **S-3243/A-4702 (Vitale, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttie, Spencer)** - Provides that if minor appears to have been sexually assaulted, health care professionals in addition to physicians may authorize forensic sexual assault examination and medical care without parental consent
- **S-3247/A-4928 (Ruiz, Pou/Sumter, Wimberly)** - Eliminates cap on cost of SDA district school facilities projects that may be constructed by district and included in capital outlay budget
- **S-3282wGR/A-4850 (Rice, Cunningham/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Expands Police Training Commission membership to include representative from Northern New Jersey and South Jersey Chapters of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- **S-3303/A-4469 (Whelan/Quijano, Mukherji, Jimenez)** - Makes fraudulent use of social security number to collect lottery winnings crime of fourth degree
- **S-3321/A-4927 (Smith, Van Drew, Bateman/Spencer, Rumana)** - Authorizes DEP to require public access to waterfront and adjacent shoreline as condition of waterfront development approvals and CAFRA permits

- **SJR-22/AJR-40 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie)** - Designates January 14 of each year as "Hannah G. Solomon Day"
- **ACS for A-206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060, 3108wGR/S-2663 (Green, Spencer, Gusciora, Johnson, McKeon, Giblin, Wimberly, Mainor, Quijano/Turner, Lesniak, Pou)** - Shortens waiting periods for expungement of criminal and other records and information; makes various changes to other expungement procedures and requirements
- **A-311/S-2426 (Bramnick, Diegnan, Wimberly, Gusciora/Ruiz, T. Kean)** - Requires public schools to weight courses in visual and performing arts equally with other courses worth same number of credits in calculating grade point average
- **ACS for A-428/S-393 (Jimenez, Prieto/Sacco, Sarlo)** - Expands DNA database to include samples from disorderly persons who are fingerprinted and permits law enforcement officers to collect certain biological samples
- **A-801wGR/S-861 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Mazzeo/Vitale, Sacco)** - Directs New Jersey Turnpike Authority and South Jersey Transportation Authority to study and report on potential revenue generating services of rest areas and service plazas
- **A-984/S-1534 (Andrzejczak, Wimberly/Van Drew, Bateman)** - Enhances penalty for tampering with evidence after fleeing the scene of an accident resulting in death
- **A-1455/S-2011 (Diegnan, Mosquera, Caputo, Jasey, Mukherji/Madden, Holzapfel)** - Abigail's Law; requires that newly-manufactured school buses be equipped with sensors
- **A-1462/S-3288 (Diegnan, Wimberly/Gill)** - Requires coin redemption machine operators to disclose fees
- **A-1466 (Diegnan, O'Donnell, Mainor, Garcia)** - Allows for waiver of school bus requirements for mobility assistance vehicle technicians who transport students with medical needs to and from school
- **A-1726wGR/S-308 (Eustace, Lagana, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, Wimberly/Gordon)** - Amends "Flood Hazard Area Control Act" to require DEP to take certain actions concerning delineations of flood hazard areas and floodplains
- **A-1812/S-2717 (Mosquera, Mazzeo, Andrzejczak/Cruz-Perez, Oroho, Jones)** - Extends protections of the new vehicle "lemon law" to new farm tractors purchased or leased in New Jersey
- **A-1958/S-1848 (Allen, Van Drew)** - Concerns exemptions from permits for certain agricultural activities under "Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act"
- **A-2597/S-2161 (Singleton, Diegnan, DiMaio/Ruiz, Beach)** - Provides that beginning with the 2016-2017 grade nine class, Advanced Placement computer science course may satisfy a part of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation
- **A-2839/S-2620 (Burzichelli, Space, Phoebus/Oroho, Turner)** - "New Jersey Rural Microenterprise Act"
- **A-2915/S-2035 (Lagana, McKeon, Ciattarelli/Bateman, Barnes)** - "Uniform Trust Code"

- **A-2943/S-1312 (Andrzejczak, DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Quijano, Danielsen/Van Drew, Allen)** - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for active duty members of United States Armed Forces, Reserve components thereof, and National Guard from New Jersey

- **A-3006/S-3272 (Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, DiMaio, Danielsen/Beach, Turner)** - Establishes procedure for consolidating fire districts

- **A-3019/S-1978 (Singleton, Conaway, Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Garcia, Mosquera/Van Drew, Beach)** - Requires State Employment and Training Commission to prepare annual report on State workforce

- **A-3043/S-1943 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)** - Concerns authority of DOLWD to inspect prevailing wage public work projects

- **A-3044/S-1944 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)**
Requires Commissioner of DOLWD to disseminate certain information to contractors who bid on or perform prevailing wage public work

- **A-3225/S-2333 (Singleton, Ribble, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Jimenez/Sweeney)** - Provides for licensure of chiropractic assistants

- **A-3228/S-2499 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mosquera, Garcia/Turner)** - Requires sober living homes and other substance abuse aftercare treatment facilities to provide certain notifications to next-of-kin when patient is released from care; designated as "Nick Rohdes' Law"
- **A-3257wGR/S-2125 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Burzichelli/Van Drew)** - 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-3276/S-2248 (Mazzeo/Whelan)** - "Mainland Memoriam Act"; directs MVC to create graduated driver's license informational material to be distributed by motor vehicle dealers

- **A-3435wGR/S-2503 (Garcia, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mainor, Eustace, Mosquera/Stack, Gordon)** - "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care

- **A-3850/S-2467 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mazzeo, Pintor Marin, Benson/Turner, Singer)** - Requires BPU to establish procedures allowing electric power and gas supplier customers to switch energy suppliers

- **A-3927/S-2820 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Taliaferro, Dancer/Van Drew, Oroho)** - Requires drivers to slow down before passing slow moving vehicles; establishes Statewide educational campaign on rural roadway safety; updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices

- **A-3955/S-2644 (Conaway, Benson, Vainieri Huttie, Munoz, Sumter, Mukherji/Vitale, Codey)** - Requires development and maintenance of database to advise public about open bed availability in residential substance use disorders treatment facilities

- **A-4098/S-2877 (Pinkin, Sumter, Benson/Codey, Greenstein)** - Prohibits sale or distribution of liquid nicotine except in child-resistant containers

- **A-4105/S-2977 (Garcia, Mainor, Mukherji, O'Donnell, Sumter, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Greenstein, Cunningham)** - Expands scope of law governing registration of security guards; designated as "Detective Vincent Santiago's Law"

- **A-4133/S-2997 (Giblin, Pinkin/Cruz-Perez, Allen)** - Allows dispensation of certain nutritional supplements by physician or podiatric physician

- **A-4275wGR/S-2831 (Prieto, Eustace, Lagana, Greenwald, Quijano, Danielsen, Mukherji/Sweeney, Turner, Sarlo)** - "New Jersey Secure Choice Saving Program Act"; establishes retirement savings program for certain workers

- **A-4386wGR/S-3042 (Coughlin, Pinkin, Vitale, Singer)** - 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-4387/S-3016 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Wimberly/Vitale)** - Requires MVC to allow submission of "Next-of-Kin Registry" information by mail

- **A-4388/S-3041 (Coughlin, Wisniewski/Vitale)** - Designates State Highway 184 in Woodbridge Township as "Bruce Turcotte Memorial Highway"

- **A-4415/S-3279 (Diegnan, Garcia, Pinkin/Turner, Ruiz)** - Establishes State Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of bilingual proficiency

- **A-4420/S-3056 (Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo, Lampitt/Gordon, Greenstein)** - Requires certain notifications for termination of services to persons with developmental disabilities and providers

- **A-4476wGR/S-2876 (Conaway/Codey)** - Requires certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State to be owned by hospital or medical school located in the State

- **A-4719/S-3250 (Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo, Diegnan, Mukherji/Cruz-Perez, Ruiz)** - Extends use of stored driver's license picture for person undergoing chemotherapy or other treatment for certain medical illnesses

- **CC for A-4863/S-3233 (A.M. Bucco, Phoebus, Munoz, Wisniewski, Oliver/A.R. Bucco)** - Requires warning sign to be posted at pontoon boat rental businesses; designated as "Christopher's Law"

- **AJR-112/SJR-86 (Conaway/Weinberg)** - Designates May of each year as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month"

BILLS POCKET VETOED:

- **S-221/A-4155 (Allen, Vitale/Vainieri Huttie, Sumter, Lampitt)** - Prohibits the restraint of prisoners during and immediately after childbirth

- **S-316/A-1739 (Gordon/Eustace, Ciattarelli, Lagana, Gusciora)** - Increases flexibility, clarity, and available tools of optional municipal consolidation process

- **S-564/A-4186 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, McKeon, Spencer, Benson)** - Establishes "Solar Roof Installation Warranty Program" in EDA and transfers \$2 million from societal benefits charge to initially fund program

- **S-602/A-3254 (Codey, Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Angelini, Lampitt, Diegnan, Jasey, Conaway, Moriarty)** - Raises minimum age for purchase and sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices from 19 to 21
- **SCS for S-726, 1257/ACS for A-1405 (Turner, Cruz-Perez, Beach, T. Kean/Lampitt, Egan, Quijano, Sumter, Danielsen)** - Establishes innovation zone program to stimulate technology industry clusters around New Jersey's research institutions; allows certain technology businesses located in certain innovation zones to receive certain tax credits under Grow New Jersey Assistance Program
- **S-1232/A-3314 (Weinberg, Pennacchio/Johnson, Greenwald, Wimberly, Mosquera)** - Establishes Office of State Dental Director and New Jersey Oral Health Commission
- **S-1279/A-2325 (Rice, Van Drew/Spencer, Muoio, Benson, Pintor Marin)** - Makes FY 2016 supplemental Grants-in-Aid appropriation of \$10 million to DCA for Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund
- **S-1414/A-2405 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, Benson, Johnson)** - Concerns low emission and zero emission vehicles; establishes Clean Vehicle Task Force
- **SCS for S-1420/ACS for A-1603 (Beach, Whelan, Smith, Sweeney, Bateman, Thompson/Spencer, Eustace, Quijano, Wimberly)** - Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program
- **S-1436/A-4687 (Rice/Green, Holley)** - Exempts sales to homeowner assistance and recovery programs from realty transfer fees
- **S-1594/A-4044 (Turner/Peterson, Lagana, Rible, Jasey, Wimberly)** - Requires a public school district to provide a daily recess period for students in grades kindergarten through 5
- **S-1961/A-4111 (Codey/McKeon, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Garcia)** - Establishes certain minimum and maximum temperatures in emergency shelters, rooming and boarding houses, and certain nursing homes and residential health care facilities
- **S-2143/ACS for A-1682, 3547 (Van Drew, Singer/Wisniewski, Andrzejczak, Webber)** - Establishes time periods for adverse possession of certain property
- **S-2375/A-3700 (Vitale, Singer/Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttle, Lagana, Sumter, A.M. Bucco)** - Provides for licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care
- **S-2491/A-4069 (Smith/Danielsen, Pinkin, Benson)** - Establishes position of State Oceanographer
- **S-2515/A-3269 (Scutari/Mukherji, Burzichelli, McKeon, Garcia)** - Confers title of Acting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on certain judges of the Superior Court, Appellate Division, temporarily assigned to the Supreme Court
- **SCS for S-2521/ACS for A-3888 (Gill, Allen/Lampitt, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Eustace)** - Establishes Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Council
- **S-2623/A-4849 (Turner/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Requires law enforcement agencies in this State to establish minority recruitment and selection programs; establishes reporting requirement

- **S-2640/A-4026 (Madden, Pou/Lampitt, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie)** - Establishes New Jersey Caregiver Task Force to evaluate and provide recommendations on caregiver support services
- **S-2711/A-4128 (Smith, Whelan/Mazzeo, DeAngelo, Spencer, Singleton, McKeon, Daniels, Johnson)** - Permits BPU to approve qualified wind energy project; requires BPU to provide application periods for those projects
- **S-2716/A-4359 (Ruiz, Turner/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter, Caride)** - Requires that school district's request for permission to use unrecognized position title include list of abolished positions and positions in which there have been layoffs and detailed job descriptions for them
- **S-2769/AS for ACS for A-4197, 4206 (Smith, Bateman/Andrzejczak, McKeon, Spencer, Pintor Marin, Dancer, Vainieri Huttie)** - Implements 2014 constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for certain environmental purposes; revises State's open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs
- **S-2793/A-3962 (Whelan/Vainieri Huttie)** - Increases from 17 to 21 public members of New Jersey State Council on the Arts; requires members to be residents of NJ; imposes specific criteria for four new members initially appointed
- **S-2806/A-4913 (Cunningham, Vitale, Singer/Muoio, Spencer)** - Removes restrictions on convicted drug offenders receiving general assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program
- **S-2878/A-4636 (Stack, Weinberg/Jimenez, Lagana, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Giblin, Moriarty)** - Establishes minimum certified nurse aide-to-resident ratios in nursing homes
- **S-2975/A-4548 (Sarlo, Pou/Wimberly)** - Establishes pilot program in Paterson authorizing non-disclosure of records of certain expungements
- **S-3067/A-4653 (Barnes, Turner/Diegnan, Oliver)** - Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess appropriate endorsement to instructional certificate
- **S-3071/A-4639 (Weinberg, Gordon/Vainieri Huttie, Garcia, Eustace, Johnson)**
Establishes Mike Adler Aphasia Task Force to assess needs of persons with aphasia, and their families, and ensure adequate provision of support services and information thereto
- **S-3201/A-3607 (Barnes, Holzapfel/Dancer, McGuckin, Rible, A.M. Bucco)** - Requires interior light of motor vehicle be turned on when stopped by law enforcement under certain circumstances
- **S-3244/A-2740 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Diegnan, Johnson, Jasey)** - Eliminates school district budget per pupil administrative cost limits
- **S-3249/A-4717 (Weinberg, Codey/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie, Eustace, Garcia)** - Requires firearm retailers to sell personalized handguns
- **S-3277/A-4764 (Cruz-Perez/Burzichelli)** - Expands municipal authority to license and inspect residential rental property
- **S-3299/A-4903 (Sweeney, Singer, Vitale/Burzichelli, Rible, Pintor Marin, Mukherji, Lagana, Vainieri Huttie)** -

Maintains property tax exemption for certain nonprofit hospitals with on-site for-profit medical providers; requires these hospitals to pay community service contributions to host municipalities; establishes Nonprofit Hospital Community Service Contribution Study Commission

- **S-3416/A-4808 (Lesniak, Sarlo/Eustace, Gusciora)** - Prohibits possession, transport, import, export, processing, sale, or shipment of parts and products of certain animal species threatened with extinction
- **SJR-77/A-JR104 (Bateman, Whelan/Ciattarelli, McKeon, Eustace)** - Permits county commissioners of registration and boards of election to conduct "Electronic Poll Book Demonstration Project" in certain districts during 2016 elections; requires Division of Elections review and approval of proposed projects
- **A-431/S-2773 (Jimenez/Singer)** - Requires clinical laboratory that provides services for accountable care organization to establish clinical laboratory testing advisory board
- **A-943/S-2967 (Singleton, Conaway, Moriarty, Green, Lampitt, Mazzeo/Van Drew)** - Permits small businesses to qualify for loans from NJEDA for costs of energy audit and making energy efficiency or conservation improvements
- **A-945/S-2402 (Singleton, Lampitt, Schaer, Wimberly, Garcia/Rice, Turner)** - Establishes New Jersey Council on Responsible Fatherhood and Responsible Fatherhood Fund
- **A-964/S-187 (Singleton, DeAngelo, Quijano, Coughlin, Moriarty/Whelan, Madden)** - Requires certain bidders for prevailing wage public work to provide proof that the prevailing wage will be paid
- **A-986/S-247 (Andrzejczak, Benson, Danielsen, Moriarty/Van Drew, Cunningham)** - Establishes telemarketing fraud investigation unit
- **A-1035/S-2040 (Benson, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Scutari, Cardinale)** - Prohibits health insurance carriers from requiring optometrists to become providers with vision care plans as condition of becoming providers in carriers' panel of providers
- **A-1039/S-2310 (Benson, Prieto, Caride, Quijano/Sacco, Greenstein)** - Sets forth certain standards to be followed by law enforcement agencies and fire departments when utilizing drones
- **A-1431/S-1501 (Caride, Singleton, Jasey/Bateman, Addiego)** - Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility requirements
- **A-1849/S-1766 (Lampitt, Spencer/Rice)** - Prohibits State Board of Education from limiting number of certain two-year college credits that may be applied towards meeting teacher certification requirements
- **A-2026/S-3317 (Greenwald, Pintor Marin/Sweeney, Oroho)** - Realigning the transfer inheritance tax payment due date to coincide with the payment due dates for State and federal estate taxes
- **A-2583 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin)** - Requires development of fact sheet about bedbugs to be posted on the Department of Education's website
- **A-2586/S-1796 (DeAngelo, Quijano, Benson/Greenstein)** - Establishes "Energy Infrastructure Study Commission"

- **A-2925/S-1033 (Lagana, O'Scanlon, Burzichelli, Garcia/Weinberg, Oroho, Van Drew)** - Allows modernization for the form of disbursement for certain State government and local unit payments to individuals and business entities
- **A-3460/S-2191 (Conaway, Pinkin, Sumter, Casagrande, Wimberly/Vitale, Cruz-Perez)** - Requires Medicaid coverage for diabetes self-management education, training, services, and equipment for patients diagnosed with diabetes, gestational diabetes, and pre-diabetes
- **A-3806/S-2493 (Singleton, Dancer, Mosquera, Benson/Sweeney, Weinberg)** - Establishes four-year pilot program in Ocean County for electronic monitoring of certain domestic violence offenders; designated as "Lisa's Law"; appropriates \$2.5 million
- **A-4182/S-1995 (Eustace, Sumter, Wimberly, Danielsen, Jimenez/Bateman, Smith)** - Prohibits firearm possession by persons convicted of carjacking, gang criminality, racketeering and terroristic threats
- **A-4271/S-3036 (Conaway, Benson, Pinkin, Wimberly/Vitale, Greenstein)** - Mandates health benefits coverage for opioid analgesics with abuse-deterrent properties
- **A-4343/S-2888 (Schaer, Prieto, Sumter, Danielsen, Johnson/Turner)** - Requires county and municipal police departments to establish cultural diversity training course and plan
- **A-4384/S-3145 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin, Danielsen, Schaer, Johnson/Whelan)** - Requires BPU to render decision on case within 12 months of final public hearing or hold another public hearing prior to deciding case
- **ACS for A-4576/S-1771 (Johnson, Wimberly, Spencer, Tucker/Turner)** - Requires lowest possible price not exceeding certain cap for inmate telephone calls
- **A-4616/S-2958 (Giblin, DeAngelo, Mukherji/Sweeney)** - Extends by two months seasonal retail consumption alcoholic beverage license
- **A-4652/S-3065 (Benson/Gordon)** - Requires Public Health Counsel to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories
- **A-4763/SS for SCS for S-2973 (McKeon, Spencer, Pinkin/Smith, Bateman, Greenstein, Codey)** - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"
- **A-4772/S-3169 (Burzichelli/Weinberg)** - Permits counties to impose one-percent hotel tax
- **A-4773/S-3146 (Eustace, Garcia, Gusciora/Lesniak)** - Prohibits possession and transport of parts and products of certain animals at PANYNJ airports and port facilities
- **A-4918/S-3301 (Gusciora, S. Kean/Sweeney, Singer)** - Clarifies stadiums and arenas owned by local government entities are exempt from property taxation
- **A-4931/S-3325 (Mazzeo/Sweeney)** - Revises "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act"

• **NO ACTION TAKEN ON BILLS:**

• **A-3981wGR/S-2572 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak/Sweeney, Whelan)** - "Casino Property Taxation Stabilization Act"

• **A-3984wGR/S-2575 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Reallocates casino investment alternative tax to Atlantic City to pay debt service on municipal bonds issued

• **A-3985wGR/S-2576 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Removes provisions of law relating to Atlantic City Alliance

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