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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 298, *approved January 16, 2024*  
Assembly, No. 1729 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning human trafficking and underserved  
2 communities and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. The Attorney General shall <sup>1</sup>**[establish]** allocate and utilize  
8 resources<sup>1</sup> in the <sup>1</sup>**[Division of Criminal Justice in the]**<sup>1</sup>  
9 Department of Law and Public Safety <sup>1</sup>**[a unit to be known as the**  
10 Human Trafficking and Underserved Communities Unit. The  
11 purpose of the unit shall be] to perform functions designed<sup>1</sup> to  
12 address the specific needs and vulnerabilities related to human  
13 trafficking which are experienced by members of underserved  
14 communities, particularly girls and women of color.

15 b. The <sup>1</sup>**[responsibilities of the unit]** functions to be performed  
16 pursuant to subsection a. of this section<sup>1</sup> shall include, but not be  
17 limited to:

18 (1) coordinating with <sup>1</sup>**[the Division of State Police and]** State,<sup>1</sup>  
19 municipal <sup>1, 1</sup> and county law enforcement agencies to investigate  
20 cases related to human trafficking in underserved communities;

21 (2) coordinating with relevant government entities, including,  
22 but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office,  
23 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2007, c.95 (C.52:4B-3.2)  
24 and the Commission on Human Trafficking, established pursuant to  
25 section 1 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), and community-based  
26 organizations to create and administer programs to connect victims  
27 to appropriate and effective information and resources; and

28 (3) collecting and maintaining data related to human trafficking  
29 cases and trends concerning members of underserved communities.  
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31 2. This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>**[on the first day of fourth month**  
32 next following enactment, except that the Attorney General may  
33 take any anticipatory action in advance of that date as shall be  
34 necessary for the implementation of this act] immediately<sup>1</sup>.  
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40 Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved  
communities.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted January 19, 2023.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1729

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman SHANIQUE SPEIGHT**

**District 29 (Essex)**

**Assemblywoman VERLINA REYNOLDS-JACKSON**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Jimenez and Assemblyman McClellan**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires AG to establish Human Trafficking and Underserved Communities Unit.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/10/2022)**

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2 communities and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. The Attorney General shall establish in the Division of  
8 Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety a unit  
9 to be known as the Human Trafficking and Underserved  
10 Communities Unit. The purpose of the unit shall be to address the  
11 specific needs and vulnerabilities related to human trafficking  
12 which are experienced by members of underserved communities,  
13 particularly girls and women of color.

14 b. The responsibilities of the unit shall include, but not be  
15 limited to:

16 (1) coordinating with the Division of State Police and municipal  
17 and county law enforcement agencies to investigate cases related to  
18 human trafficking in underserved communities;

19 (2) coordinating with relevant government entities, including,  
20 but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office,  
21 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2007, c.95 (C.52:4B-3.2)  
22 and the Commission on Human Trafficking, established pursuant to  
23 section 1 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), and community-based  
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25 to appropriate and effective information and resources; and

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30 next following enactment, except that the Attorney General may  
31 take any anticipatory action in advance of that date as shall be  
32 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires the Attorney General to establish a unit to  
38 address human trafficking related to members of underserved  
39 communities.

40 Under the bill, the Attorney General would be required to  
41 establish in the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of  
42 Law and Public Safety a unit to be known as the Human Trafficking  
43 and Underserved Communities Unit. The purpose of the unit would  
44 be to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities related to  
45 human trafficking which are experienced by members of  
46 underserved communities, particularly girls and women of color.

47 The bill provides that the responsibilities of the unit would  
48 include, but not be limited to:

- 1 (1) coordinating with the Division of State Police and municipal  
2 and county law enforcement agencies to investigate cases related to  
3 human trafficking in underserved communities;
- 4 (2) coordinating with relevant government entities, including,  
5 but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office and  
6 the Commission on Human Trafficking), and community-based  
7 organizations to create and administer programs to connect victims  
8 to appropriate and effective information and resources; and
- 9 (3) collecting and maintaining data related to human trafficking  
10 cases and trends concerning members of underserved communities.

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE  
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1729**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 19, 2023

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1729 with committee amendments.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1729 requires the Attorney General to address human trafficking related to members of underserved communities.

Under the amended bill, the Attorney General would be required to allocate and utilize resources in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions designed to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities related to human trafficking which are experienced by members of underserved communities, particularly girls and women of color.

The bill provides that the responsibilities of the unit would include, but not be limited to:

(1) coordinating with the State and municipal and county law enforcement agencies to investigate cases related to human trafficking in underserved communities;

(2) coordinating with relevant government entities, including, but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office and the Commission on Human Trafficking, and community-based organizations to create and administer programs to connect victims to appropriate and effective information and resources; and

(3) collecting and maintaining data related to human trafficking cases and trends concerning members of underserved communities.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to:

1) require the Attorney General to allocate and utilize resources in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions designed to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities related to

human trafficking which are experienced by members of underserved communities, particularly girls and women of color;

2) eliminate the establishment of the Human Trafficking and Underserved Communities Unit in the Division of Criminal Justice;

3) change the effective date to immediately; as introduced the effective date was the first day of the fourth month next following enactment; and

4) make other clarifying and technical changes.

# SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1729**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2023

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1729 (1R).

As reported by the committee, this bill requires the Attorney General to address human trafficking in underserved communities.

Under the bill, the Attorney General is required to allocate and utilize resources in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions designed to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities related to human trafficking which are experienced by members of underserved communities, particularly girls and women of color.

The bill provides that the functions to be performed include, but are not limited to:

(1) coordinating with State, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies to investigate cases related to human trafficking in underserved communities;

(2) coordinating with relevant government entities, including, but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office and the Commission on Human Trafficking, and community-based organizations to create and administer programs to connect victims to appropriate and effective information and resources; and

(3) collecting and maintaining data related to human trafficking cases and trends concerning members of underserved communities.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1729 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3550, which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1729**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1729 (1R).

As reported by the committee, this bill requires the Attorney General to address human trafficking in underserved communities.

Under the bill, the Attorney General is required to allocate and utilize resources in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions designed to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities related to human trafficking which are experienced by members of underserved communities, particularly girls and women of color.

The bill provides that the functions to be performed include, but are not limited to:

(1) coordinating with State, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies to investigate cases related to human trafficking in underserved communities;

(2) coordinating with relevant government entities, including, but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office and the Commission on Human Trafficking, and community-based organizations to create and administer programs to connect victims to appropriate and effective information and resources; and

(3) collecting and maintaining data related to human trafficking cases and trends concerning members of underserved communities.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1729 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3550 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this legislation should not result in an increase in State expenditures as the bill requires the Attorney General to allocate and utilize resources in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions designed to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities of human trafficking victims in underserved communities. Absent information from the department, however, the OLS cannot anticipate the resources the department would allocate.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1729**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
220th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2023

## SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires Attorney General to address human trafficking in underserved communities.
- Type of Impact:** Potential annual State cost increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety.

### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>
<b>Potential State Cost Increase</b>	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this legislation should not result in an increase in State expenditures as the bill requires the Attorney General to allocate and utilize resources in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions designed to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities of human trafficking victims in underserved communities. Absent information from the department, however, the OLS cannot anticipate the resources the department would allocate.

## BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Attorney General to address human trafficking related to members of underserved communities, particularly girls and women of color, by allocating and utilizing resources in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions designed to address specific needs and vulnerabilities.

The bill provides that the responsibilities would include, but not be limited to: (1) coordinating with the State and municipal and county law enforcement agencies to investigate cases related to human trafficking in underserved communities; (2) coordinating with relevant government entities, including, but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office and the Commission on Human Trafficking, and community-based organizations to create and administer

programs to connect victims to appropriate and effective information and resources; and (3) collecting and maintaining data related to human trafficking cases and trends concerning members of underserved communities.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS concludes that this legislation should not result in an increase in State expenditures as the bill requires the Attorney General to address human trafficking related to members of underserved communities, particularly girls and women of color, by allocating and utilizing resources in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions designed to address specific needs and vulnerabilities.

The OLS notes that the current State of New Jersey Human Trafficking Task Force, affiliated with the Attorney General and the Division of Criminal Justice, may add the bill's requirements to the task force's current mission. The current goals of the Human Trafficking Task Force are to: 1) train and assist law enforcement in methods of identifying victims and signs of trafficking to disrupt and interdict this activity; 2) coordinate Statewide efforts in the identification and provision of services to victims of human trafficking; and 3) increase the successful interdiction and prosecution of trafficking of human persons. Depending on the department's resource allocation policies, the added workload may or may not augment State administrative expenditures. Absent information from the Department of Law and Public Safety, however, the OLS cannot anticipate the resources the department would allocate.

**Human Trafficking Background** - Human trafficking is the second-largest criminal industry in the world and is prevalent in every state in the United States. New Jersey is considered particularly vulnerable to the proliferation of human trafficking due to its dense population and location along the I-95 corridor. In 2020 alone, there were 146 reported cases to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in New Jersey. These numbers only reflect cases identified through the hotline and do not include cases identified by hospitals, law enforcement, social service agencies, and others who help survivors directly without reporting.

During a 2022 Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee meeting, a representative from the New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence indicated that women are the most likely to be sex trafficked, accounting for 94 percent of cases. Of those cases, 40 percent were Black, and 24 percent were Latina. During the same meeting, a representative from the Department of Law and Public Safety who works with a human trafficking task force out of the State Attorney General's Office indicated that roughly 100 human trafficking cases had been prosecuted in New Jersey from 2017-2022.

*Section:* Law and Public Safety

*Analyst:* Kristin Brunner Santos  
Lead Fiscal Analyst

*Approved:* Thomas Koenig  
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

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

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

# SENATE, No. 3550

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 2, 2023

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN**  
**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Stanfield**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/23/2023)

1 AN ACT concerning human trafficking and underserved  
2 communities and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
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7 1. a. The Attorney General shall allocate and utilize resources  
8 in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions  
9 designed to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities related to  
10 human trafficking which are experienced by members of  
11 underserved communities, particularly girls and women of color.

12 b. The functions to be performed pursuant to subsection a. of  
13 this section shall include, but not be limited to:

14 (1) coordinating with the State, municipal, and county law  
15 enforcement agencies to investigate cases related to human  
16 trafficking in underserved communities;

17 (2) coordinating with relevant government entities, including,  
18 but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office,  
19 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2007, c.95 (C.52:4B-3.2)  
20 and the Commission on Human Trafficking, established pursuant to  
21 section 1 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), and community-based  
22 organizations to create and administer programs to connect victims  
23 to appropriate and effective information and resources; and

24 (3) collecting and maintaining data related to human trafficking  
25 cases and trends concerning members of underserved communities.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires the Attorney General to address human  
33 trafficking related to members of underserved communities.

34 Under the bill, the Attorney General would be required to  
35 allocate and utilize resources in the Department of Law and Public  
36 Safety to perform functions designed to address the specific needs  
37 and vulnerabilities related to human trafficking which are  
38 experienced by members of underserved communities, particularly  
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# SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 3550**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2023

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3550.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill requires the Attorney General to address human trafficking in underserved communities.

Under the amended bill, the Attorney General is required to allocate and utilize resources in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions designed to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities related to human trafficking which are experienced by members of underserved communities, particularly girls and women of color.

The amended bill provides that the functions to be performed include, but are not limited to:

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As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3550 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1729 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this date.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to make a technical change.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 3550**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2023

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# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## SENATE, No. 3550 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 18, 2023

### SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities.
- Type of Impact:** Potential annual State cost increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>
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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

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# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/16/2024

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**SCS for S-281/ACS for A-3791 (Greenstein, Turner/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – w/STATEMENT** - Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses

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**S-539wGR/A-2140 (Ruiz, Pou/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mosquera)** - Permits online purchase of eligible foods using WIC funds and use of WIC funds for grocery delivery charges

**S-659/A-2014 (Oroho, Greenstein/Conaway, Wirths, Umba)** - “Manufacturing in Higher Education Act”; requires various State entities to promote manufacturing career pathways for students and provides assistance to manufacturing industry

**S-1110/A-3936 (Polistina, Singleton/Guardian, Swift, McClellan)** - Authorizes CRDA to finance transportation projects between Atlantic City Airport and Atlantic City Tourism District

**S-1662/A-3526 (Ruiz, Codey/Lampitt, Benson, Saucikie)** - Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in public schools

**S-1680wGR/A-2257 (Pou, Ruiz/Murphy, Quijano, Wimberly)** - Designates each community college in State as provider of allowable services under SNAP employment and training program

**S-2076/ACS for A-3319 (Zwicker, Greenstein/McKnight, Lampitt)** - Establishes “Twelfth Grade Postsecondary Transition Year Pilot Program” in Department of Education

**S-2535wGR/A-4048 (Polistina, Pou/Benson, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter)** - Requires health benefits coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants

**S-2841/A-4292 (Scutari, Bramnick/Carter)** - Raises minimum amount of liability coverage for commercial motor vehicles and autocabs

**SCS for S-3080/ACS for-398 (Ruiz, Burgess/Caputo, Giblin, Tucker)** - Establishes position of Youth Disconnection Prevention and Recovery Ombudsperson; establishes “School Disconnection Prevention Task Force”; appropriates \$200,000

**S-3102/A-4715 (Smith, Singleton/Stanley, Benson)** - Establishes uptime requirement for electric vehicle charging station incentive programs

**S-3176/A-4760 (Greenstein, Smith/Swain, Haider, Tully)** - Requires DEP and Drinking Water Quality Institute to perform study concerning regulation and treatment of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

**SCS for S-3632 and 3649w/GR/ACS for A-1948 (Johnson, Cryan/Haider, Conaway, Quijano)** - Requires labeling of non-flushable disposable wipes

**S-3758/A-5343 (Cryan/Karabinchak)** - Changes deadline for unaffiliated mail-in voters to declare their political party before primary election

**S-3837/A-5438 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Pintor Marin, Wimberly)** - Clarifies process for administrative appropriations to UEZs

**S-3897/A-5578 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Jasey, Carter, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Authorizes Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award annual summer tuition aid grants

**S-4040/A-5881 (Polistina, Lagana/Tully, Guardian, Swift)** - Concerns jurisdiction and operations of regional municipal courts

**S-4084/A-5851 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Moriarty, Calabrese, Moen)** - Concerns temporary registration certificates and license plates

**S-4130/A-5849 (Codey/Jasey, Tucker)** - Special legislation to change name of “Township of South Orange Village” to “South Orange Village”; changes titles of certain municipal officials; permits nonpartisan municipal elections to be moved to November; permits stipend for governing body members

**S-4206/A-5856 (Sarlo/Calabrese)** - Changes number of signatures required on primary election petition to nominate certain municipal candidates in certain municipalities

**S-4209/A-5879 (Sarlo/Pintor Marin)** - Eliminates vote on school budgets for Type II school districts in April elections, except for separate proposals to spend above cap

**S-4268/A-5911 (Scutari/Danielsen)** - Permits certain special State officers to represent cannabis businesses

**A-203/S-2884 (Rooney, Benson, Caputo/A.M. Bucco)** - Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating horse as State animal

**A-1100/S-995 (Calabrese, Mukherji, McKnight/Ruiz, Stack)** - Requires entities to remove abandoned lines and mark information on certain lines

**A-1107/S-770 (Chaparro, Murphy, Mukherji/Pou, Beach)** - Directs Chief Technology Officer to conduct study on impacts of redacting handwritten signatures published on State websites; allows for protocols for such redactions to be established by rules and regulations

**ACS for A-1255/SS for S-1794 (Stanley, Conaway, Benson/Gopal, Singer)** - Updates requirements and standards for authorization and prior authorization of health care services

**A-1727/S-3300 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Stanfield, Ruiz)** - Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain circumstances

**A-1729/S-3550 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, McKnight/Greenstein, Ruiz)** - Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities

**A-1755/S-2505 (McKeon, Calabrese, Conaway/Smith, Greenstein)** - Requires installation of operational automatic rain sensor or smart sprinkler as condition of sale of certain real properties, and on certain commercial, retail, and industrial properties and common interest communities within specified timeframes

**A-2146wGR/S-855 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Sumter/Singleton, Beach)** - Creates State business assistance program to establish contracting agency procurement goals for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises

**A-2581/S-2503 (Lampitt, Park/Beach)** - Provides that certain cosmetology and hairstyling courses may be taught using distance learning technology

**A-3142/S-1564 (Moen, Moriarty, Benson/Singleton, Corrado)** - Authorizes grants to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans

**A-3211/S-2302 (Speight, Haider, Swain/Gopal, Ruiz)** - Establishes “New Jersey Feminine Hygiene Products for the Homeless Act”

**A-3980/S-2706 (Speight, McKnight, Atkins/Zwicker, Turner)** - Grants child placed in resource family care and resource family parents the right to be notified when case manager or supervisor is assigned to child; grants child in resource family care right to be notified of certain property and benefits

**A-4033wGR/S-2657 (Coughlin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Ruiz)** - Extends deadline for completion of school district’s annual audit

**A-4049/S-3495 (McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Benson/Vitale, Johnson)** - Provides for presumptive eligibility for home and community-based services and services provided through program of all-inclusive care for the elderly under Medicaid

**A-4105/S-4202 (Lopez, Jimenez, Quijano/Vitale, Turner)** - Establishes Interagency Council on Homelessness

**A-4183/S-4264 (Haider/Singleton)** - Concerns local unit filing requirement for certain shared services agreements

**A-4212/S-2762 (Pintor Marin, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Ruiz, Cunningham)** - Establishes Center for Career Relevant Education and Talent Evaluation of New Jersey at Thomas Edison State University

**A-4337/S-4156 (Conaway, Atkins, Rooney/Singleton, Pou)** - Requires Department of Health to provide information to Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system regarding the location of safe disposal sites for hypodermic syringes and needles and prescription drugs

**ACS for A-4496/SCS for S-3247 (Coughlin, Lampitt, Karabinchak, Wimberly/Zwicker, Greenstein)** - Revises various provisions of law governing construction of school facilities projects and operations of New Jersey Schools Development Authority; establishes "Charter School and Renaissance School Project Facilities Loan Program" in EDA

**A-4522/S-3234 (Moen, McKnight, Quijano/Singer, Singleton)** - Requires certain disclosures by sellers of single-family homes with solar panels installed

**A-4691/S-1530 (Swain, DeAngelo, Speight/Greenstein, Zwicker)** - Requires hazard mitigation plans to include climate change-related threat assessments and hazard prevention and mitigation strategies

**A-4723/S-2740 (McKeon, Moriarty, Rooney/Codey, Scutari)** - Requires motor vehicle dealer to offer to delete personal information in motor vehicles in certain situations

**A-4791/S-3184 (Kennedy, Haider, McKeon/Diegnan, Sarlo)** - Establishes "Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge Program"

**ACS for A-4794/S-3224 (Benson, Mukherji/Singleton, Turner)** - Requires request for proposal to establish demonstration projects to develop electric vehicle charging depots serviced by distributed energy resource charging centers for certain electric vehicle use

**A-4814/S-1023 (Moen, Wimberly/Singleton, Gopal)** - Removes expected family contribution from calculation of financial need under circumstances in which public institutions of higher education may reduce student's institutional financial aid

**ACS for A-4821 and 4823wGR/S-3283 (Karabinchak, Conaway, Schaer/Greenstein, Zwicker)** - Directs DEP to take certain actions concerning identification and testing of microplastics in drinking water, and requires DEP and BPU to study and promote use of microplastics removal technologies

**A-4955/S-3531 (S. Kean, Thomson/Singer, Gopal)** - Designates portion of State Highway Route 71 as "John Tarantino Highway"

**A-5094/S-3476 (Spearman/Beach, Greenstein)** - Concerns licensing of security officer companies

**A-5227/S-3662 (Danielsen, Space/Smith, Oroho)** - Expands eligibility for "fishing buddy license" fee

**A-5285/SCS for S-3708 (Greenwald, Haider, Lopez/Greenstein, A.M. Bucco)** - Requires copies of certain law enforcement records to be provided to victims of domestic violence upon request

**A-5293/S-3746 (Greenwald, McKnight, Rooney/Gopal, Ruiz)** - Concerns New Jersey Civic Information Consortium

**A-5311/S-3061 (Verrelli, McKnight, Matsikoudis/Stanfield, Turner)** - Enters New Jersey into Counseling Compact

**A-5391/S-3765 (DeAngelo/Diegnan, Corrado)** - Imposes conditions on drivers approaching disabled vehicles

**A-5412/S-3850 (Greenwald, Swain, Jasey/Gopal, Singer)** - Establishes nonpublic school transportation program to provide funding to consortiums of nonpublic schools that will assume responsibility for mandated nonpublic school busing

**A-5416wGR/S-3883 (Wimberly, Giblin, Haider/Greenstein, Turner)** - Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts

**A-5442/S-3793 (Karabinchak, Conaway, McKeon/Smith, Greenstein)** - Directs BPU to conduct study to determine feasibility, marketability, and costs of implementing large-scale geothermal heat pump systems in State

**A-5462/S-3867 (Coughlin, McKnight, Speight/Vitale, Turner)** - Revises law establishing Office of Food Security Advocate, and establishes certain conditions for use of monies appropriated to emergency food organizations

**ACS for A-5495/SCS for S-3846 (Danielsen/Scutari, A.M. Bucco)** - Clarifies types of firearms allowed to be carried or transported while hunting

**A-5516/S-4047 (Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli, Conaway/Burgess, Turner)** - Requires certain health care professionals to undergo bias training

**A-5565/S-3971 (S. Kean, Thomson/Gopal)** - Provides that 10-year term does not apply to lease of certain municipal properties unless they are waterfront properties or related to waterfront concessions

**A-5567/S-3807 (Torrissi, Calabrese/A.M. Bucco, Sarlo)** - Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons

**A-5582/S-3781 (Swain, Simonsen/Lagana, Cryan)** - Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation

**A-5610wGR/S-3954 (Greenwald, Spearman, Chaparro/Beach, A.M. Bucco)** - Revises penalties for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons

**A-5748/S-4166 (Spearman, Moen, Moriarty/Cruz-Perez, Madden)** - Amends definition of "participating county" under County Option Hospital Fee Program

**A-5755/S-4183 (Carter, Sumter, Wimberly, Quijano/Scutari, Singleton)** - Enhances notice requirements and occupancy restrictions for hotels and multiple dwellings following determination of potentially hazardous condition

**A-5799/S-1472 (Moen, Moriarty/Beach, Stack)** - Authorizes DOT to establish and administer toll collection and enforcement system on behalf of NJ toll authorities and to enter into reciprocal agreements for enforcement of toll violations with toll authorities from other states

**A-5806/S-4165 (Moriarty, Sauickie/Greenstein, Oroho)** - Appropriates \$48 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

**A-5807/S-4138 (Freiman/Johnson, Schepisi)** - Appropriates \$58 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

**A-5808/S-4135 (Park, Freiman, Lopez/Beach, Turner)** - Appropriates \$15,564,293 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

**A-5809/S-4097 (Swain, Lopez, Sauickie/Zwicker, Gopal)** - Amends lists of projects eligible to receive loans for environmental infrastructure projects from NJ Infrastructure Bank for FY 2024

**A-5810/S-4098 (Sampson, Sauickie, Lopez/Greenstein, Stanfield)** - Amends lists of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding by DEP under FY 2024 environmental infrastructure funding program

**A-5828/S-4201 (Lopez/Vitale)** - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell as surplus certain real property and improvements in Township of Woodbridge in Middlesex County

**A-5835/S-4134 (Greenwald, Lampitt/Beach, Turner)** - Authorizes regional authority to develop and operate regional rehabilitation and reentry center

**A-5836/S-4212 (DeAngelo, Sumter, Wimberly/Gopal, Greenstein)** - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$650,000 to New Jersey Division of State Police for trooper recruitment and retention

**A-5910/S-4266 (Egan/Codey)** - Increases annual salary of certain public employees and officers

**AJR-200/SJR-138 (Park, Freiman, Calabrese/Lagana)** - Designates November 22 of each year as Kimchi Day

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

**S-2989/A-1739 (Pou, Singer/McKeon, Quijano, Flynn)** - Makes certain for-profit debt adjusters eligible for licensing to conduct business in State

**S-3172/A-4689 (Gopal, Turner/Lampitt, Matsikoudis, McKnight)** - Establishes teacher certification route for candidates with Montessori teaching credentials

- S-3287/ACS for A-4852 and 1170 (Turner/Reynolds-Jackson, Jasey, Dunn, Wimberly, Calabrese, Spearman, Verrilli)** - Requires institutions of higher education to maintain supply and develop policy governing use of naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray for opioid overdose emergencies
- A-1476/S-930 (Benson, Dancer/Holzapfel, Diegnan)** - Exempts certain motor vehicles that are owned by certain nutrition programs and certain nonprofit organizations that offer social services from motor vehicle registration fees
- A-3642/S-665 (Wirhths, Murphy, Benson, Oroho/Greenstein)** - Requires MVC to place designation on motor vehicle's registration information indicating registrant is deaf
- A-3945/S-1660 (Quijano, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter/Ruiz, Singleton)** - Establishes "Male Teachers of Color Mentorship Pilot Program"; appropriates \$95,000
- A-4177/S-2478 (Mosquera, Swain, McKnight, Tucker, Dunn/Ruiz, Vitale)** - Extends duration of law requiring certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment
- A-4396/S-2927 (Lampitt, Jasey, Caputo/Codey)** - Establishes timelines for review and approval by Commissioner of Education of annual certified audits submitted by approved private schools for students with disabilities
- A-4621/S-3156 (Mosquera, Greenwald, Swain/Madden)** - Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.
- A-4740/S-2970 (Mukherji, DeAngelo, McKnight/Cruz-Perez, Turner)** - Provides employee access to employee's employment records on file with DOLWD
- A-5294/S-1825 (Greenwald, Swain, Rooney/Steinhardt, Sarlo, Doherty)** - Exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax
- A-5893/S-4228 (Karabinchak, Calabrese, Sauckie/Gopal, Sarlo)** - Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029