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Legislative Committee February 9, 2023

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there were 46 new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills are at 9,056 for this session. I added three new bills to our tracking lists this week, A-5136, establishes First Responders COVID-19 Supplemental Benefits Program; appropriates \$20 million. This bill was introduced this week, and was referred to the Assembly Law & Public Safety Committee. Also added were S-3405 & A-5081, these are the Volunteer Cancer Screening Bills which mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters. Both bills were introduced last month and referred to committee meetings. The total number of our tracked bills is now at 145, with 105 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 42 bills in Pensions. There are currently thirteen bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 165 bills to date.

There are Assembly and Senate Committee Meetings for today, with S-3405 Volunteer Cancer Screening listed to be heard in the Senate Community & Urban Affairs Committee today. There will be Assembly & Senate Committee Meetings for Monday, February 13, 2023, but none of our tracked bills are listed on any of those meetings. There is a Senate and Assembly Quorum call for Thursday, February 16, 2023, but they have not posted the list of committees or bills yet for that session.

President Ordway, Vice President Hankins, and I attended the Senate Community & Urban Affairs Committee in Trenton this morning. S-3405 was released by committee with amendments. I have included a copy of the bill verbiage as proposed with the amendments. This is still something we need to work on, but it is a very good start. Any questions with this, don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bill Number ★ A5136 of 2022-2023 Session

Summary Establishes First Responders COVID-19 Supplemental Benefits Program; appropriates \$20 million.

Sponsors Speight (D29)

Subjects Health-Disease • Health-Emergency Medical Services

Status 02/06/2023 - Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

Scheduled Not Scheduled

Progress 1st House: I C 2R P — 2nd House: C 2R P — G PL

History 02/06/2023 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

Meetings None

News None

Bill Text 02/07/2023 - Introduced (7 pages)

Votes None

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Bill Number ★ S3405 of 2022-2023 Session

Summary Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters; increases tax on fire insurance premiums.

Sponsors Gopal (D11) • Greenstein (D14)

Subjects Health • Public Safety-Firefighters

Related ★ 2022:A5081

Status 12/19/2022 – Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

Scheduled 02/09/2023 – Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 1, Annex. (Revised 02/06/2023)

Progress 1st House: I C 2R P — 2nd House: C 2R P — G PL

History 12/19/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

Meetings 02/02/2023 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 02/09/2023
02/06/2023 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 02/09/2023 (Revised)

News None

Bill Text 12/20/2022 – Introduced (4 pages)

Votes None

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Bill Number ★ A5081 of 2022-2023 Session

Summary Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters; increases tax on fire insurance premiums.

Sponsors Stanley (D18)

Subjects Health • Public Safety-Firefighters

Related ★ 2022:S3405

Status 01/19/2023 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

Scheduled Not Scheduled

Progress 1st House: I C 2R P — 2nd House: C 2R P — G PL

History 01/19/2023 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

Meetings None

News None

Bill Text 01/20/2023 – Introduced (4 pages)

Votes None

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Thursday, February 9, 2023

Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Budget Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Judiciary Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Labor Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Special Committee on Infrastructure and Natural Resources, Not Meeting.

Assembly State and Local Government Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Women and Children Committee, Not Meeting.

Senate Education Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly, 10:00a Group C Committees; Quorum; 2:00p Group D Committees.

Assembly Education Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex.

For discussion only: A-4639

Senate, 10:00a Group 1 Committees; 12:00p Quorum Call.

Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 1, Annex. (Revised 02/06/2023)

For discussion only: S-3498

- ★ **S3405** Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters; increases tax on fire insurance premiums.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services*

Senate Labor Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex.

Senate Transportation Committee, 11:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 10, Annex.

Assembly Human Services Committee, 1:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex.

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SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AMENDMENTS

to

SENATE, No. 3405

(Sponsored by Senators GOPAL and GREENSTEIN)

REPLACE TITLE TO READ:

AN ACT mandating access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters **1L** and¹ supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes **1L**, and amending R.S.54:18-8¹.

REPLACE SECTION 1 TO READ:

1. **1**[(New section)]¹ a. A volunteer firefighter serving in this State shall be allowed to be reimbursed for a cancer screening examination conducted by a physician, which would not otherwise be covered by the volunteer firefighter's health insurance, not less than five years after the start of service as volunteer firefighter and every three years thereafter during the course of the firefighter's volunteer service. The examination shall include screening for, at a minimum and when applicable, the following cancers:

- (1) colon;
- (2) lung;
- (3) bladder;
- (4) oral;
- (5) thyroid;
- (6) skin;
- (7) blood;
- (8) breast;
- (9) cervical;
- (10) testicular; and
- (11) prostate.

b. Subsection a. of this section shall apply to a volunteer firefighter as occupational coverage. For the purpose of this subsection, serving as a volunteer firefighter shall be a pre-existing condition.

c. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2023 and for each year thereafter, a volunteer firefighter shall be eligible for reimbursement from the State for the cost of any examination provided pursuant to this section; provided, however, at no time shall the cost being reimbursed to the volunteer firefighter for the full examination required under subsection a. of this section exceed \$1,250 per three-year period, which

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shall be accordingly adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Medical Care.

No ¹~~co-payment~~ copayment¹, deductible, coinsurance, or out-of-pocket expense shall be required for such examinations.

A volunteer firefighter shall provide adequate records, consistent with guidance developed by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, to facilitate the reimbursement authorized pursuant to this subsection.

For the purpose of this subsection, serving as a volunteer firefighter shall be a pre-existing condition. There shall be an appropriation from the State General Fund in each annual appropriations act of such funds as necessary for the purposes of this section. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs shall annually submit a request for an appropriation in an amount necessary to provide the reimbursements required pursuant to this section.

¹~~d.~~ There is established a nonlapsing, revolving fund in the Department of Community Affairs, which shall be the repository for monies appropriated pursuant to subsection c. of this section and revenue collected pursuant to R.S.54:18-8. The purpose of the fund is to provide reimbursement to a volunteer firefighter serving in this State for costs associated to implementing this section.]¹

OMIT SECTION 2 IN ITS ENTIRETY

RENUMBER SECTION 3 AS SECTION 2

REPLACE SYNOPSIS TO READ:

Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters.

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