

# ***NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION***

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## **Legislative Committee** **May 11, 2023**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there have been 96 new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills is now at 9,626 for this session. I added four new bills to our track lists, two of them are brand new bills and two of them are related to other bills that we are already tracking (see attached). The total number of our tracked bills is still at 164, with 118 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 46 bills in Pensions. There are currently twelve bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 216 bills to date. One of our tracked bills is still sitting on the Governor's Desk waiting to be signed, S-3090, provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS.

There is an Assembly State and Local Government Committee meeting on the schedule for this afternoon, with one of our tracked bills listed to be heard (A-5275, allows municipality to determine if newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits). There is also a Senate Environment and Energy Committee meeting on the schedule for Monday, May 15, 2023, with one of our tracked bills listed to be heard (S-861, allows municipalities to conduct annual event for open burning of Christmas trees).

The annual Legislative meeting is set for **Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm via Zoom**. I forwarded the link for the zoom meeting yesterday to everyone. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for all Legislative Committee Members. I also attached a copy of the agenda for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



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## Bill Research Report

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**Bill:** **A5377**  
**Sponsors:** Chaparro (D33); Jimenez (D32)  
**Summary:** Designates "First Responders and Elected Officials Memorial Flag" as State's official flag for recognizing current and former first responders and elected officials who have died.  
**Subjects:** Health-Emergency Medical Services; State Government  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 05/08/2023 - Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee  
**History:** 05/08/2023—Introduced and referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

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**Bill:** **A5460**  
**Sponsors:** Freiman (D16)  
**Summary:** Allows municipalities to conduct annual event for open burning of Christmas trees.  
**Subjects:** Local Government-Municipalities  
**Related:** 2022:S861  
**Progress:** Proposed for introduction  
**Status:** 05/08/2023 - Proposed for introduction  
**History:** 05/08/2023—Proposed for introduction.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

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**Bill:** **S3807**  
**Sponsors:** Bucco (R25)  
**Summary:** Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons.  
**Subjects:** Motor Vehicles; Public Safety-Firefighters  
**Progress:** Proposed for introduction  
**Status:** 05/08/2023 - Proposed for introduction  
**History:** 05/08/2023—Proposed for introduction.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

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**Bill:** **S3830**  
**Sponsors:** Cryan (D20)  
**Summary:** Provides for retained eligibility for members of NJ National Guard or reserve component called to active federal military service who met fire department maximum age requirement at closing date of civil service examination.  
**Subjects:** Civil Service; Public Safety-Firefighters; Veterans And Military  
**Related:** 2022:A119; 2020:A141; 2018:A3590; 2016:A4978  
**Progress:** Proposed for introduction  
**Status:** 05/08/2023 - Proposed for introduction  
**History:** 05/08/2023—Proposed for introduction.  
**Tracking:** [Pensions](#)



Thursday, May 11, 2023

*Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee, Not Meeting.*

*Assembly Budget Committee, Not Meeting.*

*Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee, Not Meeting.*

*Assembly Human Services Committee, Not Meeting.*

*Assembly Labor Committee, Not Meeting.*

*Assembly Special Committee on Infrastructure and Natural Resources, 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.**

**Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 13, Annex.**

The committee will receive testimony from invited guests on the mental health and treatment of veterans for post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and substance abuse.

**Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex.**

**Assembly Women and Children Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 14, Annex.**

**Senate, 10:00a Group 2 Committees; 12:00p Quorum Call.**

**Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, 1:00p, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, Annex.**

**Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, 1:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex.**

For discussion only: S-3737

**Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, 1:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 1, Annex.**

**Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 15, Annex.**

**Assembly State and Local Government Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 13, Annex.**

- ★ A5275 Allows municipality to determine if newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits.

**Tracking:** *Fire & Emergency Services*



**Monday, May 15, 2023**

*Senate Economic Growth Committee, Not Meeting.*

*Senate Higher Education Committee, Not Meeting.*

**Assembly Budget Committee, 10:00a Department of Law and Public Safety; 1:00p Department of Children and Families, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex.**

Public Hearing on the FY 2024 State Budget.

**Senate, 10:00a Group 3 Committees; 12:00p Quorum Call.**

**Senate Environment and Energy Committee, 10:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 10, Annex.**

★ S861 Allows municipalities to conduct annual event for open burning of Christmas trees.

**Tracking:** *Fire & Emergency Services*

**Senate Commerce Committee, 11:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex. (Revised 05/10/2023)**

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## Agenda for the Annual Legislative Committee Meeting

Call the Meeting to Order: 7:00 pm

Flag Salute led by Vice President Joseph Hankins

Roll Call

Introduction of Executive Board and Guests

Chairman's Comments

Voting for all bills, noting positions of the bills in Support, Oppose, or No Action (see List)

Old Business

New Business

President's Report

Open to the Floor

Adjournment