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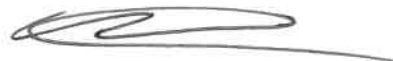
May 25, 2023

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there have been 68 new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills is now at 9,767 for this session. I had two new bills to our tracking list, Fire & Emergency Services, S-3901, requires school districts to award students high school graduation credits in health, safety, and physical education for completing county fire academy course under certain circumstances, and S-3904, extends pension eligibility for survivors of certain emergency services volunteers who contracted COVID-19 during 2020 public health emergency declared by Governor. S-3904 was the draft bill we discussed during the Legislative Committee Meeting last week. The total number of our tracked bills stayed the same 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 221 bills to date.

On Monday two of our bills had action during the Senate Voting Session. S-3090, provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS. The Senate adopted the Governor's Recommendations after his conditional veto, it passed 36-0 and was sent for a Second Reading in the Senate. S-2712, prohibits the sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The Senate heard the bill, and it was sent for a Second Reading in the Senate.

There is an Assembly Voting Session this afternoon at 1 pm. One of our bills is listed to be voted on, 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 a bunch of Senate Committee Meetings listed for Thursday, June 1, 2023, but they have not posted the list of bills as of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bills Introduced or Proposed on 05/22/2023

Bill: S3901
Sponsors: Pennacchio (R26)
Summary: Requires school districts to award students high school graduation credits in health, safety, and physical education for completing county fire academy course under certain circumstances.
Subjects: Education
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 05/22/2023 - Proposed for introduction
History: 05/22/2023—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S3904
Sponsors: Holzapfel (R10)
Summary: Extends pension eligibility for survivors of certain emergency services volunteers who contracted COVID-19 during 2020 public health emergency declared by Governor.
Subjects: Health-Disease; Health-Emergency Medical Services; Pensions
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 05/22/2023 - Proposed for introduction
History: 05/22/2023—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bills With Date of Action 05/22/2023

Bill:	S2712 SaSa (2R)
Sponsors:	Singleton (D7); Greenstein (D14)
Summary:	Prohibits sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
Subjects:	Environment-Hazardous And Toxic Substances; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related:	2022:A4125
Progress:	1st House: 2nd Reading
Status:	05/22/2023 - 2nd reading in the Senate
History:	05/26/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee. 12/15/2022—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. 03/20/2023—Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz). 05/22/2023—Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz).
Tracking:	<u>Fire & Emergency Services</u>

Bill:	S3090 w/GR (1R)
Sponsors:	Gopal (D11); Lagana (D38); DeAngelo (D14); Murphy (D7); Atkins (D20) +7
Summary:	Provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS.
Subjects:	Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related:	2022:A4498
Progress:	Governor
Status:	05/22/2023 - 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Governor's recommendations
History:	09/29/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee. 03/16/2023—Transferred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. 03/20/2023—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Emergency resolution 36-0 (Gopal). Passed in Senate 36-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee. 03/23/2023—Transferred to Assembly Appropriations Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly. 03/30/2023—Substituted for A-4498. Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 72-0-2. 05/15/2023—Governor's conditional veto rcvd in Senate. 05/22/2023—2nd reading in Senate to concur with Governor's recommendations 36-0.
Tracking:	<u>Pensions</u>



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LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SERVICE

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Assembly, 11:00a Caucus; 1:00p Voting session. (Revised 05/23/2023)

Assemblywoman-select Jacqueline S. Yustein will be sworn in.

- ★ **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*

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