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Legislative Committee

August 31, 2023

To all members of the Legislative Committee, the summer break in the Legislature is almost complete and I figured I would share some updates. There have been no new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills stayed the same at 10,177 for this session. I added one new bill to our tracking lists after going over the most recent updates in the past two months. A-5721, permits surviving spouse of retired member of PFRS to be enrolled in SHBP and to continue to receive pension benefit after remarriage in certain circumstances, has been added into Pensions. The total number of our tracked bills is now 180, with 132 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 48 bills in Pensions. There are currently forty-nine bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 318 bills to date. Two of our bills are currently sitting on The Governor's Desk (A-5179 & S-861). The Governor has signed one of our tracked bills since the last report, A-5275, allows the municipality to determine if a newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits. As soon as they post the official verbiage for the bill, I will share it with everyone.

There is nothing on the schedule for next month yet, however, as soon as they the schedule for September, I will share it with everyone.

I thank everyone for their attendance at their county caucus meetings and remind everyone of the schedule for the Convention. If anyone has any issues or needs to make any changes to the schedule, please let me know as soon as possible.

I just want to take a moment to thank Sussex County Legislative Committeeman, Charles McMickle for his service to this committee as he has been an active member since 1999. He will be stepping down from the committee as of September 1st and Mr. Wesley Suckey will be taking over for him.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bill Number ★ **A5721 of 2022-2023 Session**

Summary Permits surviving spouse of retired member of PFRS to be enrolled in SHBP and to continue to receive pension benefit after remarriage in certain circumstances.

Sponsors Sauickie (R12)

Subjects Pensions-Police And Firefighters

Status 06/30/2023 – **Proposed for introduction**

Scheduled Not Scheduled

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

History None

Meetings None

News None

Bill Text None

Votes None

Tracking **List – Pensions** [[Edit](#) | [Delete](#)]

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Bill Number ★ **A5275 Sca (1R) of 2022-2023 Session**

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

Sponsors Benson (D14) • Atkins (D20) • Greenstein (D14) • Turner (D15) +2

Cosponsors DeAngelo (D14) • Verrelli (D15)

Subjects Local Government-Municipalities • Public Safety-Firefighters

Related ★ 2022:S3671

Status 08/28/2023 – Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor

Scheduled Not Scheduled

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

History

- 02/28/2023 – Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee
- 05/11/2023 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly
- 05/25/2023 – Passed in Assembly 74-0-0
- 06/01/2023 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
- 06/01/2023 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate
- 06/20/2023 – Substituted for S3671 (1R)
- 06/20/2023 – Passed in Senate 37-0
- 06/22/2023 – Received in Assembly, 2nd reading in Assembly to concur with Senate amendments
- 06/30/2023 – Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 76-0-0
- 08/28/2023 – Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.151

Meetings

- 05/05/2023 – ASL: Committee Meeting On 05/11/2023
- 05/19/2023 – Assembly: Board List For 05/25/2023
- 05/31/2023 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 06/01/2023 (2nd Revised)
- 06/15/2023 – Senate: Board List For 06/20/2023
- 06/19/2023 – Senate: Board List For 06/20/2023 (Revised)
- 06/23/2023 – Assembly: Board List For 06/30/2023
- 06/29/2023 – Assembly: Board List For 06/30/2023 (Revised)

News

- 08/28/2023 – Governor: Schedule For 08/28/2023
- 08/28/2023 – Governor: Scutari Signs Firefighters Chaplain Bill Into Law

Bill Text

- 02/28/2023 – Introduced (3 pages)
- 05/12/2023 – Statement ASL 5/11/23 (1 page)
- 06/02/2023 – Reprint (1R) SCU 6/1/23 1R (2 pages)
- 06/02/2023 – Statement SCU 6/1/23 (1 page)

Votes

- 05/25/2023 – Assembly 3rd Reading/Final Passage 74-0-0
- 06/20/2023 – Senate 3rd Reading/Final Passage 37-0-0
- 06/30/2023 – Assembly Concur in Senate Amendments 76-0-0

Tracking List – Fire & Emergency Services [Edit | Delete]

Position – Support

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