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Legislative Committee October 6, 2022

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there were no new bills introduced since last week. The total number of bills are at 8,334 for this new session. I added one new bill to our tracking lists under pensions, A-4641, requires public officer or employee to forfeit pension upon conviction of certain crimes; alters factors determining honorable service; opens pension to garnishment upon conviction of certain offenses. The total number of our tracked bills are now at 120, with 82 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 38 bills in Pensions. There are currently two bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 121 bills to date.

I attached a list of our tracked bills that had action this past week. I also attached a calendar report for today which had none of our tracked bills listed as well as a calendar report for next week, Thursday, October 13, 2022, which has two of our tracked bills listed in committee meetings.

Not something that we tracked but just thought that it was interesting, I included the most recent bill (S-3046/A4640) that the Governor signed into law which amends State child tax credit allowing for NJ taxpayers to receive relief in 2022 Tax Year. If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Action Report

Bill: A119
Sponsors: Space (R24); Tucker (D28); Sauickie (R12) +2
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: 2020:A141; 2018:A3590; 2016:A4978
Progress: 2nd House: Referred to Committee
Status: 10/03/2022 - Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
History: 01/11/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
 09/22/2022—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 10/03/2022—Passed in Assembly 72-0-0. Received in Senate and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
Tracking: Pensions
Position: SU

Bill: A4107 AcaAca w/GR (3R)
Sponsors: Schaer (D36); Conaway (D7); Verrelli (D15); Vitale (D19); Singer (R30) +15
Summary: Makes various changes concerning regulation of emergency medical services; establishes mobile integrated health program and new State Emergency Medical Services Director in DOH.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2022:S2768
Progress: Governor
Status: 10/03/2022 - 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Governor's recommendations
History: 05/26/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
 06/02/2022—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee.
 06/23/2022—Transferred to Assembly Appropriations Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 06/27/2022—Recommitted to Assembly Budget Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 06/29/2022—Passed in Assembly 76-2-0. Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate. Substituted for S-2768 (2R). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 40-0.
 09/15/2022—Governor's conditional veto rcvd in Assembly. 1st reading in Assembly to concur with Governor's recommendations. 2nd reading in Assembly to concur with Governor's recommendations.
 10/03/2022—Passed in Assembly 70-1-0. Received in Senate, 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Governor's recommendations.
Tracking: Fire & Emergency Services

Bill: A4641
Sponsors: Moriarty (D4); Jaffer (D16); Benson (D14) +3
Summary: Requires public officer or employee to forfeit pension upon conviction of certain crimes; alters factors determining honorable service; opens pension to garnishment upon conviction of certain offenses.
Subjects: Pensions-Public Employees
Progress: 2nd House: Referred to Committee
Status: 10/03/2022 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 09/22/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.
 09/29/2022—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 10/03/2022—Motion to amend on Assembly floor (Dunn). Motion to table bill 41-31-0 (Greenwald).
 Passed in Assembly 72-0-0. Received in Senate and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions

Bill: A4670
Sponsors: Lopez (D19)
Summary: Requires certain information to be included in SHBP claims experience data provided to certain public employers.
Subjects: Health; State Government
Related: 2022:S3049
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 09/29/2022 – Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 09/29/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions
Position: SU



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Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee, Not Meeting.

Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, 9:30a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex.

Assembly, 10:00a Group A Committees; Quorum; 2:00p Group B Committees.

Senate, 10:00a Group 4 Committees; 12:00p Quorum Call.

Senate Law and Public Safety Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 1, Annex.

For discussion only: S-2990, S-3038, S-3042, S-3086

[SJR23](#) Designates October of each year as "First Responders Appreciation Month."

Tracking: Fire & Emergency Services — SU

Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex.

For discussion only: S-855

[S3049](#) Requires certain information to be included in SHBP claims experience data provided to certain public employers.

Tracking: Pensions — SU



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Bill Information (2022-2023 Session)

Bill Number	A4641 of 2022-2023 Session
Summary	Requires public officer or employee to forfeit pension upon conviction of certain crimes; alters factors determining honorable service; opens pension to garnishment upon conviction of certain offenses.
Sponsors	Moriarty (D4); Jaffer (D16); Benson (D14) +3
Cosponsors	Space (R24); Wirths (R24); Freiman (D16)
Subjects	Pensions-Public Employees
Status	10/03/2022 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
Scheduled	Not Scheduled
Progress	House1: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2R <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P / House2: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> 2R <input type="checkbox"/> P / <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> PL
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Meetings	09/23/2022 - AJU: Committee Meeting On 09/29/2022 09/26/2022 - AJU: Committee Meeting On 09/29/2022 (Revised) 09/27/2022 - AJU: Committee Meeting On 09/29/2022 (Second Revised) 09/27/2022 - Assembly: Board List For 10/03/2022
News	None
Bill Text	09/23/2022 - Introduced (10 pages) 09/30/2022 - Statement AJU 9/29/22 (1 page) 10/05/2022 - Fiscal Estimate 10/5/22; as introduced (3 pages)
Votes	10/03/2022 - Assembly Motion Table Motion 41-31-0 10/03/2022 - Assembly 3rd Reading/Final Passage 72-0-0
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Office Of The Governor

**GOVERNOR MURPHY SIGNS BILL AMENDING STATE CHILD TAX CREDIT,
ALLOWING
FOR NJ TAXPAYERS TO RECEIVE RELIEF A YEAR SOONER**

Amendment Provides for Child Tax Credit to Become Available in 2022 Tax Year

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today signed S-3046/A-4640, amending the effective dates for a previously signed bill regarding state child tax credits. The original bill, S-2523, was scheduled to take effect for the 2023 tax year, making credits available to taxpayers in 2024. The bill signed today pushes that schedule forward, allowing for the tax credit to take effect for the 2022 tax year and for credits to become available to taxpayers in 2023.

"Making New Jersey more affordable for our families has been one of my highest priorities since day one," said Governor Murphy. "Tax relief is critically important and this amendment will put money into the pockets of families as early as next year. I look forward to our continued progress in making New Jersey stronger, fairer, and more affordable for all of our residents."

The \$18 million child tax credit program is available to New Jersey taxpayers with incomes of up to \$80,000 and is broken down as follows:

Resident households with an income of \$30,000 or less will receive a refundable gross income tax credit of \$500 for each child

Resident households with an income of \$30,000 to \$40,000 will receive a refundable gross income tax credit of \$400 for each child

Resident households with an income of \$40,000 to \$50,000 will receive a refundable gross income tax credit of \$300 for each child

Resident households with an income of \$50,000 to \$60,000 will receive a refundable gross income tax credit of \$200 for each child

Resident households with an income of \$60,000 to \$80,000 will receive a refundable gross income tax credit of \$100 for each child

"This will make the lives of working families more affordable and more manageable," said Senate President Nick Scutari. "It will provide direct tax relief as quickly as possible to help families during challenging economic conditions. The child tax credit is part of our ongoing commitment to tax relief, financial assistance and affordability for the people of New Jersey."

"As we work to make New Jersey more affordable, one of the best and most meaningful investments we can make is into our working families," said Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin. "With a new state child tax credit being delivered as intended – directly and this year – New Jersey families can rest assured that the relief they need, at a time when rising costs have stretched budgets, will be there."

"We are keeping the promise we made to provide much needed financial relief to families in a

timely way. This law will make sure that the child tax benefits are made available to families as quickly as possible," said Senate Majority Leader Ruiz. "This legislation is part of an ongoing effort to address the needs of working families and strengthen the state's childcare infrastructure."

"As we all know, the cost of living in New Jersey can be particularly tough, especially for families trying to juggle many responsibilities, including raising, clothing and providing health care for their children," said Senator Andrew Zwicker. "The enhancements of the child tax credit put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic have been a life-saver for many working families in our state, and this legislation to extend those benefits will have a positive impact in a real and tangible way."

"Making New Jersey affordable for working families is our top priority. This tax credit will help New Jersey families make ends meet, put food on the table and care for their families – and it will be available this year. We're proud of our work ensuring this tax credit goes into effect in 2022 so that thousands of children and their families can see the benefits," said Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, Assemblyman Roy Freiman, Assemblywoman Sadaf F. Jaffer, Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarty, and Assemblywoman Gabriela M. Mosquera.

"We appreciate Governor Murphy and the Legislature prioritizing this vital tax credit for working families. The CTC is one of the most effective and direct solutions available for reducing poverty, especially among children," said Dena Mottola Jaborska, NJ Citizen Action Executive Director. "This fix makes the credit more easily accessible for families who are still recovering from the economic effects of the pandemic, at a time when the cost of raising children has become prohibitively expensive for too many."

"Working class families need help right now to keep up with rising costs, and this law will make sure the new Child Tax Credit provides immediate relief," said Peter Chen, Senior Policy Analyst at New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP). "Modeled off of the highly successful federal credit, this program will make the state a more affordable place to start and grow a family, especially for those with the lowest incomes. We look forward to working with the Murphy administration and lawmakers on ways to build on this credit in future years so New Jersey remains the best state to raise a child."

"We commend Governor Murphy for taking steps to advance the timeline for the state child tax credit. This credit will impact thousands of ALICE families across New Jersey who earn above the federal poverty level but not enough to afford the basics needed to live and work in the modern economy. Eligible families would receive a much-needed financial lifeline, which can mean the heat stays on; child care is covered; rent is paid," said Kiran Handa Gaudio, Chief Executive Officer, United Way of Northern New Jersey, United for ALICE.
