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## **Legislative Committee November 30, 2023**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there have been 175 new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills is at 10,352 for this session. I added four new bills to our tracking lists the total number of our tracked bills is now at 184, with 135 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 49 bills in Pensions (see attached). There are currently no bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 351 bills to date. Two of our tracked bills that were sitting on the Governor's Desk waiting to be signed were vetoed by the Governor. A-5179, was Conditionally Vetoed by the Governor and sent back to the Assembly on November 20, 2023. S-861, was an Absolute Veto from the Governor on November 27, 2023. We are currently at six of our tracked bills that have been signed into law for this Legislative Session.

Vice President Hankins, and I attend the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee meeting in Trenton on Monday to show support and give testimony for two of our tracked bills, S-281 and S-3925 (see attached). Both bills were released and set for a second reading in the Senate. We also Attended the Senate Education Committee meeting to show support for one of our tracked bills, S-3901, this bill was released and set for a second reading in the Senate (see attached).

There was an Assembly Labor Committee meeting this morning and one of our tracked bills was heard, A-161, revises workers' compensation coverage for certain injuries to volunteer and professional public safety and law enforcement personnel. This bill was released by the committee and set for a second reading in the Assembly. There is also an Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee meeting today and one of our tracked bills is listed to be heard, A-4215, prohibits sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. There are Assembly and Senate Committee meetings as well as an Assembly Voting Session on the Schedule for next week, however they haven't posted the bill list yet as of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Total Bills: 4 ★ = Tracked bill ☆ = Untracked bill

★	Bill	Introduced	Last Action	Progress	Status	Scheduled
★	A5758	11/20/2023	11/20/2023	Proposed	PFI	
						Sampson (D31) — Establishes certain marine firefighting training course requirements.
★	A5787	11/20/2023	11/20/2023	Proposed	PFI	
						Torrissi (R8) — Requires PFRS enrollment to be retroactive to first date of employment for death benefit eligibility.
★	S4093	11/27/2023	11/27/2023	Proposed	PFI	
						Bucco (R25) — Concerns recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters; appropriates \$2 million.
★	SCR148	11/27/2023	11/27/2023	Proposed	PFI	
						Testa (R1) — Proposes constitutional amendment to authorize municipalities to provide property tax credit of up to 100 percent for primary residence of volunteer firefighter or volunteer first aid squad member.

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Monday, November 27, 2023

*Senate Labor Committee, Not Meeting.*

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

**Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 1, Annex.**

- ★ **S281** "New Townhouse Fire Safety Act"; requires automatic fire sprinkler systems in new townhomes.

**Tracking:** *Fire & Emergency Services — Support*

- ★ **S3925** Establishes "Volunteer Fire Company Assistance Program" in DCA to support operations and sustainability of volunteer fire companies; appropriates \$10 million.

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

**Senate Education Committee, 11:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex. (Revised 11/21/2023)**

For discussion only: S-2158 S-3884/A-5419

- ★ **S3901** 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.

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

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

For discussion only: S-4049



**Thursday, November 30, 2023**

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

*Assembly Budget Committee, Not Meeting.*

*Assembly Education Committee, Not Meeting.*

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

*Assembly Judiciary Committee, Not Meeting.*

*Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, Not Meeting.*

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

**Assembly, 10:00a Group C Committees; 1:00p Quorum; 2:00p Group D Committees.**

**Assembly Labor Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 15, Annex.**

- ★ **A161** Revises workers' compensation coverage for certain injuries to volunteer and professional public safety and law enforcement personnel.

**Tracking:** *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

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

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

**Assembly Women and Children Committee, 10:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, 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.**

- ★ **A4125** Prohibits sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

**Tracking:** *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

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

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

**Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, 1:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex.**