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Legislative Committee February 1, 2024

To all members of the Legislative Committee, as we enter the 221st Legislative Session, 2024-2025, the system needs a chance to catch up to all the bills that are just automatically reentered. I have been going through all the bills, however, some of the bills they have not posted the verbiage yet for them. I will go through them as soon as they post them and hopefully clean up our tracking lists of any duplicates or errors.

The total number of bills introduced is at 6,260 already for this session. There were 315 bills added since the last report. I added 11 new bills to our tracking lists, 9 bills in Fire & Emergency Services, 1 bill in Firemen's Home, and 1 bill in Pensions (see attached). The total number of our tracked bills is now at 175, with 90 bills in Fire & Emergency Services, 52 bills in Firemen's Home, and 33 bills in Pensions. There are currently no bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has not signed any bills to date.

There were some Assembly Committee Meetings on the schedule for today, however, none of our tracked bills are listed to be heard today. There are some Assembly and Senate Committee Meetings on the schedule for next week on Monday, February 5, 2024. One of our tracked bills is listed to be heard, S-684, requires telecommunications, cable television, and internet service providers to allow service recipients to terminate service contracts following physician's referral and relocation to long-term care facility (see attached). There is also a Senate Quorum scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024, however they haven't posted the schedule of committee meetings yet.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Newly Added Bills to Tracking Lists

Bill: A3356
Sponsors: Kanitra (R10); McGuckin (R10)
Summary: Provides tuition-free credits to certain institutions of higher education for certain law enforcement officers and firefighters and their spouses and dependents.
Subjects: Higher Education; Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police
Related: 2022:A4349
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 - Assembly Higher Education Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S2319
Sponsors: Beach (D6)
Summary: Requires residential psychiatric and long-term care facilities to provide certain financial information to facility residents and other individuals.
Subjects: Health-Facilities; Health-Finance
Related: 2022:A4317; 2022:S1306; 2020:A4616; 2020:S2880
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/25/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/25/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Tracking: [Firemen's Home](#)

Bill: S2370
Sponsors: Beach (D6)
Summary: Upgrades penalties for assaulting certain health care support staff and security guards at health care facilities and human services and veterans' facilities.
Subjects: Crimes And Penalties; Criminal Procedures
Related: 2022:A4197; 2022:S2625
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
Tracking: [Firemen's Home](#)

Bill: S2373
Sponsors: Beach (D6); Greenstein (D14)
Summary: Provides employment protections for paid first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder under certain conditions.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Human Services-Mental Health; Labor
Related: 2024:A2145; 2022:A2886; 2022:S703; 2020:A5771; 2020:S4165
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)
Position: Support

Bill: S2383
Sponsors: Amato (R9); Singer (R30)
Summary: Establishes "Volunteer Fire Company Assistance Program" in DCA to support operations and sustainability of volunteer fire companies; appropriates \$10 million.
Subjects: Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:A1773; 2022:A5570; 2022:S3925
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 - Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S2385
Sponsors: Gopal (D11)
Summary: Increases tuition credit amount permitted under volunteer tuition credit program.
Subjects: Education
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 - Senate Higher Education Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Higher Education Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S2386
Sponsors: Gopal (D11)
Summary: Provides gross income tax credit to active members of volunteer emergency service organizations for use of personal motor vehicle in performance of active duty.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S2408
Sponsors: Beach (D6)
Summary: Requires annual General Fund appropriation to DMVA for purposes of base realignment and closure.
Subjects: State Budget And Finance; Veterans And Military
Related: 2024:A212; 2024:A721; 2022:A1644; 2022:A4666; 2022:S1678; 2020:A462; 2020:A2696; 2020:S2071; 2018:A630; 2018:A3949; 2018:S1818; 2018:S1904; 2016:A323; 2016:A962; 2016:S438; 2014:A3253; 2014:A4345; 2014:S2096
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 - Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)
Position: Support

Bill: S2410
Sponsors: Beach (D6)
Summary: Allows certain members of PFRS to serve until age 70 upon approval by municipal governing body.
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2022:S1601; 2020:S592; 2018:A4598; 2018:S2339; 2016:S1782; 2014:S1569; 2012:S1714; 2010:S1271; 2008:A2646; 2008:S2037; 2006:A1547; 2004:A3953; 2004:S2653
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: [Pensions](#)
Position: No Action

Bill: S2435
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14); Mukherji (D32) +1
Summary: Revises certain requirements concerning eligibility for reimbursement from "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2022:A3772; 2022:S2223
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 - Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S2469
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14)
Summary: Concerns implementation of fire sprinkler system requirements in newly constructed townhouses.
Subjects: Housing-Construction Codes; Public Safety
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 01/29/2024 - Proposed for introduction
History: 01/29/2024—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: SCR82
Sponsors: Gopal (D11)
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to provide partial property tax exemption of up to 15 percent of assessed value for primary residence of certain volunteer first responders.
Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Health-Emergency Medical Services; Taxation-Property Tax
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
Tracking: Fire & Emergency Services



Thursday, February 1, 2024

Assembly Budget Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Children, Families and Food Security Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Education Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Environment, Natural Resources and Solid Waste Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Judiciary Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Labor Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, Not Meeting.

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

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

The committee will receive testimony from invited guests and members of the public on the challenges veterans face when using the transportation network for accessing federally funded care.

Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee, 1:00p, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, Annex. (Revised 01/29/2024)

The committee will hear testimony from invited guests who will provide testimony on the state of the Medicaid program in New Jersey and its impact on healthcare.

Assembly State and Local Government Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex. (Revised 01/31/2024)

Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 12, Annex.

The committee will receive testimony from invited speakers on the current state of the tourism industry in New Jersey.



Monday, February 5, 2024

Senate Economic Growth Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Labor Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex.

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

Senate Environment and Energy Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex.

For discussion only: S-198, SCR-11, SCR-43

Senate Higher Education Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 1, Annex.

The Committee will meet to receive testimony from invited guests on the recent merger of Bloomfield College with Montclair State University pursuant to the provisions of P.L.2023, c.65.

Assembly Education Committee, 11:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex.

The Senate and Assembly Education Committees will take testimony from invited guests on virtual or remote instruction in grades kindergarten through 12. The committees will also accept written testimony from members of the public.

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Assembly, Committees at Call of Speaker; 1:00p Quorum.

Senate Commerce Committee, 1:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex.

- ★ **S684** Requires telecommunications, cable television, and Internet service providers to allow service recipients to terminate service contracts following physician's referral and relocation to long-term care facility.

Tracking: *Firemen's Home*