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Legislative Committee February 29, 2024

To all members of the Legislative Committee, the total number of bills introduced is at 7,290 already for this session. There were 235 bills added since the last report. I added 8 new bills to our tracking lists this week (see attached). The total number of our tracked bills changed and is now at 210, with 111 bills in Fire & Emergency Services, 61 bills in Firemen's Home, and 38 bills in Pensions. Since the last report I have removed several bills from our tracking lists that were withdrawn from the Office of Legislative Services because they were previously signed into law from the last session. These bills were just auto added into the system, and it took a bit to withdraw them from the system (might sound confusing but I can explain further if anyone has any questions). There are currently no bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has not signed any bills to date.

The bills that were heard in committee last week were all passed by their committees and released, some of them had amendments (see attached for list of bills). Vice President Hankins and I were in Trenton last week for these meetings and showed support for these bills.

There are Assembly and Senate Quorums on the schedule for next week on Monday, March 4, 2024, with some committee meetings listed, however, none of our tracked bills are on the list of bills to be heard.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bills Introduced or Proposed on 02/27/2024

Bill: A3894
Sponsors: Murphy (D7)
Summary: Amends certain fire safety statutes to update licensure and equipment requirements and liability, fee, and penalty provisions.
Subjects: Public Safety; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:S2580; 2022:A5822; 2022:S4208
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/27/2024 - Assembly Housing Committee
History: 02/27/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Housing Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: A3913
Sponsors: Katz (D8)
Summary: Requires State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to assign paid or volunteer advocates to long-term care facilities; makes appropriation.
Subjects: Health-Facilities
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/27/2024 - Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee
History: 02/27/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
Tracking: [Firemen's Home](#)

Bill: A3939
Sponsors: Stanley (D18); Speight (D29); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
Summary: Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for professional firefighters not enrolled in SHBP, but who are eligible for SHBP by virtue of public employment.
Subjects: Health; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:S2890
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 02/27/2024 - Proposed for introduction
History: 02/27/2024—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: A3945
Sponsors: Freiman (D16)
Summary: Provides for law enforcement officer benefits for certain public employees enrolled in PERS; prohibits hiring by State or county of public employees after age 35 in positions eligible for PFRS.
Subjects: Corrections; Pensions-Public Employees; Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police
Related: 2024:S2539; 2022:A2160; 2022:S2940; 2020:A3828; 2020:S3088
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 02/27/2024 - Proposed for introduction
History: 02/27/2024—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Pensions](#)
Position: Support

Bill: A3947
Sponsors: Freiman (D16); DePhillips (R40)
Summary: Requires public officer or employee 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
Related: 2024:S961; 2022:A4641; 2022:S3188
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 02/27/2024 - Proposed for introduction
History: 02/27/2024—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Pensions](#)
Position: Support

Bill: S2834
Sponsors: McKnight (D31); Timberlake (D34) +1
Summary: Establishes Firefighter Critical Mental Health Assistance Grant Program; appropriates \$1 million.
Subjects: Human Services-Mental Health; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:A2386; 2022:A5514
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/27/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 02/27/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S2887
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14)
Summary: Provides certain volunteer and other workers with maximum compensation benefit for workers' compensation claim regardless of outside employment.
Subjects: Labor-Workers Compensation
Related: 2024:A2771; 2022:A1315; 2022:S1548; 2020:A6065
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 02/27/2024 - Proposed for introduction
History: 02/27/2024—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)
Position: Support

Bill: S2890
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14)
Summary: Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for professional firefighters not enrolled in SHBP, but who are eligible for SHBP by virtue of public employment.
Subjects: Health; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:A3939
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 02/27/2024 - Proposed for introduction
History: 02/27/2024—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill Action Report from Thursday, February 22, 2024

Bill: A441 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Danielsen (D17); Wimberly (D35); McCoy (D14) +1
Summary: Exempts experienced volunteer firefighters from certain requirements.
Subjects: Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2022:A377; 2020:A311; 2018:A599; 2016:A3217
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/22/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
02/22/2024—Amended but not reported by Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: Fire & Emergency Services
Position: Support

Bill: A2386
Sponsors: Spearman (D5); Stanley (D18); Atkins (D20) +3
Summary: Establishes Firefighter Critical Mental Health Assistance Grant Program; appropriates \$1 million.
Subjects: Human Services-Mental Health; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:S2834; 2022:A5514
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/22/2024 - Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
02/22/2024—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: Fire & Emergency Services

Bill: A3537 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Stanley (D18); McCoy (D14); Murphy (D7)
Summary: Revises certain requirements concerning eligibility for reimbursement from "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:S2435; 2022:A3772; 2022:S2223
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/22/2024 - Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 02/05/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
02/22/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: Fire & Emergency Services

Bill: S2435
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14); Mukherji (D32) +2
Summary: Revises certain requirements concerning eligibility for reimbursement from "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:A3537; 2022:A3772; 2022:S2223
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 02/22/2024 - Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
02/22/2024—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: Fire & Emergency Services



Monday, March 4, 2024

Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Budget Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Labor Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee, Not Meeting.

Senate Commerce Committee, Not Meeting.

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

Assembly Children, Families and Food Security Committee, 10:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, Annex.

The committee will hear from invited guests concerning food insecurity and its consequences on children's academic performance and mental well-being, the impact of food insecurity on household finances, and how food insecurity affects senior citizens' access to adequate nutrition options.

Assembly Education Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex.

Assembly Judiciary Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 12, Annex.

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

The Committee will receive testimony from invited speakers to discuss the results of the January 2024 New Jersey Disparity Study with regard to women veterans and other issues of concern to women veterans.

Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities 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.

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

The Committee will meet to receive testimony from invited guests on the post-COVID-19 pandemic trends within the State's institutions of higher education.

Senate Economic Growth Committee, 10:30a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex.

The Committee will first receive testimony from invited guests representing chambers of commerce within the State. Immediately following this testimony, the Committee will consider bills.

Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, 1:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex.

The committee will receive testimony from invited guests concerning deceptive audio or visual media, known as "deepfakes".

Assembly Environment, Natural Resources and Solid Waste Committee, 2:00p, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, Annex.

Assembly State and Local Government Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 15, Annex.
For discussion only: A-2799

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