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## **Legislative Committee October 3, 2024**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, the total number of bills introduced is 9,274 already for this session. There were 149 new bills added since the last report, I added four new bills to our tracking lists (see attached). The total number of our tracked bills is now at 275, with 150 bills in Fire & Emergency Services, 73 bills in Firemen's Home, and 52 bills in Pensions. There are currently eleven bills sitting on The Governor's Desk waiting to be signed. The Governor signed eighty-one bills into law to date.

On Monday, September 30, 2024, two of our tracked bills were heard in the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee. S-1388, which permits inclusion of volunteer firefighters and other emergency responders within municipal eligible employee group for purposes of the small employer health benefits plan statutes, was reported out of committee, and referred to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. S-3121, which requires certain local authorities to inspect, maintain, and repair fire hydrants in planned real estate developments, was reported out of committee with amendments, and was referred to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee .

There is nothing on the schedule for today there is a Senate Quorum for both Monday, October 7, 2024, and Thursday, October 10, 2024. They have not posted a list of committee hearings for either of these days yet.

Respectfully Submitted,



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## New Bills Introduced

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**Bill:** A4904  
**Sponsors:** Stanley (D18); Karabinchak (D18)  
**Summary:** Allows member of PFRS where a police chief or fire department chief are to serve until age 69 under certain conditions.  
Extends certain provisions of P.L.2022, c.9.  
**Subjects:** Pensions-Police And Firefighters  
**Related:** 2024:S3735  
**Progress:** Proposed for introduction  
**Status:** 09/26/2024 - Proposed for introduction  
**History:** 09/26/2024—Proposed for introduction.  
**Tracking:** [Pensions](#)

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**Bill:** S3674  
**Sponsors:** Corrado (R40); Lagana (D38)  
**Summary:** Designates 9/11 Heart Symbol flag as official State flag; mandates it be displayed at certain public buildings and memorials.  
**Subjects:** State Government  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 09/30/2024 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee  
**History:** 09/30/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

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**Bill:** S3698  
**Sponsors:** Gopal (D11)  
**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.  
**Subjects:** Pensions-Police And Firefighters  
**Related:** 2024:A1266; 2022:A5721  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
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**Progress:** Proposed for introduction  
**Status:** 09/30/2024 - Proposed for introduction  
**History:** 09/30/2024—Proposed for introduction.  
**Tracking:** [Pensions](#)



**Bill Number** ★ **S1388 of 2024-2025 Session**

**Summary** Permits inclusion of volunteer firefighters and other emergency responders within municipal eligible employee group for purposes of the small employer health benefits plan statutes.

**Sponsors** Singleton (D7) +3

**Cosponsors** O'Scanlon (R13) • Greenstein (D14) • Amato (R9)

**Subjects** Health-Emergency Medical Services • Local Government-Municipalities • Public Safety-Firefighters

**Related** ★ 2024:A3086 • ★ 2022:A4357 • ★ 2022:S331 • ★ 2020:A3979 • ★ 2020:S1256 • ★ 2018:A1487 • ★ 2018:S2371 • ★ 2016:A1772 • ★ 2016:S1178 • ☆ 2014:A2202 • ☆ 2014:S1572 • ☆ 2012:A3466 • ☆ 2012:S2330

**Status** 09/30/2024 – Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History** 01/09/2024 – Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee  
09/30/2024 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate  
09/30/2024 – Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

**Meetings** 09/26/2024 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 09/30/2024

**News** 09/30/2024 – Bill Concerning Volunteer Emergency Responders Released

**Bill Text** 01/09/2024 – Introduced (1 page)  
10/01/2024 – Statement SCU 9/30/24 (1 page)  
10/01/2024 – Technical Review of Prefiled Bill SCU 9/30/24 TR (8 pages)

**Votes** None

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

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**Comments**  Add comment for this bill



**Bill Number** ★ **S3121 Sca (1R) of 2024-2025 Session**

**Summary** Requires certain local authorities to inspect, maintain, and repair fire hydrants in planned real estate developments.

**Sponsors** Greenstein (D14)

**Subjects** Local Government • Public Safety-Firefighters

**Related** ★ 2024:A2480 • ★ 2022:A3959 • ★ 2022:S2935 • ★ 2020:A3618 • ★ 2020:S494 • ★ 2018:A1745 • ★ 2018:S2774 • ★ 2016:A4123 • ★ 2016:S2522

**Status** 09/30/2024 – Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History** 04/15/2024 – Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee  
09/30/2024 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate  
09/30/2024 – Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

**Meetings** 09/26/2024 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 09/30/2024

**News** 09/30/2024 – Local Government Upkeep Of Fire Hydrants Bill Advances

**Bill Text** 04/16/2024 – Introduced (3 pages)  
10/01/2024 – Reprint (1R) SCU 9/30/24 1R (2 pages)  
10/01/2024 – Statement SCU 9/30/24 (1 page)

**Votes** None

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Position – Support

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