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Legislative Committee November 14, 2024

To all members of the Legislative Committee, the total number of bills introduced is 9,550 already for this session. There were no new bills added since the last report. The total number of our tracked bills stayed the same at 279, with 155 bills in Fire & Emergency Services, 73 bills in Firemen's Home, and 54 bills in Pensions. There are currently twenty bills sitting on The Governor's Desk waiting to be signed. The Governor signed ninety bills into law to date.

There are a bunch of Assembly Committee meetings today. One of our tracked bills is listed to be heard today in the Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee, A-3895, which amends certain fire safety statutes to update licensure and equipment requirements and liability, fee, and penalty provisions. There is nothing on the schedule for next week as of this report.

Just want to add a little bit about Federal Legislation which their Session ends January 3, 2025. On Tuesday in the US House of Representatives H.R. 82 Social Security Fairness Act of 2023 was heard and passed by a vote of 327 – 75 (bill was sent to the US Senate). This bill repeals provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits, such as a pension from a state or local government for Fire, Police, & Teachers. The bill eliminates the government pension offset (commonly known as the Windfall Elimination Provision), which in various instances reduces Social Security benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers who also receive government pensions of their own.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Thursday, November 14, 2024

Assembly Education Committee, 10:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, Annex.

The committee will receive testimony from invited guests regarding the New Jersey Educator Evaluation Review Task Force Report.

Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex.

- ★ **A3894** Amends certain fire safety statutes to update licensure and equipment requirements and liability, fee, and penalty provisions.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 12, Annex.

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

The committee will receive testimony from invited guests concerning ways to improve the New Jersey Transit Corporation ridership experience and methods to facilitate greater cooperation between Amtrak and the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee, 11:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 15, Annex.

The Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and the Assembly Children, Families and Food Security Committee will meet jointly to hear testimony from invited speakers concerning the condition of child care in New Jersey and how the State's child care industry can be sustained and expanded.

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

Assembly Environment, Natural Resources and Solid Waste Committee, 1:00p, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, Annex.

Assembly State and Local Government Committee, 1:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex.

Assembly Regulated Professions Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 12, Annex.

H.R.82 - Social Security Fairness Act of 2023

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Sponsor: [Rep. Graves, Garret \[R-LA-6\]](#) (Introduced 01/09/2023)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 11/12/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. ([All Actions](#))

Roll Call Votes: There has been [1 roll call vote](#)

Tracker: ⓘ

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

To President

Became Law

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There is one summary for H.R.82. [Bill summaries](#) are authored by [CRS](#).

Shown Here:

Introduced in House (01/09/2023)

Social Security Fairness Act of 2023

This bill repeals provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits, such as a pension from a state or local government.

The bill eliminates the *government pension offset*, which in various instances reduces Social Security benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers who also receive government pensions of their own.

The bill also eliminates the *windfall elimination provision*, which in some instances reduces Social Security benefits for individuals who also receive a pension or disability benefit from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes.

These changes are effective for benefits payable after December 2023.