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Legislative Committee

January 16, 2025

To all members of the Legislative Committee, the total number of bills introduced is 9,920 already for this session. There were 61 new bills added since the last report, I added 7 new bills to our tracking lists (see attached). The total number of our tracked bills stayed the same at 297, with 166 bills in Fire & Emergency Services, 73 bills in Firemen's Home, and 58 bills in Pensions. There are currently twenty-five bills sitting on The Governor's Desk waiting to be signed. Two of our tracked bills are currently sitting on the Governor's Desk waiting to be signed. The Governor signed one hundred fifteen bills into law to date.

Just to note two of the newly added tracked bills are A-5160, which provides PERS members and certain retirees the same benefits provided to members enrolled in retirement system before July 1, 2007 (this will remove all the Tiers and make all members only Tier 1 once the bill is approved) & A-5175, which reinstates automatic COLAs for retirement benefits of certain PFRS members.

One of our bills is listed to be heard today in the Assembly Regulated Professions Committee, A-4266, which requires that certain fire escape inspections be performed by structural engineer or employee with certified fire escape inspection company. There is also an Assembly Quorum Call for Thursday, January 23, 2025, however they have not yet posted the list of committees or bills that will be heard.

Respectfully Submitted,



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New Bills Introduced or Proposed

Bill: A5160
Sponsors: Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Verrelli (D15); Carter (D22) +5
Summary: Provides PERS members and certain retirees same benefits provided to members enrolled in retirement system before July 1, 2007.
Related: 2024:S3997
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/14/2025 - Assembly State and Local Government Committee
Tracking: [Pensions](#)

Bill: A5175
Sponsors: Sauickie (R12); Danielsen (D17); Clifton (R12) +3
Summary: Reinstates automatic COLAs for retirement benefits of certain PFRS members.
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/14/2025 - Assembly State and Local Government Committee
Tracking: [Pensions](#)

Bill: A5190
Sponsors: Rodriguez (D33)
Summary: Prohibits sale of certain lithium-ion devices; establishes restrictions on sale, lease, or rental of certain bicycles and scooters; creates fire risk awareness campaigns.
Related: 2024:S309; 2022:S3933
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 01/14/2025 - Proposed for introduction
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: A5195
Sponsors: Schaer (D36); Peterpaul (D11)
Summary: Requires manufacturer of certain firefighting equipment containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to provide written notice to purchaser; prohibits sale, manufacture, and distribution of certain firefighting equipment containing intentional
Related: 2024:S3946
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 01/14/2025 - Proposed for introduction
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: ACR149
Sponsors: Sauickie (R12) +1
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to provide property tax exemption of 50 percent of assessed value for primary residence of police officer or firefighter who suffers a line of duty injury that qualifies for accidental disability pension.
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/14/2025 - Assembly State and Local Government Committee
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S3997
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14) +1
Summary: Provides PERS members and certain retirees same benefits provided to members enrolled in retirement system before July 1, 2007.
Related: 2024:A5160
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/14/2025 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
Tracking: [Pensions](#)

Bill: SCR120
Sponsors: Bramnick (R21); Bucco (R25)
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to provide property tax exemption for primary residence of police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician who suffers line of duty injury.
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 01/14/2025 - Proposed for introduction
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)



Thursday, January 16, 2025

Assembly Appropriations Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Health Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Higher Education Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Housing Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly, 10:00a Group A Committees; 1:00p Quorum; 2:00p Group B Committees.

Assembly Community Development and Womens Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 12, Annex.

New Jersey Law Revision Commission, 10:00a, remotely.
Consideration of memorandums and reports.

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

★ **A4266** Requires that certain fire escape inspections be performed by structural engineer or employee with certified fire escape inspection company.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support