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## **Legislative Committee Report** **March 5, 2026**

The current 2026-2027 legislative session is very active. The Officers have been speaking with legislators about the Cancer Screening bill, and the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Protection Act programs that have been signed into Laws of which both are currently only covering career personnel, we are working feverishly to get volunteers added.

Current Bills that we are tracking are 131 Fire and Emergency Services, 46 Firemen's Home and 43 Pension for a total of 220, of these the following are two that have been moved out of committee:

S1343: Permits students to be eligible for high school graduation credits in health, safety, and physical education for completing county fire academy course under certain circumstances.

S1381: Requires DOLWD to identify and recruit unemployed individuals for employment in healthcare facilities, home care services, and hospice services; makes appropriation. This bill would apply to the firemen's home among others.

S1583: Provides access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters through SHBP physicians and other providers.

As legislative representatives for your Counties I am asking that you reach out to your local Senators to show our support on bill S1583. Currently the sponsors are [Amato](#) (R9) • [Bucco](#) (R25) and co-sponsors [Singleton](#) (D7) • [Diegnan](#) (D18) • [Schepisi](#) (R39) • [Stack](#) (D33).

If you should have any questions in relationship to any activity in the Senate or Assembly, please feel free to contact me.

Respectively  
submitted,

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