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Legislative Committee Report September 3, 2026

Legislative Committee Members

Current Bills that we are tracking are 159 Fire and Emergency Services, 59 Firemen's Home and 50 Pensions for a total of 268.

Two Bills of interest that have been signed into law in the beginning of the year and recently are below for your information.

A-5195 signed on January 20, 2026.

The final version of the bill made the effective date of the bill's provisions prohibiting the sale, manufacture, or distribution of non-clothing personal protective equipment containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) **effective January 1, 2030.**

The bill creates a phase-in timeframe to reduce and ultimately restrict intentionally added PFAS in firefighting PPE sold or distributed in New Jersey, beginning with mandatory manufacturers' point-of-sale disclosure within six months, and the broad prohibition after two years. Compliance hinges on correctly identifying the responsible producer, providing detailed chemical notices, and maintaining retrievable records for three years.

The Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is responsible for the law's enactment. The law seeks to strengthen enforcement by treating violations as unlawful practices under the consumer fraud law, within the purview of the DCA.

financing for acquisition of certain firefighting apparatus and equipment

Governor Signs S-757/A-4687 Into Law

Budgeting Posted on August 31, 2026

Governor Sherrill has signed legislation concerning the financing for acquisition of certain firefighting apparatus and equipment. [P.L. 2026, c. 80](#) amended the Local Public Contracts Law to permit the lease term for new fire engines and apparatus, including fire equipment, for 20 years instead of five years.

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In addition, the law amended the fire district bond statute (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-86.1) to extend the maturity date of notes from the 3rd anniversary of the original note date to the 10th anniversary of the original note date. The law now also requires Fire Districts to submit the terms and conditions of note renewals to the Division of Local Government Services Director for approval. If the Director does not approve the terms and conditions of the note renewal, the Local Finance Board must hold a hearing.

The new law took effect on August 27, 2026.

If you should need any additional information for your caucuses or other related information, please call me.

Respectively submitted,

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