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Executive Committee
Legislative Committee Report
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Officers and Executive Committeemen,

There continues to be 159 Fire and Emergency Services, 59 Firemen's Home, and 50 Pensions bills on our tracking list. In reference to Pensions, the Police and Fire Commission just issued checks to retirees that retired more than two years ago a check not as a cost-of-living adjustment, but a one-time good faith check as they continue to work on cost-of-living adjustments that has been frozen since 2011.

Governor Signed S-757/A-4687 Into Law

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. 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 officers continue to work with Matt McDermott on the cancer screening bill. As previously reported the officers along the Matt have combined the four Bills languages that have been proposed into one Bill and now are working with Legislators to advance this legislation. We have several sponsors and co-sponsors currently.

Please see Matt McDermott's report for further details.

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