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Accumulated Sick Leave

<p>Bill # A1347</p> <p>Oppose due to overreaching</p>	<p>“Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act”; concerns workers' compensation for public safety workers</p> <p>6/4/2015 Reported out of Asm. Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Stender (D-22) Egan (D-17) O’Donnell (D-31) Wimberly (D-35)</p>
<p>Bill # A2354/S785</p> <p>Monitor</p>	<p>Requires each employer to provide earned sick leave to each employee it employs in the State. The employee accrues one hour of earned sick leave for every 30 hours worked.</p> <p>6/22/2015 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Weinberg (D-37)</p>

Employment Issues

<p>Bill # S524/A1130</p> <p>Oppose</p>	<p>Prohibits practice of requiring credit check as condition of employment.</p> <p>6/29/2015 Passed by the Senate (22-16)</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Gill (D-34) Turner (D-15)</p>
<p>Bill # A964</p> <p>Oppose due to enforcement issues</p>	<p>Requires certain bidders for prevailing wage public work to provide proof that the prevailing wage will be paid.</p> <p>6/18/2015 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Singleton (D-7) DeAngelo (D-14) Quijano (D-20) Coughlin (D-19)</p>
<p>Bill # A4132</p> <p>Oppose, unwarranted expansion of Gov</p>	<p>Permits group self-insurance plans for, and collective bargaining agreements improving the provision of, workers' compensation.</p> <p>6/18/2015 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Giblin (D-34) Lagana (D-38) Mukherji (D-33)</p>
<p>Bill # A4275</p> <p>Oppose, unneeded expansion of</p>	<p>New Jersey Secure Choice Savings Program Act”; establishes retirement savings program for certain workers.</p> <p>6/18/2015 Reported out of Asm. Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Prieto (D-32) Eustace (D-38) Lagana (D-38) Greenwald (D-6) Quijano (D-20)</p>



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benefits		Danielsen (D-17)
Bill # A-1144 Employment Issues	Concerns eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits for crossing guards. 1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Labor Committee	Sponsor(s): Ciattarelli (R-16) Webber (R-26)

Environment and Energy

Bill # S2444 Oppose, unnecessary onerous mandate	Requires a certain percentage of the electricity sold in New Jersey to be from Class I renewable energy. This bill would increase the state's renewable portfolio standard to 80 percent by 2050. 5/7/2015 Reported from Senate Comm. as a Substitute, 2nd Reading	Sponsor(s): Smith (D-17) Bateman (R-16)
Bill # A1779 Support	Clarifies that certain types of sewage and sewage sludge do not constitute hazardous substances under "Spill Compensation and Control Act." 6/4/2015 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading	Sponsor(s): McKeon (D-27) Spencer (D-29) Giblin (D-38) Caride (D-36) O'Donnell (D-31)
Bill # A3540 Support	Requires annual report on costs of projects funded by NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust. 6/4/2015 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading; The Assembly	Sponsor(s): Cryan (D-20) Singleton (D-7)

Miscellaneous

Bill # S1218 Amend to include localities	Allows certain State agencies to sell Internet advertisements on agencies' websites as pilot program 6/11/2015 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	Sponsor(s): Vitale (D-19) Lesniak (D-20)
Bill # S2619 Support	Permits educational research and services corporations to act as lead procurement agencies for local units, and publically supported educational institutions; permits Council of County Colleges to act as lead procurement agency for county colleges 6/25/2015 Substituted by A3807 (2R) Passed by both houses (74-0-0).	Sponsor(s): Whelan (D-2)



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<p>Bill # A3859/S2489 Support</p>	<p>Permits public-private partnership agreements for certain building and highway infrastructure projects; provides for EDA oversight.</p> <p>6/29/2015 Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses) (39-1) 8/10/2015 Conditional Veto, Received in the Senate</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Greenwald (D-6) Coughlin (D-19) Bramnick (R-21) Singleton (D-7) Rible (R-30) Lagana (D-38)</p>
<p>Bill # A4075 Support</p>	<p>Provides expedited procedure for foreclosing residential properties in uncontested actions.</p> <p>5/7/2015 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Jasey (D-27) Wimberly (D-35) Garcia (D-33) Green (D-22)</p>

Taxes and Aid

<p>Bill # A4235 Oppose</p>	<p>Permits municipalities to issue two separate property tax bills to property taxpayers; requires fire districts, school districts, and county governments to share in burden of property assessment appeal refunds.</p> <p>2/24/2015 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Auth (R-39)</p>
<p>Bill # A939 Monitor</p>	<p>Enhances the reporting and disclosure requirements concerning State tax expenditures and limits the duration of new State tax expenditure enactments.</p> <p>5/11/2015 2nd Reading in the Assembly on Concur. w/Gov.'s Recommend.</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Singleton (D-7) Schaefer (D-36) Benson (D-14) Eustace (D-38) Mosquera (D-4)</p>
<p>Bill # A3223 Support</p>	<p>Requires Division of Local Government Services to include certain property tax information on division's web page.</p> <p>6/11/2015 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (71-2-1)</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Singleton (D-7) Lampitt (D-6) Quijano (D-20) Sarlo (D-36) Pintor (D-29) Ruiz (D-29) Wimberly (D-35)</p>
<p>Bill # A3929 Support</p>	<p>Creates exclusion from municipal property tax levy cap for amounts necessary to provide required matching funds to qualify for grants and other funds</p> <p>6/29/2015 Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Schaefer (D-36) Sumter (D-35) Benson (D-14) Wimberly (D-35)</p>
<p>Bill # A3984</p>	<p>Reallocates casino investment alternative tax to Atlantic City to pay debt service on municipal bonds issued.</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Whelan (D-2) Sweeney (D-3)</p>



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Monitor – Special Interest	6/25/2015 Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses) (38-2)	Giblin (D-38) Mazzeo (D-2) Burzichelli (D-3)
Bill # A4440 Oppose	Requires municipalities to share certain payments received in lieu of taxes with counties and school districts; informs counties and school districts of application for tax exemption. 5/14/2015 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Singleton (D-7)
Bill # A4423 Support	Establishes surplus revenue reserve account in the Property Tax Relief Fund if certain levels of unanticipated gross income tax revenue are collected. 5/11/2015 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Budget Committee	Sponsor(s): Singleton (D-7) Lagana (D-28)
Bill # A4402 Monitor	Extends eligibility for short-term financial assistance under Transitional Aid to Localities program to municipalities that lose a major commercial ratable. 5/11/2015 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Schepisi (R-39)
Bill # S2825 Support	Increases efficiency and transparency in distribution of Superstorm Sandy aid money. 6/29/2015 Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses) (39-0)	Sponsor(s): Sweeney (D-3) Greenstein (D-16) Mazzeo (D-2)
Bill # A3983 Monitor	Authorizes supplemental State aid to school districts in municipality with significant decrease in commercial property valuation; makes appropriation. 6/25/2015 Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses) (25-13)	Sponsor(s): Mazzeo (D-1) Burzichelli (D-3) Giblin (D-38) Sweeney (D-3) Whelan (D-2)

Assessment

Bill # S729 Monitor	Transfers responsibility for establishment and enforcement of ethical standards for local officials and school officials to the State Ethics Commission. 6/25/2015 Senate Amendment (33-0) (Kean)	Sponsor(s): Kean (R-21) Beck (R-11)
Bill # S2908 Oppose any changes to	Refines process of real property assessment in certain counties. 5/14/2015 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	Sponsor(s): Allen (R-7) Cruz-Perez (D-5)

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assessment until pilot studies are complete		
Bill # S2857 Oppose	Provides for an annual assessment upon certain rail carriers transporting crude oil and dedicates assessment revenue for State aid to municipalities for use by local government unit emergency responders. 5/7/2015 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee	Sponsor(s): Weinberg (D-37) Gordon (D-38)

Legislation Signed into Law or Vetoed

Bill # A3791/S2454	Loc. Govt. Svc. Modernization Relief Act. Streamlines responsibilities of Division of Local Government Services and local governments; designated as the Division of Local Government Services Modernization and Local Mandate Relief Act of 2015. 6/29/2015 Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses) (39-0). 8/10/2015 Approved P.L.2015, c.95.	Sponsor(s): Stender (D-22) Auth (R-39) Andrzejczack (D-1) Clifton (R-12) Eustace (D-38) Garcia (D-33)
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Petitions to the Local Finance Board

GFOA of NJ sent a letter to the Local Finance Board requesting consideration for adopting a regulation as required by and to fully implement the mandate reform act of PL 2000, c 126. NJSA 40A:5-16) identifies 2 certifications necessary before a vendor claim may be paid.

Current as of September 16, 2015