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GFOA of N.J. 2014 Bill Monitoring List

Accumulated Sick Leave

<p>Bill # A-174 Accumulated Sick Leave</p>	<p>Limits payment to certain public employees for accumulated sick leave upon retirement; requires fine and reprimand or termination for violation of sick leave by public employee.</p> <p>1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Handlin (R-13) Angelini (R-11)</p>
<p>Bill # A-1842 Accumulated Sick Leave</p>	<p>Limits payments for unused sick leave earned after effective date by public officers or employees represented by union; for all public employees, limits vacation leave carry-forward and requires suspension and forfeiture of certain supplemental compensation.</p> <p>1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Lampitt (D-6)</p>
<p>Bill # A-2354 Accumulated Sick Leave</p>	<p>Concerns earned sick leave.</p> <p>2/6/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Labor Committee</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Lampitt (D-6)</p>

Assessment

<p>Bill # A-2319 Assessment</p>	<p>Requires fire districts, school districts, and county governments to share in burden of property assessment appeal refunds.</p> <p>2/6/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Bucco (R-25) Casagrande (R-11) Schepisi (R-39) Webber (R-26)</p>
<p>Bill # A-2324 Assessment</p>	<p>Permits municipalities to designate newly-appointed tax assessors as professional service contractors.</p> <p>8/11/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Bucco (R-25) Casagrande (R-11) Schepisi (R-39) Webber (R-26)</p>
<p>Bill # A-2495</p>	<p>Extends county-based real property assessment pilot program to Atlantic County.</p>	<p>Sponsor(s): Andrzejczak (D-1) Mazzeo (D-2)</p>

Assessment	5/15/2014 Reported from Assembly Comm. as a Substitute, 2nd Reading	Ciattarelli (R-16)
Bill # A-2621 Assessment	Authorizes county government to appoint county assessor for taxes. 2/20/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Andrzejczak (D-1)
Bill # A-3212 Assessment	Establishes rights related to property appraisals following natural disasters. 5/15/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Sponsor(s): Coughlin (D-19)
Bill # A-3313 Assessment	Revises property assessment calendar 6/5/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Coughlin (D-19)
Bill # A-3367 Assessment	Requires county boards of taxation to order revaluation of real property in municipalities when necessary. 6/9/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Wilson (D-5)
Bill # A-3215 Assessment	Extends from 60 days to 120 days amount of time for municipality to refund excess property taxes paid following successful property assessment appeal. 5/15/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Diegnan (D-18) Jimenez (D-32) Riley (D-3)

Employment Issues

Bill # A-172 Employment Issues	Requires all elected or appointed local government officers to receive ethics training. 1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee	Sponsor(s): Handlin (R-13) Spencer (D-29) Lampitt (D-6)
Bill # A-630 Employment Issues	Permits counties and municipalities to withdraw from civil service system by ordinance. 1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Moriarty (D-4) Burzichelli (D-3)

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)
Bill # A-182 Employment Issues	Concerns eligibility for unemployment benefits for certain seasonal workers. 1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Labor Committee	Sponsor(s): Handlin (R-13) Kean (R-30) Bucco (R-25)
Bill # S-1 Employment Issues	Encourages sharing of services; makes appropriations. 1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	Sponsor(s): Sweeney (D-3) Kyrillos (R-13) O'Toole (R-40) Bucco (R-25)

Environment

Bill # SCR-84 Environment	Amends Constitution to dedicate 4% of CBT revenues to open space, farmland, and historic preservation, water programs, public and private site remediation, and underground storage tank programs, ends current dedication of four percent of CBT revenues for various environmental programs, and increases dedication to six percent of CBT revenues in 2019; and dedicates revenue from leases and conveyances of State-owned open space, farmland, and historic preservation. 8/4/2014 Passed by the Assembly (58-9-1) 8/4/2014 Filed with Secretary of State	Sponsor(s): Smith (D-17) Bateman (R-16)
Bill # A-778 Environment	Ends transitional energy facilities assessment (TEFA), caps State use portion of State energy tax revenues and ensures balance of such State revenues are paid annually as municipal aid. 1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Rumpf (R-9) Gove (R-9) Giblin (D-34) Wolfe McGuckin
Bill # A-1583 Environment	Authorizes creation of storm-water utilities for certain local government entities. 9/11/2014 Reported out of Asm. Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee	Sponsor(s): Smith (D-17) Eustace (D-38)
Bill # S-1510 Environment	Authorizes municipalities to finance water conservation, storm shelter construction, and flood and hurricane resistance projects. 4/28/2014 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	Sponsor(s): Smith (D-17) Bateman (R-16)

Bill # S-268 Environment	Requires certain energy tax receipts to be paid directly to municipalities. 1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	Sponsor(s): Greenstein (D-14) Vitale (D-19)
Bill # S-848 Environment	"Government Energy Reliability and Savings Public-Private Partnership Act." 1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee	Sponsor(s): Norcross (D-5) Whelan (D-2)
Bill # ACR-137 Environment	Amends Constitution to require State to make payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities for certain preserved open space. 3/24/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Sponsor(s): Andrzejczak (D-1)

Miscellaneous

Bill # A-474 Misc.	Eliminates duplication and redundancy in registration of certain apartments. 1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Sponsor(s): Green (D-22) Rible (R-30) Rumana (R-40) Singleton (D-7) Jimenez (D-32) McHose (R-24)
Bill # S-1033 Misc.	Provides for use of prepaid debit cards as standardized form of disbursement for certain State and local government payments to individuals and business entities. 1/30/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	Sponsor(s): Weinberg (D-37)
Bill # S-781 Misc.	Makes various changes to law addressing meetings of public bodies to provide public with greater access to meetings and information about meetings. 1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	Sponsor(s): Weinberg (D-37) Pennacchio (D-26)
Bill # S-782 Misc.	Makes certain access changes to open public records act; establishes State public finance website and creates program for development of local websites; makes appropriation. 1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	Sponsor(s): Weinberg (D-37) Pennacchio (R-26)

Bill # A-2027 Misc.	Requires certain public contract bid advertisements to contain certified cost estimate ranges, specifies grounds for rejection of all bids, and requires 50% guaranty on bids; designated as the Fairness in Bidding Act. 1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Greenwald (D-6) Rible (R-30)
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Taxes and Aid

Bill # A-366 Taxes & Aid	Clarifies application of business personal property tax on local exchange telephone companies that were subject to tax as of April 1, 1997. 1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	Sponsor(s): Caputo (D-28) Gusciora (D-15)
Bill # A-468 Taxes & Aid	Requires contracting units and boards of education to credit contractors with interest earned on certain funds withheld from payment to contractors. 2/6/2014 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading	Sponsor(s): Green (D-22)
Bill # A-1285 Taxes & Aid	Permits counties and municipalities to use snow removal reserve funds for clearance of debris following declaration of emergency by President or Governor. 1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee	Sponsor(s): Dancer (R-12) Chivukula (D-17)
Bill # A-1889 Taxes & Aid	Requires certain user fees for the provision of traditional municipal services to be included within the 2% municipal and county property tax levy cap. 1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Burzichelli (D-3)
Bill # A-2894 Taxes & Aid	Permits municipalities to use portion of State aid under Clean Communities Program for snow and ice removal. 3/10/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	Sponsor(s): Dancer (R-12) Mazzeo (D-2)
Bill # A-3052 Taxes & Aid	Prohibits municipalities from charging interest on unpaid property taxes for a month after payment is due following a significant weather event or natural disaster when a state of emergency is declared by the Governor. 3/24/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee	Sponsor(s): Mazzeo (D-2) Pinkin (D-18) Mukherji (D-33)

Bill # A-3143	Limits the fee amounts that local enforcing agencies may charge for performing construction code enforcement service to the fee amounts that the DCA charges when it performs code enforcement services. Allows municipal governing bodies to apply to the Commissioner of Community Affairs for a waiver from the fee limitation. 5/15/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee	Sponsor(s): Singleton (D-7)
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Legislation Signed into Law or Vetoed

Bill # S-1396 Taxes & Aid	Expands ability of the court to order payment of attorney fees and costs by parties who file frivolous lawsuits. 2/27/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee	Sponsor(s): Rice (D-28)
Bills # A-3424 Employment Issues	Revises certain laws governing police and fire interest arbitration; incorporates compounding in base salary calculation; extends two-percent cap on base salary awards. 6/19/2014 Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses) (35-0) 6/24/2014 Approved P.L.2014, c.11.	Sponsor(s): Prieto (D-32) Greenwald (D-6) Singleton (D-7) Burzichelli (D-3)
Bill # S-264 Employment Issues	“Thomas P. Canzanella Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act”; concerns workers’ compensation for public safety workers. 3/17/2014 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	Sponsor(s): Greenstein (D-14)
Bill # S-762/A-3328	Adds to property to levy cap exclusions increases in flood insurance premiums. 6/23/2014 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (64-11-2) 8/11/2014 Absolute Veto, Received in the Senate	Sponsor(s): Sarlo (D-36)