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SENATE ACTION (QUORUM)

Nominations Received and Referred to SJU:

TO BE A BRIGADIER GENERAL OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:
Brian Stramaglia, of Lake Hopatcong, to fill a vacancy.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS:
Cheryl Hall, of Montclair, to replace John Olthuis.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER REVIEW PANEL:
Dr. Jaymica Patel, of Moorestown, to replace Lawrence L. Livornese.
Dr. Michael Verdi, of Whippany, to replace Lesley Fein.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE ON MINORITY AND MULTICULTURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION:
Tajalah Bell, of East Orange, to replace Debbie Salas-Lopez.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE COMMISSION ON BRAIN INJURY RESEARCH:
Kim Lyons, of Oakland, to replace Mark Evan Stanley.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:
William Brash, of Freehold, to replace Roger Kumpel.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS:
Charles Latini, Jr., of Bordentown, to replace Kenneth Paul Nelson.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE WETLANDS MITIGATION COUNCIL:
Richard Lathrop, Jr., of Bound Brook, to replace Yang Deng.
Charles Schutte, of Glassboro, to replace Philip Mark Orton.

TO BE THE VETERANS' ADVOCATE:
Michael Embrich, of Bayonne, to fill a vacancy.

Bills Introduced:

S4837 Tiver,L Income tax deduction-prov for expenses incurred, care for cert close relatives REF SHH
S4838 Tiver,L Citizenship verification-require to register to vote in New Jersey elections REF SSG
S4839 Wimberly,B/McKnight,A Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates-authorizes creation REF STR
S4840 McKnight,A Resid. lease agreements-concerns listing minor child & related court documents REF SCU
S4841 Ruiz,M Medicaid eligibility groups, cert-increases income and resource threshold limit REF SHH
S4842 Stack,B Voter Protection and Law Enforcement Neutrality Act-concerns REF SSG
S4843 Singleton,T/McKnight,A Resid tenant & transient guest, hotel/motel-estab between, for removal purposes REF SCU
S4844 Singleton,T Health Care Clinical Independence & Tranaction Transparency Act-concerns REF SHH
S4845 Stack,B/Ruiz,M Social Housing Program; Workforce Housing Investment Program-establish REF SCU
S4846 Ruiz,M Resid. tenants-proh landlords using cert living situations as cause for eviction REF SCU
S4847 Lagana,J Medical treatment, future-concerns collectible personal injury protection benf REF SCM
S4848 Burgess,R Sale of memorials-req written contract, deposit payments into escrow account REF SCM
S4849 Amato,C Micro-Reactor Incentive Act-request proposals, construct micro nuclear reactors REF SEN

Bills Introduced: (cont'd)

S4850 Testa,M/Stack,B Real property by municipalities-concerns ordinance implementing eminent domain REF SCU
S4851 Gopal,V Residential contruction, new-allow post-constr broadband cable deployment REF SCU
S4852 Gopal,V ELEC-require candidate contact information be provided on certain forms REF SSG
S4853 Gopal,V Advisory Bds of Health-meet quarterly, complete cert training & conduct sessions REF SHH
S4854 Gopal,V Public Health Council-revise membership, restore functions, powers, & duties REF SHH
S4855 Gopal,V Swimming lessons, classes, or instruction-concerns specially exempt facility REF SHH
S4856 McKeon,J Water Conservation and Reuse Study Commission-establish REF SEN
S4857 Vitale,J Newborn Screening Advisory Review Committee-expand responsibilities REF SHH
S4858 Scutari,N Minor Protection Order Act of 2026-establish; make appropriation REF SJU
SCR143 Amato,C Property tax deductions-incr amount granted to sr citizen, disab persons, & vets REF SCU
SJR164 Tiver,L Alpha-Gal Syndrome Awareness Day-designate May 2 each year REF SHH

Bill Given 2nd Reading:

S2994 Scs (SCS) Vitale,J/Timberlake,B Midwifery Licensing Act-creates; modifies regulation of midwifery

Bill Transferred:

S3423 Moriarty,P Fish pumps, certain-authorize use to remove menhaden from purse seines FROM SEN TO SCM

Co-Sponsors Added:

S1385 (McKnight,A; Burgess,R) Insurance/interinsurance contracts-concerns between subscribers and attorney
S1786 Sca (1R) (Burgess,R) Accessory dwelling units & municipal land use regulations-concerns development
S3324 (Vitale,J) Naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray-req. higher education instit. maintain supply
S4075 (Cruz-Perez,N; Greenstein,L) Artificial intelligence-based systems-regulate use for electronic monitoring
S4128 (Turner,S) Local county college-notify graduating high school students of acceptance
S4298 (Burgess,R) Holistic Representation Model-establish in Office of Public Defender
S4464 Scs (SCS) (Holzapfel,J) Toll discount-require NJTA and SJTA provide to veterans
S4492 (Wimberly,B) Parole release, early discharge & penal for cert violations-modify procedures
S4657 (Mukherji,R; McKeon,J) Data centers-modifies certain DEP permit application requirements
S4658 (Mukherji,R) Data Center Transparency Dashboard-establish, submit annual report to DEP
S4659 (Mukherji,R; Diegnan,P) Data center development-conduct study on environmental impacts
S4772 (Singleton,T) Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders-make suppl approp;$455K
S4797 (Space,P) Prevailing Wage Act, NJ-clarifies applicability to public work projects
S4820 (Diegnan,P) Micro-hospitals-permit hospitals to establish under certain circumstances
S4829 (Diegnan,P) Sexual assault, ed instit by another student-fine, fail to appropriately respond
S4845 (McKnight,A) Social Housing Program; Workforce Housing Investment Program-establish
SCR96 Sca (1R) (Schepisi,H) Veterans' property tax deduction-increase from $250 to $2,500 over four years
SJR26 (Space,P) Military Spouse Appreciation Month-designates May

Co-Prime Sponsors Added:

S3565 (Amato,C) Mental health services to veterans-establish and allocate funds for program;$2M
S3648 (Space,P) Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact-enters NJ in
S3831 (Turner,S) Microfiber washing machine filters-DEP establish rebate program;$2.5M
S4327 (McKnight,A) School Districts, hazardous routes-establish criteria to be used to designate
S4610 Sca (1R) (Tiver,L) Motorbus & rail passenger service employees-concerns
S4658 (Greenstein,L) Data Center Transparency Dashboard-establish, submit annual report to DEP
S4820 (Vitale,J) Micro-hospitals-permit hospitals to establish under certain circumstances
S4839 (McKnight,A) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates-authorizes creation REF STR
S4843 (McKnight,A) Resid tenant & transient guest, hotel/motel-estab between, for removal purposes REF SCU
SJR26 (Wimberly,B) Military Spouse Appreciation Month-designates May

The Senate did not adjourn. The Senate will meet on Thursday, October 22, 2026 (SESSION).

ASSEMBLY ACTION (QUORUM)

Bills Introduced:

A5642 Carter,L/Kennedy,J Minor Protection Order Act of 2026-establish; make appropriation REF AJU
A5643 Karabinchak,R Div of Artificial Intelligence Learning-proh, students in preschool through 10th REF AST
A5644 Karabinchak,R Public work projects, certain-expand requirements for bidders REF ALA

Bills Introduced: (cont'd)

A5645 Katz,A State aid, preliminary-require Comm. of Ed. provide notice to school districts REF AED
A5646 Macurdy,A Data Center Transparency Dashboard-establish, submit annual report to DEP REF AST
A5647 Wainstein,L Prevailing Wage Act, NJ-clarifies applicability to public work projects REF ALA
A5648 Wainstein,L Sports and Exposition Authority development fees, certain-limit use REF ATG
A5649 Wainstein,L Persons who operate heavy equipment-proh engaging in use of cannabis items REF APS
A5650 Wainstein,L Justices & judges, cert-prov for annual adjustments to compensation REF AJU
A5651 Wainstein,L Early voting-require certain municipalities offer REF ASL
A5652 Wainstein,L Mun. planning board, zoning board, and redevelopment agency board-concerns REF ASL
A5653 Wainstein,L Basic life support ambulances-prov cert number in mun based on population REF APS
A5654 Sauickie,A State school aid-prohibit limitation of increases in 2026-2027 school yr;$332.6M REF AED
A5655 Wainstein,L Primary election-move to Tuesday after second Monday in June REF ASL
A5656 Wainstein,L Sales & use tax exemption-provide for cert purchases; communities in UEZ REF AHO
A5657 Wainstein,L Local public contract-concerns bidder qualifications REF ASL
A5658 Coughlin,C/Rodriguez,G+7 Free breakfast-require schools to serve to all students in public schools REF ACF
A5659 Wainstein,L Labor harmony agreements-require in public works projects REF ALA
A5660 Wainstein,L Forgery & fraud crimes, cert-concerns when parties have history of domestic viol REF AJU
A5661 Wainstein,L Fire service keys, standardized-req elevators be equipped; concerns lock boxes REF APS
A5662 Sauickie,A Education Endowment Fund-establish REF AED
A5663 Onyema,C Data center development-conduct study on environmental impacts REF AST
A5664 Onyema,C Buy Now Pay Later Act-regulate buy now pay later lenders REF ACO
A5665 Rowan,M Student representative on board of education-prov cert addl responsibilities REF AED
A5666 Rowan,M Casino gaming property-upgrade trespass to fourth degree crime REF ATG
A5667 Rowan,M Civics and Debate Initiative, New Jersey-establish in DOE REF AED
A5668 Stanley,S/Freiman,R Pharmacy benefits, cert St-sponsored plans-contract w/ pharmacy benf manager REF AFI
A5669 Stanley,S/Freiman,R Medicaid pharmacy benefit manager, St-contract to manage benefits under Medicaid REF AHU
A5670 Simmons,H Micro-hospitals-permit hospitals to establish under certain circumstances REF AHN
A5671 Swain,L State Board of Medical Examiners-prov monthly salary, cert members; approp funds REF AHE
A5672 Stewart,K Driver's license or motor vehicle registration certificate-concerns REF ATR
A5673 Stewart,K Direct Development Authority-establish to develop mixed-income housing REF AHO
A5674 Stewart,K Residential dwelling units-concerns cert mandated lease fees imposed by landlord REF AHO
A5675 Stewart,K Menstrual disorders-expand responsibilities, public awareness campaign;$500K REF ACW
A5676 Verrelli,A AI Workforce Impact Transition Fund-concerns REF AST
A5677 Donlon,M Advisory Bds of Health-meet quarterly, complete cert training & conduct sessions REF AHE
A5678 Donlon,M Public Health Council-revise membership, restore functions, powers, & duties REF AHE
A5679 Donlon,M Postpartum psychosis-expand public awareness, implement policies & procedures REF ACW
A5680 Donlon,M Sch dist-req municipality remit payment in lieu of taxes, based on dist tax levy REF ASL
A5681 Peterpaul,L ELEC-require candidate contact information be provided on certain forms REF ASL
A5682 Peterpaul,L GREEN Loan Program-estab, finance cert renewable energy projects;$5M REF ATU
A5683 Peterpaul,L Social Equity Excise Fee, cannabis-award competitive grants from proceeds REF AOF
A5684 Sauickie,A+1 Michael 'Mikey' Gioia's Law-req cert tests, driver in cert motor veh accidents REF APS
A5685 Azzariti Jr.,J/Donlon,M Health insurance carriers-concerns administrative fees or penalties REF AFI
A5686 Simonsen,E Rental Transparency Act-req cert reporting, rent increase in multiple dwellings REF AHO
A5687 Simonsen,E ANCHOR property tax benefit-increase for certain senior citizen tenants REF AHU
A5688 Inganamort,M Deer depredation permit holders-allow to harvest antlers, venison, & hide REF AAN
A5689 McGuckin,G+1 Motor fuel expenses, cert-prov gross income tax deduction, up to $10K REF ATR
A5690 McGuckin,G+1 Jackson's Law-concerns min term of imprisonment, accident resulting in death REF AJU
A5691 McGuckin,G+1 Homeowner's payments, cert association assessments-prov income tax deduction REF AHO
A5692 Dunn,A RE-PLAN Act-concerns assessment for land, developable for affordable housing REF AHO
A5693 Drulis,M Corporation bussiness tax benefit certificate-modifies cert req of transfer prog REF ACE
A5694 Kearney,V Sales & use tax exemp cert prog-extend eligibility by EDA, include cert projects REF ACE
A5695 Kearney,V Structured Settlement Protection Act-revise, add additional consumer protections REF AFI
A5696 Kearney,V Electric public utility power restoration practices after major events-establish REF ATU
A5697 Pintor Marin,E/Murphy,C Residents w/ disabilities, St-dedicate funds, centers providing certain services REF ATG
A5698 Pintor Marin,E Income tax preparation assistance-prov suppl FY2027 approp;$550K REF ACW
A5699 Karabinchak,R Affordable housing projects, cert-expand tax exemp, materials/supplies/svcs REF AHO
A5700 Katz,A/Donlon,M Youth Well-Being & Digital Accountability Act & Fund-establish REF ACF
A5701 Reynolds-Jackson,V Transportation, cert students-permit trans. providers transport in cert vehicle REF AED
A5702 Coughlin,C/Reynolds-Jackson,V Efficient Income Verification act-concerns REF ACF
A5703 Karabinchak,R Housing authority officials, local-revise training requirements REF AHO
A5704 Schaer,G/Lopez,Y Resid. lease agreements-concerns listing minor child & related court documents REF AHO
ACR158 Inganamort,M/Fantasia,D Sr & individual w/ disability prop tax deduct-align income cap w/ fed guidelines REF AHU
ACR159 Peterpaul,L/DePhillips,C+3 Historic preservation-approve eligible project in Monmouth County REF ATG
AJR197 Stanley,S Vocational Training Day-declare last Wednesday of October each year REF ALA
AR159 Fantasia,D/DePhillips,C+8 Italian-American Heritage Mo-recognize, concerns hist lynchings of Sicilians REF ASL
AR160 Sauickie,A Meta settlement funds-urge Governor to dedicate funds to support cert sch dists REF AED

Bills Reported from Committee/Given 2nd Reading:

A759 Abdelaziz,A/Reynolds-Jackson,V Facial recognition technology-study law enforcement use and issue report REP
A3058 Aca (1R) Tully,C/Greenwald,L+7 Deep Fake Technology Unit-establish in DLPS; appropriates $10M REP/ACA

Bills Reported from Committee/Given 2nd Reading: (cont'd)

A3076 Tully,C/Quijano,A Artificial intelligence-study use for certain law enforcement purposes REP
A3395 Stanley,S+1 Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund-revise law, EMT eligibility for funds REP
A5423 Danielsen,J Facial recognition technology-proh using for estab probable cause for arrest REP

Bills Reported Referred/AAP:

A4202 Acs (ACS) Murphy,C Deoxyribonucleic acid sample-requires collection for certain crimes REP/ACS REF AAP
A5433 Peterpaul,L Public Employees' Occupational Safety & Health Act-consolidate administration REP REF AAP
A5607 Miller,C/Sweeney,M Chatbox providers-establish content and data privacy requirements REP REF AAP

Bill Reported Referred/ACE:

A5517 Verrelli,A/Sweeney,M Tipped workers-require employers provide certain notices REP REF ACE

Bill Transferred:

A5423 Danielsen,J Facial recognition technology-proh using for estab probable cause for arrest FROM AST TO APS

Co-Sponsors Added:

A187 (Guardian,D) Voting fraud task force-require AG create
A721 (Myhre,G) Anthony Maruca's Law-enacts; req. law enforcement officers to carry epinephrine
A1407 (Rodriguez,G) Prostitution crimes, cert-upgrade penalties; creates crime, prostitution network
A1408 (Rodriguez,G) Public awareness signage-broaden to include notices in Chinese & Korean
A1730 Acs (ACS) (Drulis,M) Census Complete Count Trust Fund-creates in Department of State
A2317 (Sweeney,M; Kearney,V) Foie gras-prohibit forcibly feeding certain poultry for production
A2372 (Schnall,A) Bond ordinances-eliminates five percent down payment requirement
A3450 (Haider,S) Child care services-req. State provider subsidy payments be based on enrollment
A4579 (Walker,J) Cigarette & tobacco products tax rev-incr amount prov to Comm on Cancer Research
A4777 (Clifton,R) Scholarship granting programs-require State participate in federal tax credit
A5237 (Peterpaul,L) Mental health insurance coverage for minors-monitor/evaluate/submit report
A5336 Acs (ACS) (Bhalla,R) Prediction markets-establish regulatory framework
A5626 (Fantasia,D) Volunteer emergency svc. organizations, cert active memb-prov income tax credit
A5658 (Karabinchak,R; Stanley,S; Park,E; Singh,B) Free breakfast-require schools to serve to all students in public schools
AJR115 (Rowan,M) Hate and bias crimes-condemns hate in all forms
AR159 (Sauickie,A; DiMaio,J; Barlas,A; Inganamort,M; Auth,R; McGuckin,G; Flynn,V; Kanitra,P) Italian-American Heritage Mo-recognize, concerns hist lynchings of Sicilians

Second Prime Sponsors Added:

A2753 Aca (1R) (Fantasia,D) Highway safety-publish info, motorists passing farm equip on public highways
A3594 (Brennan,K) NJ Housing Opportunity Act-enhances opportunities for housing production
A4679 (Donlon,M) Licensed practical nurses & patient care technicians-increase scope of practice
A5527 (Katz,A) Alcoholic beverage tax credits, certain breweries-provide for certain donations

Third Prime Sponsors Added:

A3586 Aca (1R) (Haider,S) State-owned property-req annual report for potential as affordable housing
A4637 (Fantasia,D) Sch. of Agriculture for Next Century-support education/research/workforce devel
A4679 (Rodriguez,G) Licensed practical nurses & patient care technicians-increase scope of practice
A4738 (Park,E) Home Safety Act-establish, concerns firearm storage & safety; approp $500K
A5551 (Schnall,A) Small businesses-provide tax credits for portion of costs paid for ads
A5626 (Inganamort,M) Volunteer emergency svc. organizations, cert active memb-prov income tax credit
AR133 (Karabinchak,R) Women's voting rights-urge Congress to protect & reject SAVE America Act

Fourth Prime Sponsor Added:

A4259 (Stanley,S) Support for Students Exposed to Domestic Violence Fund-establish

Digest Corrections:

A1302 Miller,C Nursing programs-estab process for county colleges to offer baccalaureate degree REP REF AHI ***NOT*** REP 2RA **10/15/26**

Digest Corrections: (cont'd)

A5600 Aca (1R) Calabrese,C/Park,E+1 Motorbus & rail passenger service employees-concerns REP/ACA REF AAP ***NOT*** REP/ACA 2RA **10/15/26**

Digest Notes:

Bills Introduced:

A5639 Katz,A/Reynolds-Jacksons,V+1 Sexual assault-concerns prosecution REF AHI
A5640 Sweeney,M/Speight,S+1 Four-yr instit of higher ed-prov cert training to first-yr & transfer students REF AHI

The Assembly adjourned the Thursday, October 15, 2026 Quorum at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, October 16, 2026.

The Assembly did not adjourn. The Assembly will meet on Thursday, October 22, 2026 (QUORUM, Committees at the Call of the Speaker).

Bills Passed Both Houses/Sent To Governor:

None

Bills Signed Into Law Since Last Session (10/15/2026):

None