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222nd Legislature

First Annual Session

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

SENATE SESSION 1:00 PM Senate Chambers

Voting Session:

S229 [Turner, Shirley K.], Educational institutions, post-secondary-collect & report emp data for cert grad
S413 [Stack, Brian P./Mukherji, Raj+4], Tenants, sr citizens & certain with disabilities-extend protected tenancy period
S420 [Stack, Brian P.], Voting period, early-concerns for regular municipal elections in May
S451 [Stack, Brian P./Ruiz, M. Teresa+4], Algorithmic sym-use to influence price & supply, resid rental units unlawful
S497 [Henry, Owen], James Francisco & Walter Schmidt Memorial Roadway-desig portion, Route 35
S601 [Beach, James/Moriarty, Paul D.+4], Dylan's Law-req info be provided, approved personal flotation devices
S712 [Burzichelli, John J./Ruiz, M. Teresa+4], Reproductive health travel advisory-establishes
S1107 [Cruz-Perez, Nilsa I.], FY2026 approp act-amend, reassign to Parkside Bus. & Community in Partnership
S1193 [Corrado, Kristin M./Lagana, Joseph A.+2], Restaurant reservations-concerns third-party restaurant reservation service
S1281 [Greenstein, Linda R./Turner, Shirley K.+1], Apparel, added perfluoroalkyl/polyfluoroalkyl-proh sale/manufacture/distribution
S1395 [Lagana, Joseph A./McKnight, Angela V.], Limited liability company-allow to terminate alternate name
S1773 [Singleton, Troy/McKnight, Angela V.+2], School performance reports-require info. about positive placement of graduates
S2368 [McKeon, John F./Smith, Bob+1], Portable solar generation devices, cert-exempt, interconnection & net metering
S2457 [Bucco, Anthony M./Bramnick, Jon M.+8], Armed Forces of US or National Guard-permit excused absence, student enlisted
S2551 [O'Scanlon, Declan J./Beach, James+5], Epinephrine-requires law enforcement officers to carry
S2996 [Vitale, Joseph F./Singleton, Troy+25], Nurses, advanced practice-eliminates certain practice restrictions for
S3023 [Vitale, Joseph F.+1], Long-term care facilities/acute care hospitals-prov cert protections, residents
S3114 [Wimberly, Benjie E./Singleton, Troy+8], Law enforcement officer-reveal facial identity during cert public interactions
S3142 [Scutari, Nicholas P./Bramnick, Jon M.], Personal injury protection coverage-proh. health insurance coverage as primary
S3173 [Scutari, Nicholas P./Bramnick, Jon M.], Insurance liability cases-require insurance companies be named defendants
S3379 [Ruiz, M. Teresa/Mukherji, Raj+2], Semi-annual water & energy usage-req data center owners & operators submit
S3521 [Timberlake, Britnee N./Johnson, Gordon M.+7], Strengthening Trust Between Law Enforcement & Immigrant Communities-concerns
S3522 [Ruiz, M. Teresa/Zwicker, Andrew+6], Privacy Protection Act-concerns collection & sharing of certain personal info
S3819 [Smith, Bob/Burzichelli, John J.+1], Transmission-scale energy storage procurement-modifies cert requirements
S3870 [Scutari, Nicholas P./Sarlo, Paul A.+2], Nuclear facilities-modifies certain CAFRA permit review requirements
S3945 [Scutari, Nicholas P.], Hemp products/intoxicating hemp beverages-revise restrict through November 2026
SJR30 [Pennacchio, Joseph/Burgess, Renee C.], Eczema Awareness Month-designates October of each year
SR18 [Smith, Bob/Greenstein, Linda R.], PJM Interconnection region-obtain new zero- or low-emission sources of energy

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 (continued)

SENATE SESSION (continued)

SR85 [Smith, Bob/McKeon, John F.], Greenhouse gas endangerment-condemn EPA rule finding

*Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Meeting 9:30 AM Committee Room 6, 1st Floor, State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

Chair: Sen. Beach, James

S552 [Beach, James+1], Historical roadside markers-require Travel & Tourism develop & maintain website
S585 [Beach, James+6], The Voter Convenience Act-allow voter to vote at any polling place, election day
S593 [Beach, James/Zwicker, Andrew+3], Mail-in ballots-send applications to regis voters upon their 18th birthday
S1583 [Amato, Carmen F./Bucco, Anthony M.+6], Cancer screening examinations, periodic-provide access, volunteer firefighters
S2160 [Moriarty, Paul D./Diegnan, Patrick J.], Sports wagering licensees-prohibit from offering micro bets; establish penalties
S3237 [Turner, Shirley K./McKnight, Angela V.], Closed captioning, on televisions in State buildings-display
S3405 [Burzichelli, John J./Wimberly, Benjie E.+14], Public works contract-establishes minimum qualifications, persons employed
S3451 [Beach, James], 2026 FIFA World Cup-submit reports concerning human rights
S3482 [Beach, James], Alcohol manufacturers-provide for inclusion on highway signs & for internet site
S3815 [Scutari, Nicholas P./Beach, James], US Postal Service postmark-estab public awareness campaign, fed rules;\$100K

ASSEMBLY SESSION 1:00 PM Assembly Chambers

Voting Session:

A795 [Bailey, David/Freiman, Roy+11], Violations, cert-permit 30-calendar day extension, bus. to address & resolve
A796 [Bailey, David/Danielsen, Joe+7], Electric public utilities-develop and apply special tariff for data centers
A947 [Murphy, Carol A./Collazos-Gill, Alixon+4], Perinatal anxiety-estab. awareness campaign, devel policies, promote recognition
A948 [Murphy, Carol A./McCoy, Tennille R.+3], Antenatal prenatal care clinics-DOH conduct survey on status
A1079 [Singh, Balvir/Calabrese, Clinton], John Bull-designate as NJ State steam locomotive
A1205 [Schnall, Alexander/Carter, Linda S.], Division of Developmental Disabilities-create and distribute satisfaction survey
A1295 [Miller, Cody D./Carter, Linda S.+2], Local government employee on paid leave-proh a different county from employing
A1715 [Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina+40], John R. Lewis Voter Empowerment Act of NJ-establishes
A1738 [Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina/Carter, Linda S.], Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates-authorize creation
A1743 [Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina/Quijano, Annette+12], Law enforcement officer-reveal facial identity during cert public interactions
A1872 [Kennedy, James J./Stanley, Sterley S.+6], Gardens, community-exempts composting on-site under certain conditions
A1873 [Kennedy, James J./Spearman, William W.+14], Flood mitigation projects-prioritize funding for projects that include/allow for
A1959 [Quijano, Annette/Sampson, William B.+7], Billing due date-proh. telecommunications/utility companies from charging prior

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 (continued)

ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)

A2127 [Carter, Linda S./Morales, Carmen Theresa], Public utility meter reading fees-proh charging residents, multi-unit dwellings
A2195 [Speight, Shanique/Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina+8], Vaping awareness campaign-concerns; devel guidelines, sch dist/instit higher ed
A2199 [Speight, Shanique/McCoy, Tennille R.+12], Child abuse reporting hotline-maintain by DCPD, prov info on available resources
A2205 [Speight, Shanique/Karabinchak, Robert J.+6], VCCO-post signs and distribute pamphlets in emergency rooms
A2259 [Donlon, Margie/Barlas, Al+3], Hospital patient w/devel. disability-auth designated caregiver accompany patient
A2312 [Peterpaul, Luanne M./Tully, Chris+11], Sexual exploitation/abuse of children-create separate crime for items depicting
A2388 [Moen, William F./Sampson, William B.+8], Historical roadside markers-require Travel & Tourism develop & maintain website
A2391 [Moen, William F./Sauickie, Alex+8], 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War-authorize creation of license plates
A2401 [Moen, William F.], Scrap metal businesses-establish safety measures
A2408 [Moen, William F.+1], FY2026 approp act-amend, reassign to Parkside Bus. & Community in Partnership
A2777 [Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina/Lopez, Yvonne+1], NJ Online Foreclosure Sale Act-permits online foreclosure sales
A3125 [Swain, Lisa/Haider, Shama A.+11], Menstrual products-bans regulated perfluoroalkyl & polyfluoroalkyl substances
A3238 [Hutchison, Dan/Stamley, Sterley S.+1], Income tax assessments-eliminate statute of limitation, refunds induced by fraud
A3318 [Sampson, William B./Brennan, Katie+2], Restaurant reservation-ban unauthorized arrangement, third-party reservation svc
A3507 [Lopez, Yvonne/Miller, Cody D.+3], Rent increases, unconscionable-establish standards for determining
A3523 [Carter, Linda S./Morales, Carmen Theresa], Educational Facilities Authority-reduce number of members required for quorum
A3571 [Greenwald, Louis D./Simmons, Heather+2], Economic development partnerships-authorizes establishment of regional
A3877 [Coughlin, Craig J./Speight, Shanique+7], Develop housing-estab cert St funding preference, mun that enhance opportunities
A3882 [Coughlin, Craig J./Quijano, Annette+6], Subsidized sch meal application-post link in prominent place on Internet website
A3929 [Karabinchak, Robert J./Greenwald, Louis D.+2], Biometric surveillance system-proh use by business entity, certain circumstances
A3986 [Schnall, Alexander/Sampson, William B.], Towing companies-accept authorization of vehicle release to third party
A4052 [Spearman, William W./Brennan, Katie+4], Nurses, advanced practice-eliminates certain practice restrictions for
A4070 [Quijano, Annette/Park, Ellen J.+13], Privacy Protection Act-concerns collection & sharing of certain personal info
A4071 [Park, Ellen J./Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina+9], Strengthening Trust Between Law Enforcement & Immigrant Communities-concerns
A4072 [Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina/Miller, Cody D.+22], Public works contract-establishes minimum qualifications, persons employed
A4075 [Stanley, Sterley S./Murphy, Carol A.+1], International public health-authorize DOH to establish partnerships
A4528 [Miller, Cody D./DeAngelo, Wayne P.+3], Nuclear facilities-modifies certain CAFRA permit review requirements
A4529 [DeAngelo, Wayne P./Egan, Kevin P.], Transmission-scale energy storage procurement-modifies cert requirements
A4543 [Abdelaziz, Al/Stewart, Kenyatta], February 2019 police sergent exam-concerns Paterson & Newark police
A4678 [Greenwald, Louis D./Spearman, William W.], Renaissance school projects-clarifies payments, non-resident students enrolled
A4745 [Wainstein, Larry/Rodriguez, Gabriel], Voting period, early-concerns for regular municipal elections in May
A4791 [Karabinchak, Robert J./Carter, Linda S.], Hemp products/intoxicating hemp beverages-revise restrict through November 2026
AJR93 [Katz, Andrea], Timbuctoo's 200th anniversary-celebrate and commemorates
AJR109 [Simmons, Heather/Speight, Shanique], Donate Life Month-designates month of April, each year
AJR168 [Quijano, Annette/Speight, Shanique], Dolores Huerta Day-designate April 10 each year
AR122 [Karabinchak, Robert J./Coughlin, Craig J.+6], Thomas Mundy Peterson-honor, 1st African American to vote
AR129 [Drulis, Mitchell+1], History of women's suffrage-recognize in NJ

Joint Budget Oversight Meeting 12:00 PM

Committee Room 4, 1st Floor, State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

The Committee will meet to consider the following items:

1. Committee organization for the 2026-2027 legislative session.
2. Adoption of proposed operating rules and procedures.
3. Department of Environmental Protection - Green Acres Project Reallocations and Project Scope Expansion.
4. Thomas Edison State University -Library Construction Bond Act Grant Reallocations.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)

Hearing 10:00 AM

Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the FY 2027 State Budget.

The Hearing will be conducted remotely without the possibility of in person attendance. Committee members, invitees, and staff will participate from remote location using video conference technology. The Committee will take oral testimony by telephone and video, limited to three minutes. If you are interested in registering for the Public Hearing, please fill out the registration form located on the New Jersey Legislature homepage. Registrations must be received by 3:00 PM the working day before the hearing. The public may view the hearing through the State Legislature's homepage: <https://www.nileg.state.nj.us/>.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only)

Hearing 9:30 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,

State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana

The Assembly Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the FY 2027 State Budget.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)

Hearing 10:00 AM NJ Institute of Technology, Campus Center

Atrium, 150 Bleeker Street Newark, NJ 07102

Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the FY 2027 State Budget.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing

10:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,

State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana

Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:

Budget Overview and Revenue Forecast (Office of Legislative Services)

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing

11:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,

State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana

Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:

Budget Overview (State Treasurer)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)

Hearing 10:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,

State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.

Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:

Budget Overview and Revenue Forecast (Office of Legislative Services)

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)

Hearing 11:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,

State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.

Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:

Budget Overview (State Treasurer)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing

10:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,

State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana

Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:

Department of Law and Public Safety

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026 (continued)

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
1:00 PM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
The Judiciary

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 10:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Transportation
NJ Transit/Motor Vehicle Commission

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 1:00 PM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor, State House
Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Health

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
10:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Education
Schools Development Authority

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
1:00 PM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of State

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 10:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
10:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Transportation
NJ Transit/Motor Vehicle Commission

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 10:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Environmental Protection
Department of Agriculture

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 (continued)

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 1:00 PM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Military Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
10:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Health

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
1:00 PM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Military Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
10:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Higher Educational Services

Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
1:00 PM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Environmental Protection
Department of Agriculture

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 10:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of State

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 11:30 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Banking and Insurance

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 10:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Community Affairs

Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 1:00 PM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Law and Public Safety

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

**Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
10:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Human Services

**Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
1:00 PM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Children and Families

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

**Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 10:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Higher Educational Services

**Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 1:00 PM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
The Judiciary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

**Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
10:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Community Affairs

**Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
1:00 PM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Banking and Insurance

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

**Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 10:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Human Services

**Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 1:00 PM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Corrections
State Parole Board

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

**Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
10:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Corrections
State Parole Board

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State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

**Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 10:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Education
Schools Development Authority

**Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
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State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Children and Families

**Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 1:00 PM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor, State House
Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Department of Children and Families

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

**Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 10:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Revenue Update (Office of Legislative Services)

**Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 11:00 AM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
Revenue Update (State Treasurer)
Department of the Treasury and Interdepartmental Accounts

**Senate Budget and Appropriations (Budget Hearings Only)
Hearing 1:00 PM Committee Room 4, 1st Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Sarlo, Paul A.**
Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
New Jersey Economic Development Authority
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

**Assembly Budget Committee (Budget Hearings Only) Hearing
10:00 AM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,
State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
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Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
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1:00 PM Committee Room 11, 4th Floor,

State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

Chair: Asw. Pintor Marin, Eliana

Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget:
New Jersey Economic Development Authority
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Office of the State Comptroller
Cannabis Regulatory Commission

ASSEMBLY, No. 3877

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 222nd LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2026 SESSION

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Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Karabinchak, Stanley and Venezia

SYNOPSIS

Establishes certain State funding preferences for municipalities that enhance opportunities to develop housing.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/9/2026)

1 AN ACT establishing certain State funding preferences for
2 municipalities that adopt certain strategies to encourage denser
3 residential development, supplementing Titles 40, 52, and 27 of
4 the Revised Statutes and amending P.L.2000, c.72.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. (New section) a. The governing body of a municipality may
10 direct the planning board to undertake and provide for a special
11 reexamination of the municipality's master plan and development
12 regulations for the purpose of enabling the municipality to qualify for
13 preferential status in the distribution of financial assistance
14 competitively awarded by the State in accordance with the provisions
15 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

16 b. (1) A planning board directed to undertake and provide for a
17 special reexamination of the municipality's master plan and
18 development regulations pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall,
19 at a minimum, review the provisions of the municipality's existing
20 master plan and development regulations that address areas of the
21 municipality within which residential development is permitted, and
22 may consider recommending specific changes to the master plan and
23 development regulations for the purpose of enhancing the potential
24 development of the municipality for residential purposes.

25 (2) A planning board directed to undertake and provide a special
26 reexamination of the municipality's master plan and development
27 regulations pursuant to subsection a. of this section, prior to reporting
28 recommendations for changes thereto pursuant to subsection c. of this
29 section, may consider whether to include in the master plan and
30 development regulations one or more housing strategies that may
31 enhance the development potential of property for residential purposes
32 at greater densities, including but not limited to the following housing
33 strategies:

34 (a) permit development of an accessory dwelling unit in addition
35 to a single-unit dwelling on developable lots in areas restricted to the
36 development of single-unit dwellings;

37 (b) permit development of a two-unit dwelling on lots in areas
38 restricted to the development of single-unit dwellings;

39 (c) permit development of a three-unit dwelling on lots in areas
40 restricted to the development of single-unit dwellings;

41 (d) eliminate or reduce off-street parking requirements;

42 (e) eliminate or reduce minimum lot size requirements;

43 (f) permit the siting of manufactured housing or a mobile home on
44 lots in areas restricted to the development of single-unit dwellings;

45 (g) permit development of a multi-unit dwelling or a mixed-use
46 development on lots zoned exclusively for office, retail, or commercial
47 uses;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (h) permit development of a multi-unit dwelling on at least 10
2 percent of the developable land within the municipality;

3 (i) permit higher density housing near transit stops; and

4 (j) eliminate or reduce minimum size requirements for dwelling
5 units.

6 c. (1) A planning board directed to undertake and provide for a
7 special reexamination of the municipality's master plan and
8 development regulations pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall
9 prepare and adopt by resolution a report on the findings of the special
10 reexamination, a copy of which report and resolution shall be sent to
11 the Division of Local Planning Services in the Department of
12 Community Affairs, the Office of Planning Advocacy, and the county
13 planning board. A notice that the report and resolution have been
14 prepared shall be sent to any military facility commander who has
15 registered with the municipality pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.41
16 (C.40:55D-12.4) and to the municipal clerk of each adjoining
17 municipality, who may request a copy of the report and resolution on
18 behalf of the military facility or municipality.

19 (2) If a special reexamination report recommends changes to a
20 municipality's existing master plan, the planning board shall forward
21 its recommendations to the governing body. The governing body
22 shall, by resolution, accept, reject, or modify the recommendations
23 of the planning board and direct the planning board to commence
24 the process of amending the master plan accordingly, and in
25 accordance with the requirements for amendment of a master plan
26 under P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.), which include holding a
27 hearing upon public notice.

28 (3) If a planning board amends a master plan pursuant to this
29 subsection, the governing body of the municipality may commence the
30 process of amending the municipality's zoning ordinance under
31 P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.) for the purpose of making it
32 substantially consistent with the land use plan element and the housing
33 plan element of the municipality's master plan.

34 (4) Within 45 business days following the date of adoption of
35 any revisions to the municipality's zoning or other land
36 development ordinances pursuant to paragraph (3) of this
37 subsection, the clerk of the municipality shall transmit copies of the
38 ordinances to the Division of Local Planning Services in the
39 Department of Community Affairs.

40 d. If a municipality has already adopted ordinances
41 substantially similar to the provisions of this section, the
42 municipality shall transmit copies of the ordinances to the Division
43 of Local Planning Services in the Department of Community
44 Affairs for evaluation in preferential status determinations to be
45 made in accordance with the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.)
46 (pending before the Legislatures as this bill).

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48 2. (New section) a. As used in this section:

49 "Department" means the Department of Community Affairs **[;]**.

1 "Grant or other type of competitively-awarded financial
2 assistance" means all types of competitively-awarded financial
3 assistance that the department or another State agency may distribute
4 to one or more municipalities pursuant to a program administered by
5 the department or other State agency that is solely funded by State
6 funds, other than a program:

7 (1) that awards funds to help a municipality fulfill its fair share
8 housing obligation pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.);

9 (2) administered by the department and that awards funds to
10 municipalities in support of shared services and consolidation;

11 (3) where multiple municipalities may join a single application for
12 competitively-awarded financial assistance; or

13 (4) where other entities in addition to municipalities may apply for
14 competitively-awarded financial assistance.

15 "Grant or other type of competitively-awarded financial
16 assistance" shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Neighborhood
17 Preservation Program established pursuant to P.L.1975, c.248
18 (C.52:27D-142 et seq.).

19 "State agency" means any department, division, office, board,
20 commission, council, or bureau in the Executive branch of State
21 government.

22 b. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation
23 to the contrary, when determining the eligibility of a municipality to
24 receive a grant or other type of competitively-awarded financial
25 assistance, the department shall establish a preference for those
26 municipalities that have amended their development regulations
27 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
28 Legislature as this bill) to allow for the use of additional housing
29 strategies and have thereby increased the number of housing units
30 permitted for development within the municipality. Funds awarded
31 under the Transitional Aid to Localities program or any successor
32 discretionary aid program pursuant to P.L.2011, c.144 (C.52:27D-
33 118.42a), as Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid, or as
34 Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Aid shall not be considered a
35 type of competitively-awarded financial assistance under the
36 provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
37 this bill).

38 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to the
39 contrary, the department shall publish on the department's Internet
40 website a list of municipalities that have amended their development
41 regulations pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
42 before the Legislature as this bill) to allow for the use of additional
43 housing strategies and that have increased the number of housing units
44 permitted for development in the municipality. The department shall,
45 in a manner determined by the department, order the municipalities
46 within three tier categories based on the impact of, and the amount of
47 changes made, relative to the municipalities' planning areas. The
48 department shall update this list on a quarterly basis. Each State
49 agency that awards a grant or other type of competitively-awarded

1 financial assistance to a municipality shall utilize this list to establish
2 an award preference for those municipalities that have amended their
3 development regulations pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
4 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to allow for the use of
5 additional housing strategies and have increased the number of
6 housing units permitted for development within the municipality.

7 c. The Department of Community Affairs, pursuant to the
8 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.),
9 shall adopt rules and regulations it deems necessary or desirable to
10 effectuate sections 1 and 2 of P.L. , c. (C. and C.)
11 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), which rules and
12 regulations shall:

13 (1) specify the types and number of housing strategies appropriate
14 for use by a municipality based upon the municipality's planning
15 region, as identified within the most recently adopted State
16 Development and Redevelopment Plan;

17 (2) specify a range of values to be accorded to municipalities
18 determined to be eligible for a preference in financial assistance
19 competitively awarded by the State pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.)
20 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), based upon the number of
21 additional housing units permitted for development and the types of
22 housing strategies adopted pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
23 before the Legislature as this bill); and

24 (3) provide a housing siting and best practices guide for the
25 purpose of assisting municipalities opting to incorporate one or more
26 of the housing strategies identified in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
27 before the Legislature as this bill) into their ordinances.

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29 3. (New section) The Commissioner of Transportation, in
30 determining the allocation of funds for municipal projects from the
31 "Transportation Trust Fund Account," established by section 20 of
32 P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-20), shall establish a criterion to provide,
33 at the commissioner's discretion, within the schedule of all other
34 criteria for prioritization, as provided in section 25 of P.L.1984,
35 c.73 (C.27:1B-25), a preference for those municipalities that have
36 amended their master plan and development regulations pursuant to
37 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
38 as this bill) to allow for the use of additional housing strategies and
39 have thereby increased the number of housing units permitted for
40 development within the municipality.

41
42 4. Section 9 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-9) is amended to read
43 as follows:

44 9. a. State debt service aid for capital investment in school
45 facilities for a district other than an SDA district which elects not to
46 finance the project under section 15 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-
47 15), shall be distributed upon a determination of preliminary
48 eligible costs by the commissioner, according to the following
49 formula:

1 Aid is the sum of A for each issuance of school bonds issued for
2 a school facilities project approved by the commissioner after the
3 effective date of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.)

4 where

$$5 \quad A = B \times AC/P \times DAP \times M, \text{ with } AC/P = 1$$

6 whenever AC/P would otherwise yield a number greater than one,
7 and where:

8 B is the district's debt service for the individual issuance for the
9 fiscal year;

10 AC is the preliminary eligible costs determined pursuant to
11 section 7 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-7);

12 P is the principal of the individual issuance plus any other
13 funding sources approved for the school facilities project;

14 DAP is the district's district aid percentage as defined pursuant to
15 section 3 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-3) and where DAP shall not
16 be less than 40 percent. If the project's design incorporates the
17 implementation of energy efficiency improvements or the
18 installation of energy efficient features or equipment, the DAP shall
19 be increased by no more than five percent. In order to qualify for a
20 DAP increase for the implementation of energy efficiency
21 improvements or the installation of energy efficient features or
22 equipment pursuant to this subsection, a district shall submit to the
23 development authority and Department of Education a certification,
24 along with evidential documentation, attesting that the project's
25 design incorporates the implementation of energy efficiency
26 improvements or the installation of energy efficient features or
27 equipment.

28 In addition, DAP for a school facilities project that is approved
29 by the commissioner following the effective date of
30 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
31 may be increased by no more than 10 percent if the school district
32 submitting the school facilities project is located in a municipality
33 which has amended its master plan and development regulations
34 pursuant section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
35 Legislature as this bill) to allow for the use of additional housing
36 strategies, and has thereby increased the number of housing units
37 permitted for development within the municipality. A regional
38 school district may be eligible for a DAP increase if one or more
39 constituent municipalities of the regional school district have each
40 amended its master plan and development regulations pursuant to
41 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
42 this bill) to allow for the use of additional housing strategies and
43 have thereby increased the number of housing units permitted for
44 development within the municipality, provided that the DAP
45 increase shall be no more than 10 percent and that the maximum
46 DAP increase due to any one constituent municipality's amendment
47 of its master plan and development regulations pursuant to section 1
48 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
49 is calculated in proportion to the constituent municipality's share of

1 the overall resident enrollment of the regional school district. The
2 Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Community
3 Affairs shall develop a uniform methodology to determine a school
4 district's eligibility for a DAP increase based upon the number of
5 additional housing units permitted for development and the types of
6 housing strategies adopted pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.)
7 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). In order to qualify for
8 a DAP increase under this paragraph, a school district shall submit
9 documentation verifying that the appropriate municipalities have
10 adopted the requisite changes to their master plans and development
11 regulations; and

12 M is a factor representing the degree to which a district has
13 fulfilled maintenance requirements for a school facilities project
14 determined pursuant to subsection b. of this section.

15 For county special services school districts, DAP shall be that of
16 the county vocational school district in the same county.

17 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection to the contrary,
18 DAP for a county vocational school district school facilities project
19 that is approved by the commissioner following the effective date of
20 P.L.2009, c.185 shall equal the greater of the district's district aid
21 percentage as defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2000, c.72
22 (C.18A:7G-3) or the percentage of the students in the county
23 vocational school district's resident enrollment who reside in SDA
24 districts; except that DAP shall not be less than 40 percent or
25 greater than 90 percent.

26 b. The maintenance factor (M) shall be 1.0 except when one of
27 the following conditions applies, in which case the maintenance
28 factor shall be as specified:

29 (1) Effective ten years from the date of the enactment of
30 P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.), the maintenance factor for aid
31 for reconstruction, remodeling, alteration, modernization,
32 renovation or repair, or for an addition to a school facility, shall be
33 zero for all school facilities projects for which the district fails to
34 demonstrate over the ten years preceding issuance a net investment
35 in maintenance of the related school facility of at least two percent
36 of the replacement cost of the school facility, determined pursuant
37 to subsection b. of section 7 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-7) using
38 the area cost allowance of the year ten years preceding the year in
39 which the school bonds are issued.

40 (2) For new construction, additions, and school facilities aided
41 under subsection b. of section 7 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-7)
42 supported by financing issued for projects approved by the
43 commissioner after the effective date of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-
44 1 et al.), beginning in the fourth year after occupancy of the school
45 facility, the maintenance factor shall be reduced according to the
46 following schedule for all school facilities projects for which the
47 district fails to demonstrate in the prior fiscal year an investment in
48 maintenance of the related school facility of at least two-tenths of
49 one percent of the replacement cost of the school facility,

1 determined pursuant to subsection b. of section 7 of P.L.2000, c.72
2 (C.18A:7G-7).

3 Maintenance Percentage	Maintenance Factor (M)
4 .199% - .151%	75%
5 .150% - .100%	50%
6 Less than .100%	Zero

7 (3) Within one year of the enactment of P.L.2000, c.72
8 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.), the commissioner shall promulgate rules
9 requiring districts to develop a long-range maintenance plan and
10 specifying the expenditures that qualify as an appropriate
11 investment in maintenance for the purposes of this subsection.

12 c. Any district which obtained approval from the commissioner
13 since September 1, 1998 and prior to the effective date of P.L.2000,
14 c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.) of the educational specifications for a
15 school facilities project or obtained approval from the Department
16 of Community Affairs or the appropriately licensed municipal code
17 official since September 1, 1998 of the final construction plans and
18 specifications, and the district has issued debt, may elect to have the
19 final eligible costs of the project determined pursuant to section 5 of
20 P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-5) and to receive debt service aid under
21 this section or under section 10 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-10).

22 Any district which received approval from the commissioner for
23 a school facilities project at any time prior to the effective date of
24 P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.), and has not issued debt, other
25 than short term notes, may submit an application pursuant to section
26 5 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-5) to have the final eligible costs of
27 the project determined pursuant to that section and to have the New
28 Jersey Economic Development Authority construct the project; or,
29 at its discretion, the district may choose to receive debt service aid
30 under this section or under section 10 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-
31 10) or to receive a grant under section 15 of P.L.2000, c.72
32 (C.18A:7G-15).

33 For the purposes of this subsection, the "issuance of debt" shall
34 include lease purchase agreements in excess of five years.

35 d. For school bonds issued for a school facilities project after
36 the effective date of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.) and prior to
37 the effective date of P.L.2008, c.39 (C.18A:7G-14.1 et al.), State
38 debt service aid shall be calculated in accordance with the
39 provisions of this section as the same read before the effective date
40 of P.L.2008, c.39 (C.18A:7G-14.1 et al.).

41 (cf: P.L.2023, c.311, s.6)

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43 5. Section 15 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-15) is amended to
44 read as follows:

45 15. a. In the case of a district other than an SDA district, for any
46 project approved by the commissioner after the effective date of
47 P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.), the district may elect to receive
48 a one-time grant for the State share of the project in accordance
49 with the provisions of subsection b. of this section rather than

1 annual debt service aid under section 9 of P.L.2000, c.72
2 (C.18A:7G-9). The State share payable to the district shall equal
3 the product of the project's final eligible costs and the district aid
4 percentage or 40 percent, whichever is greater. If the project's
5 design incorporates the implementation of energy efficiency
6 improvements or the installation of energy efficient features or
7 equipment, the district aid percentage shall be increased by no more
8 than five percent. In order to qualify for a district aid percentage
9 increase for the implementation of energy efficiency improvements
10 or the installation of energy efficient features or equipment pursuant
11 to this subsection, a district shall submit to the development
12 authority and Department of Education a certification, along with
13 evidential documentation, attesting that the project's design
14 incorporates the implementation of energy efficiency improvements
15 or the installation of energy efficient features or equipment. In
16 addition, the district aid percentage for a school facilities project
17 that is approved by the commissioner following the effective date of
18 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
19 may be increased by no more than 10 percent if the school district
20 submitting the school facilities project is located in a municipality
21 which has amended its master plan and development regulations
22 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
23 Legislature as this bill) to allow for the use of additional housing
24 strategies and have thereby increased the number of housing units
25 permitted for development within the municipality. A regional
26 school district may be eligible for a district aid percentage increase
27 if one or more constituent municipalities of the regional school
28 district has amended its master plan and development regulations
29 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
30 Legislature as this bill) to allow for the use of additional housing
31 strategies and have thereby increased the number of housing units
32 permitted for development in the municipality, provided that the
33 district aid percentage increase shall be no more than 10 percent and
34 that the maximum district aid percentage increase due to any one
35 constituent municipality's amendment of its master plan and
36 development regulations is calculated in proportion to the
37 constituent municipality's share of the overall resident enrollment
38 of the regional school district. The Commissioner of Education and
39 the Commissioner of Community Affairs shall develop a uniform
40 methodology to determine the district aid percentage increase based
41 upon the number of additional housing units permitted for
42 development and the types of housing strategies adopted pursuant to
43 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
44 In order to qualify for a district aid percentage increase pursuant to
45 this subsection, a school district shall submit documentation
46 verifying that the appropriate municipalities have adopted the
47 requisite changes to their master plans and development regulations.
48 b. The commissioner shall establish a process for the annual
49 allocation of grant funding. Under that process, the commissioner

1 shall annually notify districts of the date on which the
2 commissioner shall begin to receive applications for grant funding.
3 A district shall have 90 days from that date to submit an application
4 to the commissioner. The commissioner shall make a decision on a
5 district's application within 90 days of the submission of all such
6 applications and shall allocate the grant funding in accordance with
7 the priority process established pursuant to paragraph (4) of
8 subsection m. of section 5 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-5).

9 c. The development authority shall provide grant funding for
10 the State's share of the final eligible costs of a school facilities
11 project pursuant to an agreement between the district and the
12 development authority which shall, in addition to other terms and
13 conditions, set forth the terms of disbursement of the State share.
14 The funding of the State share shall not commence until the district
15 secures financing for the local share.

16 (cf: P.L.2023, c.311, s.10)

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18 6. This act shall take effect on the first day of the ninth month
19 next following enactment, except that the Commissioner of
20 Community Affairs, and the commissioners of other State
21 departments impacted by this act may take anticipatory
22 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
23 implementation of this act.

24 25 26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill establishes a program to incentivize municipalities to
29 amend their master plans and development regulations by
30 incorporating certain housing strategies for the purpose of
31 enhancing the development potential of property for residential
32 purposes at greater densities.

33 Under the bill, the governing body of a municipality that is
34 interested in qualifying for preferential status in the distribution of
35 financial assistance competitively awarded by the State pursuant to
36 the bill may direct the municipal planning board to undertake and
37 provide for a special reexamination of the municipality's master
38 plan and development regulations. A planning board directed to
39 undertake and provide for a special reexamination of the
40 municipality's master plan and development regulations is to, at a
41 minimum, review the provisions of the municipality's existing
42 master plan and development regulations that address areas of the
43 municipality within which residential development is permitted, and
44 is authorized to consider recommending specific changes to the
45 master plan and development regulations for the purpose of
46 enhancing the potential development of the municipality for
47 residential purposes. The bill provides that a planning board
48 undertaking a special reexamination of the municipality's master
49 plan and development regulations is also authorized to consider

1 whether to include in the master plan and development regulations
2 one or more housing strategies that may enhance the development
3 potential of property for residential purposes at greater densities.
4 The bill identifies housing strategies to potentially be considered by
5 a planning board conducting a special reexamination.

6 A planning board that has undertaken a special reexamination of
7 the municipality's master plan and development regulations is
8 required to prepare and adopt by resolution a report on the findings
9 of the special reexamination, a copy of which is to be sent to the
10 Division of Local Planning Services in the Department of
11 Community Affairs (DCA), the Office of Planning Advocacy, and
12 the county planning board.

13 If a special reexamination report recommends changes to a
14 municipality's existing master plan, the bill requires the planning
15 board to forward its recommendations to the governing body, which
16 is to, by resolution, accept, reject, or modify the recommendations
17 and direct the planning board to commence the process of amending
18 the master plan. This procedure requires the planning board to hold
19 a hearing on the proposed amendments after providing public notice
20 of the hearing.

21 If a planning board amends a master plan pursuant to the bill, the
22 governing body of the municipality is authorized to commence the
23 process of amending the municipality's zoning ordinance for the
24 purpose of making the ordinance substantially consistent with the
25 land use plan element and the housing plan element of the
26 municipality's master plan.

27 The bill provides that, within 45 business days following the date
28 of adoption of any revisions to the municipality's zoning or other
29 land development ordinances, the clerk of the municipality is to
30 transmit copies of the ordinances to the Division of Local Planning
31 Services in the DCA. If a municipality has already adopted
32 ordinances substantially similar to the bill's requirements, the
33 municipality is to transmit copies of the ordinances to the Division
34 of Local Planning Services in the DCA for evaluation in
35 preferential status determinations.

36 The bill directs the DCA to establish a preference in the award of
37 State financial assistance for those municipalities that have
38 amended their development regulations pursuant to the bill to allow
39 for the use of additional housing strategies and have thereby
40 increased the number of housing units permitted for development.
41 The preference is to apply to all types of competitively-awarded
42 financial assistance that the DCA may distribute to one or more
43 municipalities pursuant to a program administered by the DCA,
44 other than a program that awards funds to help a municipality fulfill
45 its fair share housing obligation. The bill specifically identifies the
46 Neighborhood Preservation Program, established pursuant to
47 P.L.1975, c.248 (C.52:27D-142 et seq.) as State financial assistance
48 programs subject to the bill's provisions. Funds awarded under the
49 Transitional Aid to Localities program or any successor

1 discretionary aid program pursuant to P.L.2011, c.144 (C.52:27D-
2 118.42), as Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid, or as
3 Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Aid are not to be
4 considered a type of competitively-awarded financial assistance
5 under the provisions the bill.

6 Additionally, the bill directs the DCA to publish on the DCA's
7 Internet website a list of municipalities that have amended their
8 development regulations pursuant to the bill to allow for the use of
9 additional housing strategies and have increased the number of
10 housing units permitted for development in the municipality. The
11 DCA is to, in a manner determined by the DCA, order the
12 municipalities within three tier categories based on the impact of,
13 and the amount of changes made, relative to their planning area.
14 The DCA is required to update the list on a quarterly basis. Each
15 State agency that awards a grant or other type of competitively-
16 awarded financial assistance to municipalities is to utilize this list to
17 establish an award preference for those municipalities that have
18 amended their development regulations pursuant to the bill to allow
19 for the use of additional housing strategies and have increased the
20 number of housing units permitted for development within the
21 municipality.

22 The bill directs the DCA to adopt rules and regulations, as
23 specified in the bill, and as the DCA deems necessary or desirable
24 to effectuate these provisions of the bill.

25 Additionally, the bill provides that the Commissioner of
26 Transportation, in determining the allocation of funds for municipal
27 projects from the "Transportation Trust Fund Account" is to
28 establish a criterion to provide, at the commissioner's discretion,
29 priority consideration to municipalities that implement the
30 provisions of this bill, within the schedule of all other criteria for
31 prioritization. Current law provides that that the Commissioner of
32 Transportation may consider several criteria in allocating monies
33 from the Transportation Trust Fund for county and municipal
34 transportation projects.

35 Finally, the bill permits increases in a school district's district
36 aid percentage for the purposes of the calculations of the State share
37 of a school facilities project for those municipalities that implement
38 the provisions of this bill. The bill permits increases to a school
39 district's district aid percentage of no more than 10 percent if the
40 school district is within a municipality that has implemented the
41 provisions of the bill. Under the bill, a regional school district may
42 be eligible for a district aid percentage increase if one or more
43 constituent municipalities of the district has implemented the
44 provisions of the bill. The increase for a regional district, however,
45 may not exceed 10 percent, and the maximum district aid
46 percentage increase due to any one constituent municipality's
47 implementation of the bill is to be calculated in proportion to the
48 constituent municipality's share of the overall resident enrollment
49 of the regional school district.

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1 The bill directs the Commissioner of Education and the
2 Commissioner of Community Affairs to develop a uniform
3 methodology to determine the district aid percentage increase for
4 school districts if a municipality has implemented the provisions of
5 the bill.

ASSEMBLY PUBLIC SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4070

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 12, 2026

The Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4070.

As reported by the committee, this bill establishes the “Privacy Protection Act” concerning the collection and sharing of certain personal information by State and local government entities and health care facilities.

Under the bill, government entities and health care facilities are prohibited from requesting or collecting information from an individual relating to a person’s immigration status, citizenship status, place of birth, social security number, and individual taxpayer identification number unless it is necessary to assess eligibility for, or to administer, a requested public service, benefit, program, professional qualification, or licensure. For a health care facility, the bill provides an exception to this provision when this information is necessary to ensure the safe and appropriate delivery of health care services.

The bill provides that any information concerning a person that is collected to assess eligibility for, or to administer the services, benefits, programs, professional qualifications, or licensure is not considered a government record under the open public records act and is not to be disclosed, except: (1) as required to administer benefits or services pursuant to State or federal law; (2) as required by a subpoena, valid court order, or warrant issued by a State or federal judge, or pursuant to federal law; (3) by an election agency when the disclosure of a candidate’s citizenship status is a requirement for elected office; or (4) upon obtaining written consent from the person to whom the information pertains. The bill makes an exception to this requirement for a health care facility when the information is necessary to ensure the safe and appropriate delivery of health care services and as required by applicable State and federal law, including the “Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.”

The bill requires the Commissioner of Health to consult with the Attorney General (AG) to develop and publish standardized written consent forms in the most commonly encountered languages of the

State to provide health care facilities with a method to comply with the bill's written consent requirements.

In addition, the bill prohibits a government entity from selling, sharing, or transferring automated license plate recognition information concerning the operation of a person's motor vehicle, except: (1) to another government entity when permitted by law; (2) pursuant to a subpoena, valid court order, or judicial warrant; or (3) upon obtaining written consent from the person to whom the information pertains. Under the bill, a government entity's use of a third-party automated license plate recognition system vendor or service for its own data storage purposes is not be considered the sale, share, or transfer of automated license plate recognition information, provided that such vendor or service not sell, share, transferring, or make searchable to other entities or persons information without the authorization of the government entity.

The bill requires that written consent for the disclosure of information be in the person's language of choice and that it include:

- (1) the exact record or information to be shared;
- (2) the purpose for sharing the record or information;
- (3) a statement clarifying that consent is voluntary and declining to consent will not result in discrimination or retaliation by the government entity or health care facility;
- (4) a statement clarifying that consent may be revoked, but that revocation does not impact any record or information already shared under prior written consent granted pursuant to the provisions of the bill; and
- (5) the person or agency to receive the record or information.

In addition, the bill requires a government entity that discloses any record or information pursuant to a subpoena, valid court order, judicial warrant, or federal law to provide notice of the disclosure to the person to whom the record or information pertains within 90 days of the disclosure. The notice is to set forth the: (1) specific record or information subject to disclosure; (2) party to which the record or information was disclosed; and (3) basis for disclosing the information.

Under the bill, government entities are to review their confidentiality policies, guidelines, and regulations and identify any changes needed to ensure compliance with the bill's provisions. Government entities are to post any updated policies, guidelines, and regulations on their websites and implement the changes as expeditiously as possible, but no later than one calendar year after the bill's effective date.

The bill specifies that, in addition to any officer, employee, or contractor of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), as provided under current law, a government entity, as defined by the bill, is also prohibited from disclosing any motor vehicle records

containing personal information for any purposes related to Title 8 of the United States Code without the informed consent of the applicant, a warrant signed by a State or federal judge, lawful court order, or subpoena, except when it would be contrary to federal law. Under the bill, when responding to a warrant, court order, or subpoena requiring the disclosure of motor vehicle information, a government entity may disclose only those records or information specifically requested in the warrant, court order, or subpoena.

A violation of the bill's provisions by a government entity may result in injunctive relief and civil liability for the damages to the person to whom the information pertains or that person's representative or guardian. A violation of the bill's provisions by a health care facility would result in penalties and enforcement by the Department of Health, consistent with the department's authority under existing law and as a condition of licensure.

The bill is effective immediately, except for the provisions regarding the Department of Health, which are effective one year after enactment.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4071

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

222nd LEGISLATURE

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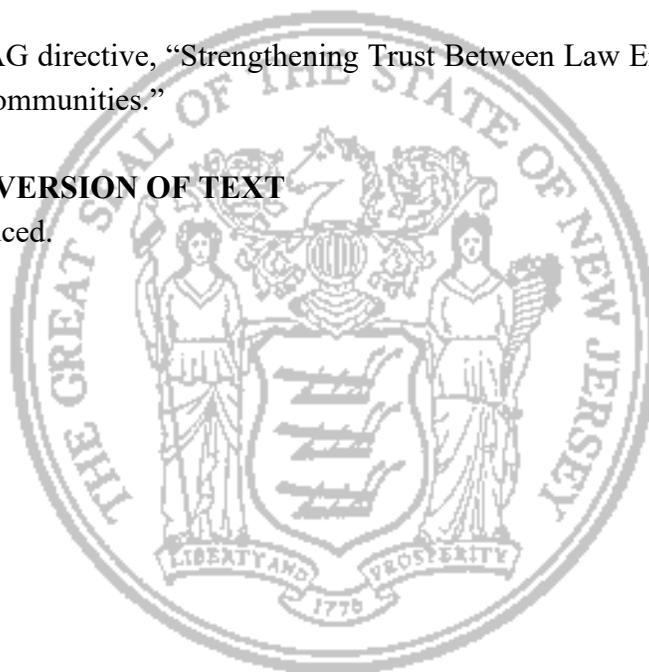
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SYNOPSIS

Codifies AG directive, “Strengthening Trust Between Law Enforcement and Immigrant Communities.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/9/2026)

1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement and immigrant communities
2 and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. There is a difference between State, county, and municipal
9 law enforcement authorities, who enforce the criminal laws of this
10 State, and federal immigration authorities, who enforce federal civil
11 immigration law.

12 b. The responsibility to investigate violations of civil
13 immigration law belongs to the federal government.

14 c. It is not the role of State, county, or municipal law
15 enforcement to carry out federal civil immigration enforcement.

16 d. The law enforcement officers of New Jersey are sworn to
17 protect the public by investigating offenses in violation of the
18 State's criminal code, enforcing the State's criminal laws, and
19 enhancing public safety.

20 e. The expectation that the State's law enforcement officers
21 and agencies will perform tasks outside their responsibility creates
22 an unfair burden on them and the limited resources of the State.

23 f. If State, county, and municipal law enforcement authorities
24 were to participate in federal civil immigration enforcement,
25 beyond the instances required by law, it would improperly blur the
26 distinction between State and federal actors; perhaps more
27 significantly, it would undermine the public trust that law
28 enforcement in this State have worked to cultivate with the diverse
29 communities they serve.

30 g. Individuals are less likely to report a crime if they are fearful
31 that the responding officer will report them to federal immigration
32 authorities. This fear can impede the ability of law enforcement to
33 solve crimes and apprehend suspects, posing a public safety risk to
34 every resident of the State.

35 h. For these reasons, the Legislature finds it fitting and proper
36 to codify the Attorney General Directive, "Strengthening Trust
37 Between Law Enforcement and Immigrant Communities."

38 i. The Legislature notes that nothing in the directive prohibits
39 holding accountable any violator of New Jersey's criminal laws.

40 j. This directive reaffirms the long-settled delegation of
41 responsibility between federal and State law enforcement entities
42 and ensures the equitable division of labor between the two.

43 k. It is the intent of the Legislature to further the State's goals
44 of efficacious and conscientious use of limited law enforcement
45 resources, and advancement of trust between New Jersey's law
46 enforcement and the diverse communities to which they have
47 devoted their livelihoods and lives to protect by codifying the
48 directive.

1 2. As used in this act:

2 “Judicial warrant” means a warrant based on probable cause and
3 issued by a federal Article III judge or magistrate, or the State
4 equivalent, that authorizes federal immigration authorities to search
5 a location or apprehend a person who is the subject of the warrant.

6 “Law enforcement agency” means any instrumentality of the
7 State or a county or municipal government employing a law
8 enforcement official.

9 “Law enforcement official” means a person whose public duties
10 include the power to act as an officer for the detection,
11 apprehension, arrest, and conviction of offenders against the laws of
12 this State. The term includes a prosecutor or assistant prosecutor
13 employed by or appointed to a municipality, a county, or the State.

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15 3. a. A law enforcement officer shall not engage in
16 conduct constituting racially-influenced policing. A law
17 enforcement officer shall not consider a person’s race or ethnicity
18 as a factor in drawing an inference or conclusion that the person
19 may be involved in criminal activity or as a factor in exercising
20 police discretion as to how to stop or otherwise treat the person,
21 except when responding to a suspect-specific or investigation-
22 specific “Be on the Lookout” situation.

23 b. Except as set forth in subsections d. and f. of this section, a
24 State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency or officer shall
25 not:

26 (1) stop, question, arrest, search, or detain any individual based
27 solely on actual or suspected citizenship or immigration status or
28 actual or suspected violations of federal civil immigration law; or

29 (2) inquire about the immigration status of any individual,
30 unless it is necessary for an ongoing investigation of an indictable
31 offense by that individual and relevant to the offense under
32 investigation.

33 c. Except as set forth in subsections d. and f. of this section, a
34 State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency or officer shall
35 not provide the following assistance to federal immigration
36 authorities when the sole purpose is to enforce federal civil
37 immigration law:

38 (1) participate in civil immigration enforcement operations;

39 (2) provide any non-public personally identifying information
40 regarding any individual. This information includes a social
41 security number, credit card number, unlisted telephone number,
42 driver’s license number, vehicle license plate number, insurance
43 policy number, and active financial account number and may
44 include the address, telephone number, or email address for an
45 individual’s home, work, or school, if that information is not readily
46 available to the public;

1 (3) provide access to any State, county, or municipal law
2 enforcement equipment, office space, database, or property not
3 available to the general public;

4 (4) provide access to a detained individual for an interview,
5 unless the detainee signs a written consent form that explains the
6 purpose of the interview, that the interview is voluntary, that the
7 individual may decline to be interviewed, and that the individual
8 may choose to be interviewed only with legal counsel present;

9 (5) provide notice of a detained individual's upcoming release
10 from custody, unless the detainee:

11 (a) is currently charged with or has ever been convicted of,
12 adjudicated delinquent for, or found not guilty by reason of insanity
13 of a violent or serious offense. A violent or serious offense
14 includes any first or second degree offense, as defined in
15 N.J.S.2C:43-1; any indictable domestic violence offense as defined
16 by P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-19); domestic violence assault as
17 defined by paragraph (2) of subsection a. of P.L.1991,
18 c.261(C.2C:25-19); assault pursuant to N.J.S.2C:12-1; knowingly
19 leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident resulting in serious
20 bodily injury pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1997, c.111 (C.2C:12-
21 1.1); stalking pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1992, c.209 (C.2C:12-
22 10); throwing bodily fluid at officers pursuant to section 2 of
23 P.L.1997, c.182 (C.2C:12-13); criminal sexual contact pursuant to
24 N.J.S.2C:14-3; exposing genitals to minors under the age of 13 and
25 other vulnerable populations pursuant to subsection b. of
26 N.J.S.2C:14-4; bias intimidation pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2001,
27 c.443 (C.2C:16-1); arson pursuant to N.J.S.2C:17-1; causing
28 widespread injury or damage pursuant to N.J.S.2C:17-2; burglary
29 pursuant to N.J.S.2C:18-2, and sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2024, c.83
30 (C.2C:18-2.1 and C.2C:18-2.2); endangering the welfare of children
31 pursuant to N.J.S.2C:24-4; witness tampering and retaliation
32 pursuant to N.J.S.2C:28-5; eluding a law enforcement officer
33 pursuant to subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-2; hindering apprehension
34 or prosecution pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection a. of
35 N.J.S.2C:29-3, paragraph (2) of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-3, and
36 paragraph (3) of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-3; criminal contempt
37 pursuant to N.J.S.2C:29-9; manufacture, transportation, or
38 possession of weapons pursuant to N.J.S.2C:39-3, N.J.S.2C:39-5,
39 section 6 of P.L.1979, c.179 (C.2C:39-7), or N.J.S.2C:39-9;
40 aggravated hazing pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of
41 P.L.1980, c.169 (C.2C:40-3); or any indictable offense under the
42 law of another jurisdiction that is the substantial equivalent to an
43 offense described in this subparagraph;

44 (b) has been convicted of an indictable crime other than a violent
45 or serious offense within the past five years; or

46 (c) is subject to a Final Order of Removal that has been signed
47 by a federal judge and lodged with the county jail or State prison
48 where the detainee is being held; or

1 (6) continue the detention of an individual past the time the
2 individual would otherwise be eligible for release from custody
3 solely based on a civil immigration detainer request, unless the
4 detainee:

5 (a) is currently charged with or has ever been convicted of,
6 adjudicated delinquent, or found not guilty by reason of insanity of
7 a violent or serious offense as defined in subparagraph (a) of
8 paragraph (5) of this subsection;

9 (b) has been convicted of an indictable crime other than a violent
10 or serious offense in the past five years; or

11 (c) is subject to a Final Order of Removal that has been signed
12 by a federal judge and lodged with the county jail or State prison
13 where the detainee is being held.

14 Any detention pursuant to paragraph (6) of this subsection shall
15 not continue past 11:59 pm on the calendar day on which the person
16 would otherwise have been eligible for release.

17 d. Nothing in subsections b. or c. of this section shall be
18 construed to restrict, prohibit, or in any way prevent a State, county,
19 or municipal law enforcement agency or official from:

20 (1) enforcing the criminal laws of this State;

21 (2) complying with all applicable federal, State, and local laws;

22 (3) complying with a valid judicial warrant or other court order
23 or responding to any request authorized by a valid judicial warrant
24 or other court order;

25 (4) participating with federal authorities in a joint law
26 enforcement taskforce, the primary purpose of which is unrelated to
27 federal civil immigration enforcement;

28 (5) requesting proof of identity from an individual during the
29 course of an arrest or when legally justified during an investigative
30 stop or detention;

31 (6) asking an arrested individual for information necessary to
32 complete the required fields of a law enforcement fingerprinting
33 database, including information about the arrestee's place of birth
34 and country of citizenship;

35 (7) inquiring about a person's place of birth on a correctional
36 facility intake form and making risk-based classification and
37 assignments in the facility;

38 (8) providing federal immigration authorities with information
39 that is publicly available or readily available to the public in the
40 method the public can obtain it;

41 (9) when required by exigent circumstances, providing federal
42 immigration authorities with aid or assistance, including access to
43 non-public information, equipment, or resources; or

44 (10) sending to, maintaining, or receiving from federal
45 immigration authorities information regarding the citizenship or
46 immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.

47 e. A State, county, or municipal law enforcement authority
48 shall not enter into, modify, renew, or extend any agreement to

1 exercise federal immigration authority pursuant to Section 287(g) of
2 the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357(g), and shall
3 not exercise any law enforcement authority pursuant to a
4 preexisting Section 287(g) agreement.

5 f. The provisions of this section shall not apply to law
6 enforcement agencies that currently are party to an
7 Intergovernmental Service Agreement to detain individuals for civil
8 immigration enforcement purposes when they are acting pursuant to
9 an agreement.

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11 4. a. Every State, county, and municipal law enforcement
12 agency shall establish procedures for processing requests for T-visa
13 certifications and U-visa certifications from potential victims of
14 crime or human trafficking within 120 days of the request being
15 made. Each law enforcement agency shall publish information
16 regarding its procedures on its Internet website. If the agency does
17 not have an Internet website, then the procedures shall be published
18 on the municipality's Internet website, when feasible.

19 b. With regard to T-visa certification requests, each law
20 enforcement agency's certification procedures shall include a
21 determination of whether, pursuant to the standards set forth in
22 federal law and instructions to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
23 Services Form I-914 Supplement B, the requester:

24 (1) is or has been a victim of a severe form of trafficking in
25 persons; and

26 (2) has complied with requests for assistance in an investigation
27 or prosecution of the crime of trafficking.

28 c. With regard to U-visa certification requests, each law
29 enforcement agency's procedure shall include a determination of
30 whether, pursuant to the standards set forth in federal law and
31 instructions to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form
32 I-918 Supplement B, the applicant:

33 (1) is a victim of a qualifying criminal activity; and

34 (2) was, is, or is likely to be, helpful in the investigation or
35 prosecution of that activity.

36 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 this act, State,
37 county, and municipal law enforcement agencies and officials may
38 ask any questions necessary to complete a T-visa certification or a
39 U-visa certification. A law enforcement agency or official may not
40 disclose the immigration status of a person requesting a T-visa
41 certification or a U-visa certification, except to comply with State
42 or federal law or legal process, or if authorized by the visa
43 applicant.

44 e. Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict,
45 prohibit, or prevent a State, county, or municipal law enforcement
46 agency or official from sending to, maintaining, or receiving from
47 federal immigration authorities information regarding the

1 citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any
2 individual.

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4 5. a. At a defendant's initial court appearance before a
5 judge, the prosecutor shall confirm that the defendant has been
6 advised on the record that:

7 (1) potential charges and convictions may carry immigration
8 consequences; and

9 (2) the defendant may have rights to consular notification
10 pursuant to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

11 b. In assessing whether to seek pretrial detention of an arrestee
12 pursuant to sections 1 through 11 of P.L.2014, c.31 (C.2A:162-15
13 through C.2A:162-25), the prosecutor shall make an individualized
14 assessment based on the specific facts presented in each case and
15 shall not assume that a non-citizen presents a risk of flight.

16 c. When evidence of a defendant's immigration status is not
17 relevant to the crime charged or to a witness's credibility, it shall
18 not be presented to a jury. In the case where proof of a person's
19 immigration status is relevant and admissible at trial, the prosecutor
20 shall not seek to admit this evidence without first raising the issue
21 with the court outside of the jury's presence, pursuant to N.J.R.E.
22 104, and requesting that the court give an appropriate limiting
23 instruction.

24 d. The prosecutor shall consider potential collateral
25 consequences in attempting to reach a just resolution of the case.
26 Nothing in this act shall be construed to require any particular
27 charge or sentence, to limit prosecutorial discretion in reaching a
28 just resolution of the case, or to prevent the prosecutor from making
29 any argument at sentencing.

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31 6. a. Every State, county, and municipal law enforcement
32 agency and official shall promptly notify a detained individual, in
33 writing and in a language the individual can understand, when
34 federal civil immigration authorities request:

35 (1) to interview the detainee;

36 (2) to be notified of the detainee's upcoming release from
37 custody; or

38 (3) to continue detaining the detainee past the time the detainee
39 would otherwise be eligible for release.

40 b. When providing notification, law enforcement officials shall
41 provide the detainee with a copy of any documents provided by
42 immigration authorities in connection with the request.

43 c. On an annual basis, each State, county, and municipal law
44 enforcement agency shall report, in a manner to be prescribed by
45 the Attorney General, any instances in which the agency provided
46 assistance to federal civil immigration authorities for the purpose of
47 enforcing federal civil immigration law as set forth in subsection c.
48 of section 3 of this act. Each year:

1 (1) any municipal or county law enforcement agency that
2 provided assistance as set forth in subsection c. of section 3 of this
3 act during the prior calendar year shall submit a report to the county
4 prosecutor with details of the assistance provided;

5 (2) each county prosecutor shall compile any reports submitted
6 by municipal and county law enforcement agencies pursuant to
7 paragraph (1) of this subsection and submit a consolidated report to
8 the Attorney General with details of the assistance provided;

9 (3) the New Jersey State Police and all other State law
10 enforcement agencies that provided assistance as set forth in
11 subsection c. of section 3 of this act during the prior calendar year
12 shall submit a report to the Attorney General with details of the
13 assistance provided; and

14 (4) the Attorney General shall publish on the Internet website of
15 the Department of Law and Public Safety a consolidated report
16 detailing all instances of assistance by any State, county, and
17 municipal law enforcement agency, as submitted pursuant to
18 paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, during the prior calendar
19 year.

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21 7. a. The Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of
22 Law and Public Safety shall develop a training program for the
23 purpose of educating State, county, and municipal law enforcement
24 officers regarding the requirements of this act. No later than 60
25 days following the effective date of this act, the program shall be
26 made available to each State, county, and municipal law
27 enforcement agency through electronic means.

28 b. Every State, county, and municipal law enforcement officer
29 shall successfully complete the training program established
30 pursuant to subsection a. of this section no later than 60 days after it
31 becomes available.

32 c. Every State, county, and municipal law enforcement agency
33 shall adopt or revise existing policies and practices consistent with
34 the provisions of this act.

35 d. Every county prosecutor shall undertake efforts to educate
36 the public about the provisions of this act, with a specific focus on
37 strengthening trust between law enforcement and immigrant
38 communities. Within 120 days of the effective date of this act each
39 county prosecutor shall report to the Attorney General on public
40 education efforts.

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42 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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47 This bill codifies the Attorney General directive "Strengthening
48 Trust Between Law Enforcement and Immigrant Communities.

1 Under the bill, a law enforcement officer is prohibited from
2 engaging in conduct constituting racially-influenced policing. In
3 addition, with certain exceptions, a State, county or municipal law
4 enforcement agency or officer is prohibited from: 1) stopping,
5 questioning, arresting, searching, or detaining any individual based
6 solely on actual or suspected citizenship or immigration status or
7 actual or suspected violations of federal civil immigration law; or 2)
8 inquiring about the immigration status of any individual, unless it is
9 necessary for an ongoing investigation of an indictable offense by
10 that individual and relevant to the offense under investigation.

11 In addition, with certain exceptions, the bill prohibits a State,
12 county, or municipal law enforcement agency or officer from
13 providing certain types of assistance to federal immigration
14 authorities when the sole purpose is to enforce federal civil
15 immigration law.

16 Further, the bill prohibits a State, county, or municipal law
17 enforcement authority from entering into, modifying, renewing, or
18 extending any agreement to exercise federal immigration authority
19 pursuant to Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
20 and from exercising any law enforcement authority pursuant to a
21 preexisting section 287(g) agreement.

22 Under the bill, every State, county, and municipal law
23 enforcement agency is required to establish procedures, which are
24 required to include certain determinations, for processing requests
25 for T-visa certifications and U-visa certifications from potential
26 victims of crime or human trafficking within 120 days of the
27 request being made. Each police department is required to post
28 information regarding its procedures on its Internet website, or if
29 the department does not have an Internet website, on the
30 municipality's Internet website, if feasible.

31 In addition, the bill provides that at a defendant's initial court
32 appearance before a judge, the prosecutor is to confirm that the
33 defendant has been advised on the record that potential charges and
34 convictions may carry immigration consequences and the defendant
35 may have rights to consular notification pursuant to the Vienna
36 Convention on Consular Relations.

37 Under the bill, in assessing whether to seek pretrial detention of
38 an arrestee under current law, the prosecutor is to make an
39 individualized assessment based on the specific facts presented in
40 each case and is not to assume that a non-citizen presents a risk of
41 flight. When evidence of the defendant's immigration status is not
42 relevant to the crime charged or to a witness's credibility, it is not
43 to be presented to the jury. In the case where it is relevant and
44 admissible at trial, the prosecutor is not to seek to admit the
45 evidence without first raising the issue with the court outside of the
46 jury's presence and requesting that the court give an appropriate
47 limiting instruction.

1 Further, the bill requires every State, county, and municipal law
2 enforcement agency and official to notify a detained individual, in
3 writing and in a language the individual can understand, when
4 federal civil immigration authorities request to interview the
5 detainee, to be notified of the detainee's upcoming release from
6 custody, or to continue detaining the detainee past the time the
7 detainee would otherwise be eligible for release.

8 Also, under the bill, on an annual basis, each State, county, and
9 municipal law enforcement agency is required to report, in a
10 manner prescribed by the Attorney General, any instances in which
11 the agency provided assistance to federal civil immigration
12 authorities for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration
13 law. Municipal and county law enforcement agencies are required
14 to submit a report to the county prosecutor, who is then required to
15 submit a consolidated report to the Attorney General. The New
16 Jersey State Police and all other State law enforcement agencies are
17 required to submit the report to the Attorney General. The
18 Attorney General is to post online a consolidated report detailing all
19 instances of assistance by State, county, and municipal law
20 enforcement agencies.

21 Finally, the bill requires the Division of Criminal Justice to
22 develop a training program to explain the requirements of the bill
23 and requires all State, county, and municipal law enforcement
24 agencies to provide training to all officers.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4072
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes minimum qualifications for persons employed on public works contract.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

AN ACT establishing minimum qualifications for persons employed on a public works contract and amending P.L.1999, c.238.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 5 of P.L.1999, c.238 (C.34:11-56.52) is amended to read as follows:

5. a. A contractor shall register electronically with the department on an online form provided by the commissioner. The form shall require the following information:

(1) The name, principal business address and telephone number of the contractor;

(2) Whether the contractor is a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other form of business entity;

(3) If the contractor's principal business address is not within the State, the name and address of the contractor's custodian of records and agent for service of process in this State;

(4) The name and address of each person with a financial interest in the contractor and the percentage interest, except that if the contractor is a publicly-traded corporation, the contractor shall supply the names and addresses of the corporation's officers;

(5) The contractor's tax identification number and unemployment insurance registration number;

(6) A certification form provided by the commissioner, with documentation satisfactory to the commissioner, that the contractor has all valid and effective licenses, registrations or certificates required by State law, including registrations or certifications required to do business in the State of New Jersey, and the contractor, if directly employing craftworkers, participates in a registered apprenticeship program as defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.238 (C.34:11-56.50) for each craft they employ; and

(7) A certification form provided by the commissioner, with supporting documentation, establishing to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the registered apprenticeship program, as defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.238 (C.34:11-56.50), meets all of the requirements of section 6 of P.L.2021, c.423 (C.34:11-56.55a), and 29 C.F.R. ss.29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 29.6 and 29.7;

(a) If it is determined by the commissioner that a registered apprenticeship program in which the contractor participates does not meet all of the requirements of 29 C.F.R. ss.29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 29.6 and 29.7, that determination of the commissioner shall, subject to the requirements of subsection b. of section 9 of

P.L.1999, c.238 (C.34:11-56.56), including the contractor's right to request a hearing, result in initial registration application denial, registration renewal denial, revocation, or suspension of the certificate of registration to perform public work in New Jersey;

(b) The determination of the commissioner under this paragraph shall only impact the contractor's ability to obtain or maintain its public works contractor registration certificate under P.L.1999, c.238 (C.34:11-56.48 et seq.), and shall not affect the status of the registered apprenticeship program for the purpose of its continued operation in New Jersey;

(c) A determination by the commissioner under subparagraph (a) of this paragraph (7) that a registered apprenticeship program in which the contractor participates does not meet all of the requirements of 29 C.F.R. ss. 29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 29.6 and 29.7 shall result not only in initial registration application denial, registration renewal denial, revocation or suspension of that contractor's certificate of registration to perform public work in New Jersey, but also shall result in the initial registration application denial, registration renewal denial, revocation or suspension of every contractor who is meeting the apprenticeship program participation requirement through participation in the non-compliant registered apprenticeship program; provided that any initial registration application denial, registration renewal denial, revocation or suspension shall be subject to the requirements of subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.1999, c.238 (C.34:11-56.56), including the contractor's right to request a hearing; [and]

(8) A certification form provided by the commissioner, with supporting documentation, establishing to the satisfaction of the commissioner that each journeyman employed as a craft worker by the contractor in the performance of public work meets at least one of the following qualifications: (a) has graduated from a registered apprenticeship program with "Standards of Apprenticeship," 29 C.F.R. s.29.5, for the craft or trade of the journeyman that are equivalent to those of a United States Department of Labor registered apprenticeship program that is sponsored by a labor union or jointly sponsored with a labor union and an employer association, provided that the labor union is signatory to a collective bargaining agreement that is or was the basis for a determination by the commissioner of the "prevailing wage," pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.30); or (b) has completed four years of documented work as a craft worker that can be verified by their pay records or through sworn statements of the craft worker and the employer or employers for whom the craft worker performed services during

the four year period; except that craft workers who are members of a labor union and are employed by an employer that is signatory to a collective bargaining agreement that is or was the basis for a determination by the commissioner of the “prevailing wage,” pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.30), shall be exempt from the qualifications of this paragraph; and

(9) Any other relevant and appropriate information as determined by the commissioner.

b. At the time of registration, and subsequently upon request, the contractor shall submit to the commissioner documentation demonstrating that the contractor has worker's compensation insurance coverage for all workers as required by law.

(cf: P.L.2023, c.138, s.1)

2. This act shall take effect 90 days after the date of enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill establishes minimum qualifications for persons employed through a public works contract.

Any contractor submitting a bid for a contract which is paid for in whole or in part out of the funds of a public body in this State will certify that each employee completing work established in the contract meets at least one of the following qualifications: (1) has graduated from a registered apprenticeship program conforming with the federal standards of apprenticeship for the craft or trade of the journeyman that are equivalent to those of a US Department of Labor registered apprenticeship program that is sponsored by a labor union or jointly sponsored with a labor union and an employer association, provided that the labor union is signatory to a collective bargaining agreement that is or was the basis for a determination by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development of the prevailing wage; or (2) has completed four years of documented work as a craft worker that can be verified by their pay records or through sworn statements of the craft worker and the employer or employers for whom the craft worker performed services during the four year period. Craft workers who are members of a labor union and are employed by an employer that is signatory to a collective bargaining agreement that is or was the basis for a determination by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development of the prevailing wage will be exempt from the qualifications established in this bill.