

TRENTON WATCH March 2024

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AGRICULTURE



Support

[A2320](#)

Sponsors Swain (D38); Sauickie (R12)
Summary Requires Department of Agriculture to take various actions to publicize and promote community supported agriculture in New Jersey.
History Passed in Assembly 76-0-0.

CHILD CARE



Support

[S2344](#)

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Cruz-Perez (D5)
Summary Limits availability of Child Care Facilities Improvement Program grants funded through Child Care Revitalization Act to licensed child care centers.
History Passed in Senate 38-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

COMMERCE



Support

[S1313](#) / [A3330](#)

Sponsors Pou (D35); Ruiz (D29) / Wimberly (D35); Stanley (D18); Guardian (R2)
Summary Establishes procedure for certification of LGBTQ+ business.
History Passed in Senate 33-3. Received in Assembly w/o committee reference, 2nd reading. Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Wimberly). Passed in Assembly 61-8-5. Received in Senate, 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Assembly amendments. Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 31-3.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION



Support

[A3726](#)

Sponsors Murphy (D7); McCoy (D14)
Summary Establishes State Commission on Minority Affairs within Department of State.
History Reported from Assembly Community Development and Women's Affairs committee, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Support

[A4046](#)

Sponsors Pintor Marin (D29); Spearman (D5)
Summary Extends certain accommodations for businesses participating in State economic development programs.
History Reported from Assembly State and Local Government. Reported from Assembly Appropriations with amendments, 2nd Reading. Passed in Assembly 66-11-0.

EDUCATION



Support

[A2180](#)**Sponsors** Moen (D5)**Summary** Permits certain persons to operate Type S school buses.**History** Reported from Assembly Education Committee with amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

Support

[S1421](#)**Sponsors** Singleton (D7); McKnight (D31)**Summary** Requires school report card to include information about placement of graduates, including apprenticeships.**History** Passed in Senate 38-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Education Committee.

ENERGY



Oppose

[SCR11](#)**Sponsors** Smith (D17); McKeon (D27)**Summary** Amends Constitution to prohibit construction of new fossil fuel power plants.**History** Copies placed on desks in Senate. Copies placed on desks in Assembly.

ENVIRONMENT



Oppose

[SCR43](#)**Sponsors** Greenstein (D14); Zwicker (D16)**Summary** Proposes constitutional amendment to make State trustee of public natural resources and guarantee to the people other environmental rights.**History** Copies placed on desks in Senate. Copies placed on desks in Assembly. Reported out of Senate Environment and Energy Committee w/ amendments, 2nd reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

HEALTH



Support

[A2803](#)**Sponsors** Greenwald (D6); Conaway (D7); Stanley (D18)**Summary** Codifies and extends authorization for certain out-of-State health care practitioners and recent graduates of health care training programs to practice in New Jersey.**History** Passed in Assembly 77-0-0.



Support

[A3972](#)

- Sponsors** Freiman (D16); Drulis (D16); Speight (D29)
- Summary** Makes certain changes to calculation of minimum loss ratio requirements for health benefits plans in individual and small employer markets.
- History** Transferred to Assembly Health Committee. Reported from Assembly Health Committee with amendments, and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

HOUSING



Support

[A1495 / S1484](#)

- Sponsors** Karabinchak (D18); Lopez (D19); Swain (D38) / Lagana (D38); Diegnan (D18)
- Summary** Exempts receipts from sales of materials, supplies, and services for certain affordable housing projects from sales and use tax.
- History** Signed by the Governor P.L.2024, c.3.

HUMAN SERVICES



Support

[A2445](#)

- Sponsors** Quijano (D20)
- Summary** Creates resume bank for certain persons with disabilities.
- History** Reported from Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee, referred to Assembly Labor Committee.



Support

[S1016](#)

- Sponsors** Greenstein (D14); Beach (D6)
- Summary** Requires State agencies to make their websites accessible to people with disabilities and on mobile devices.
- History** Passed in Senate 38-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.

INSURANCE



Support

[A2804](#)

- Sponsors** Greenwald (D6); Tully (D38); Speight (D29)
- Summary** Provides DHS and State Board of Medical Examiners to develop and implement process to improve efficiency of reviewing NJ FamilyCare provider applications.
- History** Reported out of Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee with amendments, referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.

LABOR



Support

[S1472](#)

Sponsors	Lagana (D38); Bucco (R25)
Summary	Requires DOLWD to identify and recruit unemployed individuals for employment in health care facilities; makes appropriation.
History	Reported out of Senate Labor Committee, 2nd reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

[S2583](#)

Sponsors	Bucco (R25); Singleton (D7)
Summary	Establishes Second Chance Program in charge of providing opportunities through labor organizations for formerly incarcerated individuals.
History	Reported out of Senate Labor Committee with amendments, 2nd reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Oppose

[S2822](#)

Sponsors	Lagana (D38)
Summary	Revises workers' compensation law to increase contingency attorney fee cap in contingency case from 20 percent to 25 percent.
History	Reported out of Senate Labor Committee, 2nd reading.

TRANSPORTATION



Support

[A4011](#) / [S2931](#)

Sponsors	Calabrese (D36); Wimberly (D35); Lopez (D19); Hall (D28) / Sarlo (D36); Scutari (D22)
Summary	Revises "New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act," revises calculation of gas tax rate, and establishes annual fee for zero emission vehicles.
History	Signed by the Governor P.L.2024, c.7.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Support

[A2813](#)

Sponsors	Greenwald (D6); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Speight (D29)
Summary	Enters NJ in Social Work Licensure Compact.
History	Passed in Assembly 77-0-0.



Support

[A3261](#)

- Sponsors** Wimberly (D35); Lopez (D19); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
- Summary** Concerns outreach and training for minorities and women in the construction industry.
- History** Reported out of Assembly Labor Committee with amendments, 2nd reading.



Support

[S2168](#)

- Sponsors** Ruiz (D29); Pou (D35)
- Summary** Provides tuition fee waiver apprenticeship courses.
- History** Reported out of Senate Labor Committee, 2nd reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

[S2306 / A2369](#)

- Sponsors** Beach (D6); Singleton (D7) / Spearman (D5); Quijano (D20); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
- Summary** "New Jersey Works Act"; Permits businesses to create pre-employment training programs in partnership with nonprofit organizations or educational institutions; provides tax credit to businesses that provide financial assistance to pre-employment training programs; makes appropriation.
- History** Reported from Senate Labor, 2nd reading. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. Reported from Assembly Labor, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.