

TRENTON WATCH December 2023 (Part1)

CHILDCARE



Support

S2478

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Vitale (D19)
Summary Amends law requiring certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment.
History Reported from Senate Budget and Appropriations with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.



Support

S3868

Sponsors Vitale (D19); Ruiz (D29)
Summary Provides categorical eligibility for subsidized child care services to certain child care workers.
History Reported from Senate Health and Human Services with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

S4005

Sponsors Burgess (D28)
Summary Establishes Employer-Based Child Care Assistance Partnership Program in DCF.
History Reported from Senate Health and Human Services with amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

COMMERCE



Support

A4750

Sponsors Jaffer (D16); Caputo (D28); Atkins (D20) / Gopal (D11); Pou (D35)
Summary Vacant Storefront Registry Program; establishes public database of vacant commercial space for small businesses.
History Governor's conditional veto rcvd in Assembly.
Notes The Governor's recommendation is to allow BAC to broadly study the impact of vacant commercial properties on small business owners and whether such existing programs or services have been effective to avoid duplication with existing entities.

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Support

A4752

Sponsors Tully (D38); Benson (D14); Chaparro (D33) / Gopal (D11); Pou (D35)
Summary Promotes small business Internet presence.
History Governor's conditional veto rcvd in Assembly.
Notes The Governor's recommendation is to urge BAC to work in conjunction with the EDA and NJSBDC to avoid duplication of existing programs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Support

S4011

Sponsors Ruiz (D29) / Coughlin (D19); Pintor Marin (D29); Wimberly (D35)
Summary Modifies New Jersey Community-Anchored Development Program.
History Governor's conditional veto rcvd in Senate.
Notes The Governor's recommendation is to establish a separate program designed specifically to support facilities engaged in the cultural, educational, or artistic enrichment of the people of this State.

EDUCATION



Support

A3526

Sponsors Lampitt (D6); Benson (D14)
Summary Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in public schools.
History Reported from Assembly Women and Children with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

A5417

Sponsors Lampitt (D6); Jasey (D27); Swain (D38)
Summary Prohibits limiting number of county college credits that may be applied towards educator preparation program and teacher certification requirements.
History Reported from Assembly Higher Education with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

S3886

Sponsors Gopal (D11); Greenstein (D14)
Summary Establishes New Jersey Student Teacher Scholarship.
History Reported from Senate Education with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

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Support

ACR178

Sponsors Moen (D5); Conaway (D7)
Summary Commemorates 100th anniversary of Rowan University.
History Reported from Assembly Higher Education with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

S1553

Sponsors Beach (D6); Ruiz (D29) / Lampitt (D6); Jaffer (D16); Jasey (D27)
Summary Permits State Board of Education to authorize alternative teaching certificate.
History Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.180.



Support

S3883

Sponsors Greenstein (D14); Turner (D15)
Summary Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts.
History Reported from Senate Education with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.



Support

A5578

Sponsors Jasey (D27); Carter (D22); Reynolds Jackson (D15)
Summary Authorizes Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award annual summer tuition aid grants.
History Reported from Assembly Higher Education with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

ENERGY



Support

A577

Sponsors Karabinchak (D18); Greenwald (D6); Munoz (D21)
Summary Directs BPU to establish program concerning renewable natural gas; provides gas public utilities with customer rate recovery mechanism for costs associated with program.
History Posted for Discussion only in Assembly Environment and Solid Waste. State Chamber provided testimony.

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HEALTH



Support

[A2583](#)

Sponsors Greenwald (D6); Conaway (D7); Stanley (D18) / Beach (D6); Zwicker (D16)

Summary Requires information on seizure first-aid to be disseminated to employers.

History Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.173.



Support

[A5311](#)

Sponsors Verrelli (D15); McKnight (D31); Matsikoudis (R21)

Summary Enters New Jersey into Counseling Compact.

History Reported from Assembly Health committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

[S2824](#)

Sponsors Vitale (D19); Pou (D35) / McKeon (D27); McKnight (D31); Stanley (D18)

Summary Requires DOBI to conduct study on impact of certain changes to individual and small group health insurance markets.

History Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.182.

HIGHER EDUCATION



Support

[S3895](#)

Sponsors Zwicker (D16); Ruiz (D29)

Summary Increases public bidding threshold for certain public research universities.

History Reported from Senate Budget and Appropriations with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.

HUMAN SERVICES



Support

[A1112](#)

Sponsors Chaparro (D33); Benson (D14); Haider (D37)

Summary Requires DHS and other appropriate state agencies to disseminate information on transportation options for persons with developmental disabilities.

History Reported from Assembly Transportation committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

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INSURANCE



Support

[S3480](#)

- Sponsors** Vitale (D19); Pou (D35) / McKeon (D27); Park (D37); Murphy (D7)
- Summary** "The Small Business Health Insurance Affordability Act"; revises certain requirements for individual and small employer health benefits plans.
- History** Governor's conditional veto rcvd in Senate.

LABOR



Oppose –
Seeking
Amendments

[A5166](#)

- Sponsors** Quijano (D20); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Coughlin (D19)
- Summary** Revises law concerning family leave to extend protection by reducing, over time, employee threshold from 30 employees to one employee in definition of employer.
- History** Reported from Assembly Labor with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
- Note** Committee amendments have changed the threshold to 5 employees



Oppose

[A5659](#)

- Sponsors** Verrelli (D15); Mukherji (D33)
- Summary** Establishes 21st Century Injured Workers' Access to Justice Act.
- History** Reported from Assembly Labor with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Oppose

[S1438 / A5794](#)

- Sponsors** Singleton (D7) / Quijano (D20)
- Summary** Allows unions to file wage claim suits on behalf of workers regardless of their union affiliation.
- History** Reported from Assembly Labor with Amendments, 2nd Reading.

REGULATED PROFESSIONS



Support

[A4616](#)

- Sponsors** Moriarty (D4); Greenwald (D6); Jaffer (D16) / Madden (D4); Pou (D35)
- Summary** Allows passage of Certified Respiratory Therapist examination to qualify for licensure as respiratory therapist.
- History** Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.176.

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Support

[S1890](#)

Sponsors Johnson (D37); Singer (R30)

Summary Establishes professional board to regulate home improvement and home elevation contractors and requires licensure for each type of contractor.

History Reported from Senate Budget and Appropriations with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.

TRANSPORTATION



Support

[S3976](#)

Sponsors Greenstein (D14); Cruz-Perez (D5); Benson (D14); Moen (D5); Wimberly (D35)

Summary Establishes Mobility and Transportation Innovation Program in DOT; appropriates \$2 million.

History Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.184.

VETERANS



Support

[A4211](#)

Sponsors Benson (D14); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)

Summary Revises number of qualified disabled veterans' businesses required to designate set-aside contract from three to two.

History Reported from Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs as committee substitute, 2nd reading in Assembly.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Support

[A1355](#)

Sponsors Mosquera (D4); McKnight (D31); Jimenez (D32)

Summary Requires Commissioner of Corrections to appoint workforce skills training development officer to administer, enhance, and supplement inmate workforce skills training programming.

History Reported from Assembly Women and Children with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

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