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CHILDCARE



Support

S2919

Sponsors Timberlake (D34); Ruiz (D29)

Summary Requires employer to provide certain accommodations to employee who is breast feeding.

History Reported from Senate Labor committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

COMMERCE



Oppose

A3495

Sponsors Karabinchak (D18); Spearman (D5); Stanley (D18)

Summary Concerns hospitality franchise agreements.

History Reported from Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

S1313

Sponsors Pou (D35); Ruiz (D29) / Wimberly (D35); Stanley (D18); Guardian (R2)

Summary Establishes procedure for certification of LGBTQ+ business.

History Signed by the Governor P.L.2024, c.10.



Support

SJR91

Sponsors McKnight (D31); Johnson (D37)

Summary Designates August of each year as "Black Business Month" in New Jersey.

History Reported from Senate Commerce committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS



Oppose

A1497

Sponsors Karabinchak (D18); Stanley (D18)

Summary Removes requirement that local units may only provide broadband telecommunication service via wireless community service.

History Reported from Assembly Science Innovation and Technology with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Support

A2076

- Sponsors** Pintor Marin (D29)
- Summary** Revises various requirements of New Jersey Aspire Program and establishes Redevelopment Project Bridge Financing Program.
- History** Reported from Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture with amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Support

ACR105

- Sponsors** Wimberly (D35); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Sampson (D31) / Johnson (D37); Polistina (R2)
- Summary** Reconstitutes the "Joint Committee on Economic Justice and Equal Employment Opportunity."
- History** Substituted for SCR-98. Resolution Passed in Senate 34-0. Filed with Secretary of State.



Support

S1323

- Sponsors** Pou (D35)
- Summary** Revises various requirements of New Jersey Aspire Program and establishes Redevelopment Project Bridge Financing Program.
- History** Reported from Senate Economic Growth committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

S1435

- Sponsors** Singleton (D7); Space (R24)
- Summary** Establishes Main Street Economic Growth Program to encourage business development in certain small municipalities.
- History** Reported from Senate Economic Growth with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

EDUCATION



Support

S2181

- Sponsors** Ruiz (D29); Turner (D15)
- Summary** Eliminates requirement for State residency of public school employees for period of three years.
- History** Reported from Senate Education, 2nd Reading. Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz).



Support

S3000 / A2180

- Sponsors** Beach (D6); Polistina (R2) / Moen (D5); Wimberly (D35); Murphy (D7)
- Summary** Permits certain persons to operate Type S school buses.
- History** Reported from Senate Transportation with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Passed the Assembly 72-0.

ENERGY



Support

S366

- Sponsors** Pennacchio (R26); Turner (D15)
- Summary** Provides that fusion energy and fusion technology companies are eligible to receive benefits under certain economic incentive programs.
- History** Reported from Senate Economic Growth with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

ENVIRONMENT



Support

S1441

- Sponsors** Singleton (D7); Corrado (R40)
- Summary** Establishes School Plastics Upcycling Grant Program in DEP to provide proportional awards to eligible schools based on pro rata share of plastics collected, by each school, for upcycling purposes.
- History** Reported from Senate Environment and Energy with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.



Oppose

S224

- Sponsors** Smith (D17); Greenstein (D14)
- Summary** Prohibits sale, distribution, and import of certain products marketed as recyclable, unless DEP determines that products are widely recycled.
- History** Reported from Senate Environment and Energy with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

Oppose—
Seeking
Amendments

S226

- Sponsors** Smith (D17); McKeon (D27)
- Summary** Prohibits use by certain retailers of shipping box greater than two times volume of product being shipped.
- History** Reported from Senate Environment with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.



Oppose

S3135

Sponsors Smith (D17); McKeon (D27)

Summary Requires producers of plastic packaging and certain other plastic products to reduce quantity of plastic sold; restricts additional substances under "Toxic Packaging Reduction Act."

History Reported from Senate Environment and Energy with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

FOOD



Oppose

A4132

Sponsors Haider (D37); Conaway (D7)

Summary Prohibits certain substances in sale, distribution, and manufacture of commercial foods.

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

HEALTH



Support

A1896

Sponsors Conaway (D7); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Matsikoudis (R21)

Summary Adopts Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.

History Reported from Assembly Regulated Professions, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

S2875

Sponsors Pou (D35)

Summary Makes certain changes to calculation of minimum loss ratio requirements for health benefits plans in individual and small employer markets.

History Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

LABOR



Oppose –
Seeking
Amendments

S1403

Sponsors Singleton (D7); Space (R24)

Summary Requires employer or contractor engaged in work for a public body to register with and submit payroll records to DOLWD.

History Reported from Senate Labor committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Oppose

S2015

- Sponsors** Gopal (D11); Greenstein (D14)
- Summary** Concerns prevailing wage law requirements for public institutions of higher education.
- History** Reported from Senate Labor with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Oppose

S2422 / A3521

- Sponsors** Cryan (D20) / Quijano (D20); Sampson (D31); Rodriguez (D33)
- Summary** Establishes occupational heat stress standard and "Occupational Heat-Related Illness and Injury Prevention Program" in DOLWD.
- History** Reported from Senate Labor with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. Reported from Assembly Labor with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Oppose

S2822 / A3986

- Sponsors** Lagana (D38) / Verrelli (D15)
- Summary** Revises workers' compensation law to increase contingency attorney fee cap in contingency case from 20 percent to 25 percent.
- History** Passed by the Senate 27-9. Reported from Assembly Labor committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

MILITARY



Support

A1471

- Sponsors** Karabinchak (D18); Conaway (D7); Speight (D29)
- Summary** Provides tax credits for hiring certain military spouses.
- History** Reported from Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS



Support

A3936

- Sponsors** Quijano (D20); Speight (D29); Rodriguez (D33)
- Summary** Requires Chief Diversity Officer in Department of Treasury to develop and implement programs to increase utilization of minority-owned and women-owned businesses in State.
- History** Reported from Assembly Community Development as a committee substitute, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

REGULATED PROFESSIONS



Support

AJR50

- Sponsors** Karabinchak (D18); Stanley (D18)
- Summary** Designates August of each year as "Professional Engineers Month" in NJ and first Wednesday in August of each year as "Professional Engineering Day."
- History** Reported from Assembly Regulated Professions committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

SOLID WASTE



Support

A2776

- Sponsors** Greenwald (D6); Ramirez (D32)
- Summary** Exempts certain plastic materials processed at advanced plastic processing facilities from State laws regulating solid waste disposal and recycling.
- History** Reported from Assembly Environment, Natural Resources, and Solid Waste with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Commerce. Economic Development and Agriculture Committee.

TAXATION



Support

A2365

- Sponsors** Tully (D38); Murphy (D7); DePhillips (R40)
- Summary** Increases amount of tax credits for investments made in certain technology business ventures under "New Jersey Angel Investor Tax Credit Act."
- History** Reported from Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

AR120

- Sponsors** Conaway (D7); Speight (D29)
- Summary** Urges amendment of Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement to create definition for oral health care products.
- History** Reported from Assembly Health committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.