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CHILDCARE

	S2919	
Support	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

	A3495	
	Sponsors	Karabinchak (D18); Spearman (D5); Stanley (D18)
	Summary	Concerns hospitality franchise agreements.
Oppose	History	Reported from Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
	S1313	
	Sponsors	Pou (D35); Ruiz (D29) / Wimberly (D35); Stanley (D18); Guardian (R2)
	Summary	Establishes procedure for certification of LGBTQ+ business.
Support	History	Signed by the Governor P.L.2024, c.10.

	SJR91	
	Sponsors	McKnight (D31); Johnson (D37)
	Summary	Designates August of each year as "Black Business Month" in New Jersey.
Support	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.

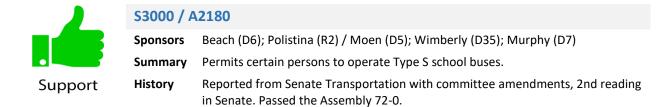
Support

S1435	
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	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).



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.

	S3135	
	Sponsors	Smith (D17); McKeon (D27)
Oppose	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."
Oppose	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.

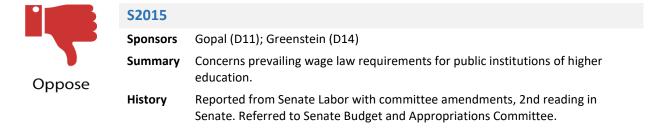
HEALTH

	A1896	
	Sponsors	Conaway (D7); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Matsikoudis (R21)
	Summary	Adopts Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.
Support	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 –	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.
Seeking Amendments	History	Reported from Senate Labor committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.





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

	A1471	
	Sponsors	Karabinchak (D18); Conaway (D7); Speight (D29)
	Summary	Provides tax credits for hiring certain military spouses.
Support	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

	AJR50	
Support	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.

	AR120	
Support	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.