

TRENTON WATCH

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CHILDCARE



Support

S3910

Sponsors	Ruiz (D29); Turner (D15)
Summary	Makes various changes to provision of preschool aid and facilities requirements; establishes Universal Preschool Implementation Steering Committee; requires full-day kindergarten in all school districts.
History	Reported from Senate Education as a committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

CRIMES AND PENALTIES



Support

S3587

Sponsors	Burzichelli (D3); Schepisi (R39) / Danielsen (D17); Sauickie (R12); Simmons (D3)
Summary	Upgrades, and in some circumstances provides for extended terms of imprisonment for, certain retail theft crimes, addresses gift card fraud, and authorizes new Attorney General initiatives to address organized retail theft.
History	04/01/2025—Signed by the Governor P.L.2025, c.39.

EDUCATION



Seeking
Amendments

S3776

Sponsors	Turner (D15); McKnight (D31)
Summary	Establishes Chronic Absenteeism Task Force.
History	Reported from Senate Education with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

ENVIRONMENT



Oppose—
Seeking
Amendments

A5009

Sponsors	Collazos-Gill (D27); Hall (D28); Kennedy (D22)
Summary	"Packaging and Paper Product Stewardship Act."
History	Reported from Assembly Environment as a committee substitute, referred to Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee.

HIGHER EDUCATION



Support

S4009

Sponsors	Zwicker (D16); Cryan (D20)
Summary	Directs DOLWD to develop and maintain industry-valued credential list.
History	Reported from Senate Labor committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

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Support

S4012

Sponsors	Zwicker (D16); Singleton (D7)
Summary	Establishes "New Economy Opportunity Skills System Pilot Program" to strengthen alignment and collaboration between local workforce development boards, community colleges, and county vocational school districts; makes appropriation.
History	Reported from Senate Labor with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

LABOR



Oppose

A4618

Sponsors	Verrelli (D15); Lopez (D19); Calabrese (D36)
Summary	Requires official inspection facility employees covered by collective bargaining agreement to be offered employment following contract renewal or award of new contract; requires collective bargaining agreement to be binding in certain cases.
History	Reported from Assembly Transportation committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Oppose

A5358

Sponsors	Haider (D37); McCoy (D14); Kane (D6)
Summary	Adjusts qualification threshold for New Jersey Secure Choice Saving Program.
History	Transferred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Oppose

A5433

Sponsors	Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
Summary	Increases minimum wage for tipped workers.
History	Transferred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee. Heard for discussion only.

MINORITY & ETHNIC AFFAIRS



Oppose

A4586

Sponsors	Sumter (D35); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Hall (D28)
Summary	Establishes "Minority and Women-Owned Businesses State Contractor Remedies Act."
History	Transferred to Assembly Community Development and Womens Affairs Committee. Reported with committee substitute, referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

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Support

A4723

Sponsors	Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Park (D37); Atkins (D20)
Summary	Modifies title and role of Chief Diversity Officer; establishes New Jersey Office of Supplier Development and Business Opportunities.
History	Transferred to Assembly Community Development and Womens Affairs Committee. Reported with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS



Support

A4486

Sponsors	Sumter (D35); Speight (D29)
Summary	Establishes State contract goal for socially and economically disadvantaged businesses.
History	Transferred to Assembly Community Development and Womens Affairs Committee. Reported from committee, referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY



Oppose

A3036

Sponsors	Calabrese (D36); Park (D37); Haider (D37)
Summary	"Swift Access For Emergency Response Actions Preservation Program (SAFER APP)"; authorizes Attorney General to order turn-by-turn navigation systems to reroute vehicular traffic under certain conditions.
History	Reported from Assembly State and Local Government with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

PUBLIC UTILITIES



Oppose

A4844

Sponsors	Kennedy (D22); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Hall (D28)
Summary	Requires BPU to establish beneficial building electrification and decarbonization program and requires certain entities to submit plans to implement individual beneficial building electrification and decarbonization programs.
History	Reported from Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Oppose

A5436

Sponsors	Schnall (D30); Bagolie (D27); Pintor Marin (D29)
Summary	Requires BPU to determine and consider lowest reasonable return on equity before approving electric, gas, and water public utility base rate cases.
History	Reported from Assembly Telecommunication and Utilities committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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Oppose

A5438

Sponsors Moen (D5)
Summary "Public Utility Fair Profit Act"; requires public utilities to take certain actions regarding excess profits and directs fines for violations to fund utility assistance programs.
History Reported from Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Support

A5442

Sponsors Simmons (D3); Stanley (D18); Collazos-Gill (D27)
Summary Requires BPU members to have certain experience and complete certain training.
History Reported from Assembly Telecommunication with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

A5466

Sponsors Bailey (D3); Freiman (D16); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
Summary Requires BPU to study effects of data centers on electricity costs.
History Reported from Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

A5517

Sponsors Miller (D4); Hutchison (D4)
Summary Directs BPU to study feasibility of developing small modular reactors Statewide.
History Reported from Assembly Telecommunication and Utilities with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Support

AJR216

Sponsors Bailey (D3); Simmons (D3); Danielsen (D17); Pintor Marin (D29)
Summary Directs BPU to investigate PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.'s Reliability Pricing Model; directs State to promote affordable energy practices and to urge PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. to implement certain reforms.
History Reported from Assembly Telecommunication and Utilities committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

REGULATED PROFESSIONS



Support

A5572

Sponsors Stanley (D18); Speight (D29)

Summary Establishes quorum standards for professional licensing entities under certain circumstances.

History Reported from Assembly Regulated Professions, referred to Assembly Commerce. Economic Development and Agriculture Committee.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Support

A2813

Sponsors Greenwald (D6); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Speight (D29) / McKnight (D31); Gopal (D11)

Summary Enters NJ in Social Work Licensure Compact.

History 05/08/2025—Signed by the Governor P.L.2025, c.51.