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THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2011:

Chapter 24 A-1458 2/21/2011

The "Banking Development District Act."

Chapter 34 A-2853 3/1/2011

Streamlines process for State and local agency business permits related to Economic development projects.

Chapter 35 A-2859 3/1/2011

Authorizes sale and lease of unneeded public property to certain of nonprofits for gardening and urban farming and exempts such urban farms from property taxation.

A = Approved By the League

O = Opposed By the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-1445/S-2526 Wisniewski, John S. Voss, Joan M. Scalera, Frederick Greenstein, Linda R.	Requires written security plan when school is polling place and open to students; provides that schools may be used as polling places only under certain circumstances; makes an appropriation. <i>Unfunded Mandate.</i>	Assembly Education Committee	O
A-2158 Vandervalk, Charlotte	Establishes moratorium on the installation of synthetic turf pending a comprehensive public health study. <i>Unnecessary.</i>	Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee	O
A-2879/S-1935 Vainieri Huttle, Valerie	Prohibits certain elected public office holders from simultaneously holding more than one elective office.	Assembly State Government Committee	A
A-3053/S-2634 Gusciora, Reed Quijano, Annette Barnes, Peter J., III Watson Coleman, Bonnie	Establishes conditional intervention program in municipal court for certain first-time offenders. <i>Amendments needed to clarify offenses adjudicated in municipal courts.</i>	Senate Judiciary Committee	O

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A-3292 DiCicco, Domenick, Jr.	Requires certain increases in compensation for elected municipal officials to be reviewed by Local Finance Board. <i>Inappropriate intrusion of State bureaucracy into local affairs.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3288 Bucco, Anthony M.	Permits municipalities to provide information on property tax bills concerning amount of local tax dollars saved through shared services. <i>The bill is unnecessary & would impose such a calculation on the bill – nothing prevents a municipality from including a staffer with the bill that can include this information.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3386 Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr.	Authorizes executive county superintendent of schools to require implementation of shared services arrangements. <i>Inappropriate intrusion of State appointed education official into municipal affairs.</i>	Assembly Education Committee	O
A-3407/S-2323 Vainieri Huttle, Valerie	Establishes procedures and standards regarding public services privatization contracts. <i>This is an overly complex idea that will effectively stifle outsourcing of larger contracts.</i>	Assembly Labor Committee	O
A-3432/S-2333 Burzichelli, John J. Chiusano, Gary R.	Strengthens public entities' immunity for damages against claims of injury occurring on public beaches and boardwalks.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	A
A-3453/S-2312 Rudder, Scott Addiego, Dawn Marie	Requires municipal utilities authorities to offer cash refund, instead of credit against sewerage service charges, to senior citizens who have installed on their primary residence a second water meter registering water usage that does not drain into municipal utilities authorities' sewerage system.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3503 Wagner, Connie Rodriguez, Caridad	Requires use of direct deposit and Internet for State, local government, and school district employee compensation and certain retirement payments and information. <i>Mandate issue – removes local discretion.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-3537/S-2444 Coughlin, Craig J.	Requires owner of foreclosed property to file contact information with municipality.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-3540 Milam, Matthew W.	Requires that utilities authorities and water supply districts offer a separate rate structure for senior citizens and disabled persons. <i>Drives up rates for other ratepayers.</i>	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	O

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A-3577/S-1924 Burzichelli, John J. Fuentes, Angel	<p>"Anti-Snow Dumping Act"; prohibits snowplow operators on private property from depositing snow on public roads, streets, and highways or on public lands.</p> <p><i>A good idea, however it may prove unworkable for certain properties on common streets; would prefer local option.</i></p>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	O
A-3645/S-2512 Munoz, Nancy F. Bramnick, Jon M.	<p>Imposes surcharge on motor vehicle offenses to fund upgraded electronic systems for police vehicles.</p> <p><i>A worthy cause, more appropriately funded from another source.</i></p>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	O
A-3689/S-2624 O'Scanlon, Declan J., Spencer, L. Grace Rumana, Scott T.	<p>Amends law concerning conversion of age-restricted communities to define substantial detriment and makes other clarifications.</p>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-3748/S-2682 Fuentes, Angel Wilson, Gilbert L.	<p>Provides for a municipal court community service fee.</p>	Assembly Judiciary Committee	A
A-3817 Coughlin, Craig J.	<p>Authorizes municipality to provide for imposition and collection of special assessment to secure developer's recovery of cost of certain improvements in connection with redevelopment project.</p>	Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee	A
A-3835 Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<p>Clarifies enforcement responsibility of State Housing Code concerning multiple dwellings from municipalities to the State under the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law."</p> <p><i>Removes municipal option.</i></p>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3843 Cryan, Joseph	<p>Requires certain municipal, school and fire district elections occur on date of nonpartisan municipal elections.</p> <p><i>Should apply to all elections.</i></p>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-3851 Wisniewski, John S.	<p>Requires information concerning certain public employees be made public.</p> <p><i>Could be subject to abuse. Unnecessary.</i></p>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-3854 Mainor, Charles Riley, Celeste M. Stender, Linda	<p>Extends period for requested medical exam for disability benefits under PFRS to every two years until 55 years of age.</p>	Assembly State Government Committee	A
A-3859 Coutinho, Albert	<p>Requires approval of extending special improvement districts every 10 years by majority of affected property owners.</p>	2nd Reading	O

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	<i>Currently controlled by municipal ordinance.</i>		
S-1555 Rice, Ronald L.	Prohibits snowplow operators from depositing snow in front of private driveways more than once each snow event. <i>Inpractical, unworkable and ill-advised.</i>	2nd Reading	O
S-2339/A-3558 Van Drew, Jeff	Permits exterior-based property reassessments within eight years of last municipal-wide revaluation.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
S-2610/A-3782 Van Drew, Jeff	The "Safe Playing Fields Act"; restricts use of lawn care pesticides at certain child care centers, schools and recreational fields.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
S-2632/A-3772 Turner, Shirley K. Gordon, Robert M.	The "Safe Playing Fields Act"; restricts use of lawn care pesticides at certain child care centers, schools and recreational fields.	Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	O
S-2701/A-3610 Beach, James	Authorizes State contracting agencies, local contracting units, boards of education, public institutions of higher education, and other public entities to enter into guaranteed energy savings contracts.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	O
S-2731 Girgenti, John A.	Establishes that certification for police training course lasts five years. <i>Well intended, but five years is a long time to be away from service without retraining.</i>	2nd Reading	O
S-2735/A-3853 Van Drew, Jeff Oroho, Steven V.	Requires State Comptroller to review, and make recommendations for improvement of, the procurement process of the State, public institutions of higher education, independent State authorities, units of local government, and boards of education. <i>Currently permitted</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O

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