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**O = Opposed By the League**

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<p><b>A-215/S-349</b> DeAngelo, Wayne P. Benson, Daniel R.</p>	<p>Permits municipalities to use up to 15% of affordable housing trust fund monies to provide financial assistance grants to the owners of real property that sustained certain weather-related damage.</p> <p><i>Good idea, but without a nexus to affordable housing, this will lead to litigation.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p><b>O*</b></p>
<p><b>A-217</b> DeAngelo, Wayne P.</p>	<p>Requires State Building Authority to make certain payments in lieu of taxes for public safety facilities to municipalities; makes appropriation.</p>	<p>Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-266/S-507</b> Schroeder, Robert O'Donnell, Jason Russo, David C.</p>	<p>Requires identifying emblems on certain structures to notify firefighters of solar panels; requires exterior disconnection for solar panels.</p>	<p>Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-303</b> Amodeo, John F. Brown, Chris A.</p>	<p>Permits municipality to sell certain vehicles in connection with motor vehicle offenses.</p>	<p>Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-335</b> Dancer, Ronald S.</p>	<p>Permits taxing districts to credit amount of excess taxes paid to first two quarterly payments of local budget year next following date of final judgment, after successful appeal.</p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-392/S-1502</b> Wolfe, David W. Casagrande, Caroline</p>	<p>Requires reporting of suspected abuse of institutionalized elderly to police and that facility employees receive notice of reporting requirement annually; designated as "Peggy's Law."</p>	<p>Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee</p>	<p><b>A*</b></p>

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<b>A-571</b> Wagner, Connie	Modifies State's role in local unit consolidations.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-941</b> Riley, Celeste M.	Permits supermarkets to sell New Jersey wine by the bottle from vending machines. <i>We are concerned about minors, who may find ways to access the wine.</i>	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-942</b> Riley, Celeste M.	Permits New Jersey wineries to sell their products by the bottle in vending machines. <i>We are concerned about minors, who may find ways to access the wine.</i>	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-982</b> Webber, Jay	Eliminates public school district budget reduction appeals to the Commissioner of Education.	Assembly Education Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-1021</b> Mainor, Charles Prieto, Vincent	Prohibits public and private employers from discriminating against ex-convicts. <i>Employers should maintain discretion to hire the best candidate for their needs.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-1023</b> Mainor, Charles DeAngelo, Wayne P.	Concerns prompt payment of construction contracts.	Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading	<b>A</b>
<b>A-1374/S-883</b> Tucker, Cleopatra G. Caputo, Ralph R. Wilson, Gilbert L. Wisniewski, John S.	Broadens municipal arson investigators' powers. <i>Adequate provisions are in place already.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-1943</b> Casagrande, Caroline	Prohibits terminal leave compensation for local government employees.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2462</b> Fuentes, Angel	Requires that public address, and phone number or email address, of local elected officials be available on local unit website.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2523</b> Moriarty, Paul D.	Prohibits certain TPAF and PERS members from receiving service credit while on leave with labor organization. <i>Should apply to all systems, not just TPAF/PERS.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>O</b>

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<b>A-2530</b> Johnson, Gordon M.	Requires State-administered retirement systems to make determination on accidental disability retirement applications within three months of receiving applicant's medical determination.  <i>The current system works well. This allows no exception for a reasonable delay.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-2564/S-1753</b> Singleton, Troy Greenwald, Louis D.	Clarifies requests for proposals of public entities implementing energy savings improvement program contracts.  <i>Imposes public contracting requirements on private entities.</i>	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-2582</b> Cryan, Joseph	Requires municipal approval prior to issuance of special concessionaire permit.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2656</b> Fuentes, Angel	Exempts certain health information contained in 9-1-1 calls from definition of government record.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2690</b> Amodeo, John F. Brown, Chris A.	Permits public referendum on certain bond ordinances in municipalities operating under the Walsh Act.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2737/ A-2440/S-897</b> Coughlin, Craig J.	Clarifies intent of Legislature to protect certain senior tenants; aligns housing age restrictions with federal law.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-326</b> Whelan, Jim Turner, Shirley K.	"Emergency Information Access Act"; requires utility service providers to report severe weather and emergency related service; directs utility service providers and State Office of Emergency Management to present reported information online and via telephone.  <i>We ask that any fines be paid directly to the municipalities.</i>	Senate Economic Growth Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-672</b> Stack, Brian P. Cunningham, Sandra B.	Requires lobby security for certain senior citizen high-rise buildings in areas with high violent crime rates.  <i>Unnecessary regulation.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-1062</b> Connors, Christopher J.	Repeals State and local hotel and motel occupancy taxes and voids existing municipal implementing ordinances.  <i>The ability to impose this tax is permissive. Municipalities should retain this option.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	<b>O</b>

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<b>S-1711/A-554</b> Rice, Ronald L.	Provides that 20% of fee charged for initial certified copy of birth certificate shall be used to support certain activities of NJ Cord Blood Bank.  <i>There is no mechanisim to reimburse municipalities for the lost revenue.</i>	Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-1741</b> Rice, Ronald L.	Enhances PFRS accidental death pension benefit for survivors of member serving in nonsupervisory rank.  <i>Should be uniform across all pension systems.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-1749/A-2602</b> Scutari, Nicholas P.	Requires "No Turn on Red" signs be affixed to certain traffic control signals.  <i>Unfunded mandate.</i>	Senate Transportation Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-1774</b> Turner, Shirley K.	Establishes procedures for governing bodies of municipalities or voters to opt to move annual fire district elections to November.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-1811</b> Singer, Robert W.	Requires public and nonpublic schools, municipal and county recreation departments, youth serving organizations, and youth camps to utilize Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Form developed by certain medical professionals prior to child participation in athletics.  <i>We have record keeping, administrative and HIPAA law concerns.</i>	Senate Education Committee	<b>O</b>

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