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THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2010:

Chapter 1 S-2 3/22/2010

Makes various pension system changes concerning eligibility, retirement allowance formula, compensation definition, position eligible for service credit, non-forfeitable rights, prosecutors part, PFRS special retirement, employer contributions.

Chapter 2 S-3 3/22/2010

Makes various changes to SHBP and SEHBP concerning eligibility, cost sharing, plan choice, benefit change application, coverage waiver, multiple coverage; requires contributions toward health care benefits by public employees and certain retirees.

Chapter 3 S-4 3/22/2010

Makes various changes concerning payments to public employees for unused sick leave, sick leave injury in State service, and PERS and TPAF disability retirement.

A = Approved By the League

O = Opposed By the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<p>A-120 Biondi, Peter J.</p>	<p>Clarifies procedure for determination of discount for prepayment and interest for delinquency on property taxes and municipal charges.</p> <p><i>Expands the 10 day grace period which could create audit compliance issues. In addition it will be difficult for Tax Collectors to enforce.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">O</p>
<p>A-788 Bramnick, Jon M. DiCicco, Domenick</p>	<p>Creates the "Local Unit Audit Teams" program in the Department of the Treasury.</p> <p><i>Creates another layer of bureaucracy.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">O</p>
<p>A-2089 Quigley, Joan M. Conaway, Herb, Jr.</p>	<p>Establishes the "Safe Drop Off of Drugs Program" for the collection and disposal of unused prescription drugs and other medicines; authorizes use of recycling tax revenues for program; establishes Corporation Business Tax Credit for</p>	<p>Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">O</p>

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	<p>companies providing disposal.</p> <p><i>A good idea. However, the procedure outlined in the bill will not work in practice.</i></p>		
<p>A-2119</p> <p>Giblin, Thomas P. Vandervalk, Charlotte</p>	<p>Includes e-mail addresses in list of confidential items to be redacted from public records under OPRA.</p>	<p>Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>A-2120</p> <p>Tucker, Cleopatra G.</p>	<p>Requires 25 percent of playground equipment to be accessible by disabled persons.</p> <p><i>A good idea. However, the bill would impose a costly mandate and potential liability on our taxpayers.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Tourism and the Arts Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-2132</p> <p>DiMaio, John</p>	<p>Permits local taxing district to refund overpayments of property tax monies paid more than three years ago in certain circumstances.</p> <p><i>Creates budgeting concerns.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-2138</p> <p>Conners, Jack Conaway, Herb, Jr.</p>	<p>Establishes death benefit for certain first aid volunteers and volunteer firefighters.</p> <p><i>Once the State collects \$500,000, the remaining funds may go to the general fund, becoming a "backdoor tax."</i></p>	<p>Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-2149</p> <p>O'Scanlon, Declan J., Jr.</p>	<p>Prohibits for ten years after compliance with penalty or sentence imposed by court elected or appointed officials convicted of certain crimes from serving as governmental affairs agents.</p>	<p>Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>A-2165</p> <p>Evans, Elease Wisniewski, John S.</p>	<p>Requires municipalities to include unique identifier on signs at certain handicapped parking spots.</p>	<p>Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>A-2194</p> <p>DiCicco, Domenick, Jr.</p>	<p>"Property Assessment Appeal Transparency Act"; revises content of required annual notification of real property assessment.</p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>A-2263</p> <p>DiCicco, Domenick, Jr.</p>	<p>Requires municipal governing bodies and boards of education to provide sufficient time for all requested public comment at open public meetings.</p> <p><i>Impractical, unworkable mandate that could cripple a local unit.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-2264</p> <p>DiCicco, Domenick, Jr.</p>	<p>Requires local unit to make adopted budget available for inspection by public in office, without written request, and to make copies available at reasonable fee.</p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>A</p>

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A-2265 Webber, Jay	Changes home elevation permit height requirement in flood prone areas.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	A
A-2274 Munoz, Nancy F.	Prohibits first responders from disseminating photographs of accident victims and patients to public without consent of victim or patient.	Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee	A
A-2279 DeCroce, Alex	Standardizes maximum fine for violation of municipal and county ordinances and resolutions at \$2,000.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-2281 DeCroce, Alex	Increases income eligibility limit for reduction or abatement of municipal or county utility authority fees. <i>Shifts cost to the municipalities.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-2481 Malone, Joseph R., III	Imposes temporary rollback and freeze on property tax bills to 2009 amounts, beginning August, 2010, until State unemployment rate falls below seven percent. <i>If enacted municipalities would not be able to meet contractual obligations.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-2494 Albano, Nelson T.	Authorizes property tax levy cap banking by local units and boards of education.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
S-922 Kean, Thomas H., Jr. Turner, Shirley K. Chiusano, Gary R. Rudder, Scott McKeon, John F.	Appropriates \$17.45 million in 1992 and 2003 bond act monies for loans to fund dam restoration projects and \$1.371 million in 1992 bond act monies to fund State dam restoration projects.	Passed Both Houses	A
S-1392 Weinberg, Loretta	Requires PERS to train employers on enrollment requirements; requires employers to certify validity of PERS enrollment; requires assignment of investigator; clarifies penalty for providing false information to PERS. <i>Burdensome and pushes the States responsibility onto municipalities.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	O
S-1416 Weinberg, Loretta	Prohibits display of political campaign signs on any public property or highway. <i>Difficult to enforce.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	O
S-1446 Cardinale, Gerald Girgenti, John A.	Authorizes display of flashing amber warning lights on sanitation vehicles.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	A

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<p>S-1523</p> <p>Goodwin, Thomas Baroni, Bill</p>	<p>Provides for excused absences for public school students involved in election activities on day of general election under certain circumstances.</p> <p><i>Local policy. Burdensome and there are concerns with the supervisions provisions.</i></p>	<p>Senate Education Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>S-1542</p> <p>Doherty, Michael J.</p>	<p>Requires third-party disbursement service organization that contracts with local government unit or board of education to post bond against failure to meet obligations.</p> <p><i>Currently municipalities can require a bond. Requiring a bond would be an added expense.</i></p>	<p>Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>S-1553</p> <p>Haines, Philip E.</p>	<p>Allows certain owners of preserved farmland to reacquire development rights for land underlying and next to farm buildings or structures.</p> <p><i>Doesn't make all funding sources whole and undercuts the intent of farmland preservation.</i></p>	<p>Senate Economic Growth Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>S-1759</p> <p>Gill, Nia H., Esq.</p>	<p>Excludes from disclosure as public record e-mail addresses provided to government entities to receive emergency notices.</p>	<p>Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee</p>	<p>A</p>

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