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THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2010

Chapter 39 S-1287 7/2/2010

Makes position of treasurer of school moneys optional.

Chapter 43 A-2031 7/2/2010

Extends time period during which municipal fire departments may hire certain laid off firefighters.

Chapter 44 S-29 7/13/2010

Reduces school district, county, and municipal property tax levy cap from 4% to 2.0% and permits unused school district, county and municipal increases to be banked for three succeeding years.*

Chapter 46 S-1804 7/29/2010

Authorizes any local unit to adopt an ordinance authorizing special emergency appropriations for the payment of contractually required severance liabilities, resulting from the layoff or retirement of employees, over five years. *

Chapter 54 S-1776 8/18/2010

Authorizes counties to develop community based deer management plans and apply for special deer management permits for county-owned lands.

Chapter 55 S-1828 8/18/2010

Required Division of Taxation to regularly provide certain information to municipalities concerning hotel occupancy taxes.

Chapter 56 S-2077 8/18/2010

Eliminates minimum threshold for municipal calculation of reserve for uncollected taxes by alternate method when tax appeal judgments reduce the tax levy.

Chapter 75 A-559 9/10/2010

Decreases certain public document copy fees; amount of fee dependent upon whether letter size page or legal size page. *

Chapter 78 A-1589 9/10/2010

Requires sports and entertainment facilities to submit emergency operations plan to municipal emergency management coordinator. *

A = Approved By the League
O = Opposed By the League

A* = Approved, with conditions, by the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-2865 Wisniewski, John S.	Provides for appointment of certain municipal court judges at the local or county level.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	A
A-2869 Amodeo, John F. Polistina, Vincent J.	Authorizes certain local enforcing agencies to perform plan review of certain buildings and structures	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-2874 Quijano, Annette Ramos, Ruben J., Jr.	Requires public agencies to set printers and computers to default to most cost effective fonts for printing to conserve ink and paper. <i>Inappropriate micro-management of local operations.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-2879 Vainieri Huttie, Valerie	Prohibits certain elected public office holders from simultaneously holding more than one elective office. <i>Inappropriate interference with the right of the people to decide what is best for themselves.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-2916 Albano, Nelson T. Milam, Matthew W.	Authorizes counties to license and regulate operation of taxicabs within county. <i>Raises enforcement concerns, through costs of which would be borne by municipalities.</i>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	O
A-2931 Casagrande, Caroline Rible, David P.	Repeals statutory requirement of annual or biennial dog census.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-2936 Moriarty, Paul D. Riley, Celeste M. Burzichelli, John J.	Prohibits political subdivisions from awarding longevity-based benefits to their employees.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-2953 Peterson, Erik McHose, Alison Littell Casagrande, Caroline	Permits layoff plans as substitute for employment reconciliation plans for joint meetings or shared service agreements under certain circumstances.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-2954 Bucco, Anthony M.	Makes various changes to civil service law concerning seasonal appointments, temporary layoffs, and rescinding adoption of civil service.	Assembly State Government Committee	A

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A-2955 Bucco, Anthony M. Chiusano, Gary R.	Limits right of appeal of disciplinary action taken by employer against certain public employees.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-2967 McHose, Alison Littell	Revises statutes concerning permissible length of time between certain public questions in certain municipalities. <i>Current time-lag limits are workable and appropriate.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-2981 Malone, Joseph R., III	Increases certain application fees for civil service examinations and requires review of fees every five years; establishes fee for certain appeals. <i>Does not include police and firefighters in fee structure.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-3056 Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr. Barnes, Peter J., III	Permits municipality to pay tax refund in equal installments over period of three years.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-3087 Diegnan, Patrick J., Barnes, Peter J., III	Requires taxpayer to provide certificate of merit setting forth estimated true value of certain property which is subject to county tax appeal.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-3088 McKeon, John F. DiMaio, John	Modifies requirements for local unit to dissolve certain authorities. <i>Current process is adequate.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3092 Angelini, Mary Pat	Permits certain applicants to submit personal statement of veteran status, in lieu of determination of veteran status, prior to issuance of civil service eligible list; requires submission of determination of status prior to employment. <i>Makes fraud land deception too easy.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-3093 Munoz, Nancy F.	Prohibits public property from being named or renamed after person sooner than one year after person's death. <i>Inappropriate interference in local affairs.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-3094 Coughlin, Craig J. Wisniewski, John S.	Permits DOT to contract with county or municipality for certain work on highways to prevent public hazards.	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities	A

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		Committee	
A-3128 Quijano, Annette Ramos, Ruben J., Jr. Greenstein, Linda R. DeAngelo, Wayne P.	Provides for development of searchable "Bulletin NJ" local public bidding and employment database.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-3168 Coughlin, Craig J.	Revises "Local Bond Law" provisions to exempt certain energy projects from appropriation requirement for five percent down payment. <i>As a measure of good faith the municipality should provide a down payment.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3182 Coughlin, Craig J.	Requires all State firefighter training to be accredited. <i>Could prove costly. Current requirements are adequate.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	O
A-3197 DeAngelo, Wayne P. Greenstein, Linda R.	Eliminates DOT approval of municipal traffic calming measures in business districts. <i>We are concerned about the lack of uniformity and the potential liability that would ensue.</i>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	O
A-3198 DeAngelo, Wayne P. Greenstein, Linda R.	Requires municipal agency under MLUL to notify prospective applicant of potential need for additional governmental approvals. <i>Increases costs imposed on public agency, but with no benefits to the public. Unnecessary.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3228 Johnson, Gordon M.	Provides that PFRS board of trustees may request physical exam of PFRS accidental disability retiree until age 55.	Assembly State Government Committee	A
A-3271 McKeon, John F.	Exempts various local units of government from State permitting fees and permits the reimbursement of violation fines under certain circumstances.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	A
S-2178 Goodwin, Thomas	Extends duration of civil service promotional eligible list to not more than five years or two additional years for good cause. <i>Current duration is sufficient, 5 years is too long.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	O
S-2188 Van Drew, Jeff	Increases compensation paid to persons displaced through eminent domain.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs	O

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	<i>30 day time-frame is unreasonable. Increases local costs.</i>	Committee	
S-2194 Turner, Shirley K.	The "Child Safe Playing Fields Act"; restricts use of lawn care pesticides at schools, child care centers and recreational fields. <i>Current regulations are more than adequate. This would increase costs.</i>	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	O
S-2196 Smith, Bob Bateman, Christopher	Directs BPU to undertake local government renewable energy generation demonstration project utilizing renewable energy technologies. <i>Bill should be expanded to more municipalities.</i>	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	A* with conditions
S-2201 Sweeney, Stephen M. Kean, Thomas H., Jr.	Establishes "Property Tax Levy Cap Task Force" to monitor impact of changes to levy cap law. <i>Request the bill be amended to specify that at least two members of the Task Force be local or elected officials with the knowledge of and experience with local budgeting. We believe that the hands-on practical experience of developing and implementing a local budget is essential to truly understanding the impact of the 2% levy cap law.</i>	Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	A* with conditins
S-2263 Van Drew, Jeff	Raises membership of PFRS board of trustees from 11 to 13 members. <i>Unnecessary expansion, with no consideration of management perspective.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	O
S-2273 Gordon, Robert M.	Requires three forms of identification when requesting birth certificate.	Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee	A

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