

Pensions & Benefits (2024-2025)

Bill: A126

Sponsors: Guardian (R2)

Summary: Provides family leave for employee to attend certain events of child of employee; establishes tax credits for employer that provide full paid family leave benefits.

Subjects: Labor; Labor-Wages And Benefits; Taxation

Related: 2024:S172; 2022:A4388; 2022:S2897

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Labor Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A199

Sponsors: Inganamort (R24); Fantasia (R24)

Summary: Expands scope of review of Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission.

Subjects: Commissions; Health; Pensions; Public Employees-Benefits

Related: 2024:S1835; 2022:A105; 2020:A125; 2018:A149; 2016:A115; 2014:A145; 2012:A2446; 2010:A193; 2010:S351; 2008:A3888; 2008:S2682

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A222

Sponsors: Inganamort (R24); Fantasia (R24)

Summary: Eliminates age restriction for issuing special permits to carry handgun to retired law enforcement officers.

Subjects: Public Safety-Police; Public Safety-Weapons

Related: 2024:S405; 2022:A3354; 2022:S1362; 2020:S288; 2018:A911; 2018:S1309; 2016:A5088; 2016:S3298

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Judiciary Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: A263

Sponsors: Matsikoudis (R21); Miller (D4)

Summary: Provides that former law enforcement officers who retired due to disability are eligible to receive tuition assistance to attend public institution of higher education or proprietary institution licensed to confer academic degrees.

Subjects: Higher Education; Human Services-Disabled; Public Safety-Police

Related: 2024:S925; 2022:A2291; 2022:S1688; 2020:A2233; 2020:S3058; 2018:A2137; 2018:S2684

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Higher Education Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: A361

Sponsors: Stanley (D18)

Summary: Permits certain businesses to complete business registration certificate and annual report together.

Subjects: Commerce
Related: 2024:S1347; 2022:A2695; 2022:S1816
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Commerce. Economic Development and Agriculture Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: High

Bill: A390

Sponsors: Auth (R39)
Summary: Establishes housing expense reimbursements for families of certain public safety officers killed in line of duty.
Subjects: Public Safety-Police
Related: 2022:A1398; 2020:A557; 2018:A3710; 2016:A4251; 2016:S2799
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: High

Bill: A503

Sponsors: DeAngelo (D14); Pintor Marin (D29)
Summary: Provides PFRS member in federal or State military service who is injured or killed with disability or death benefits.
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Veterans And Military
Related: 2022:A1773; 2022:S3698; 2020:A245; 2018:A127; 2016:A4203; 2016:S2602; 2014:A1352; 2014:S1800; 2012:A2404; 2012:S1292; 2010:A1222; 2010:S1688; 2008:A1294; 2008:S1750; 2006:A970; 2006:S1201; 2004:A635; 2004:S621; 2002:A3345; 2002:S2478
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: High

Bill: A677

Sponsors: Kean, S (R30) +1
Summary: Removes income-based limitations on gross income tax exclusion for pension and retirement income.
Cospons: Fantasia (R24)
Subjects: Pensions; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Related: 2024:S394; 2022:A5078; 2022:S991; 2020:S290; 2018:A4052; 2018:S1537; 2016:S2174
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: A794

Sponsors: McGuckin (R10) +1
Summary: Eliminates payments for unused sick leave earned after effective date; limits carry forward of unused vacation leave; requires suspension and forfeiture of certain payments; limits use of unused sick leave in year before retirement.
Cospons: Dunn (R25)
Subjects: Education-Teachers And School Employees; Labor-Wages And Benefits; Local Officers And Employees; Public Employees; State Government-Officers And Employees
Related: 2022:A2460; 2020:A429; 2018:A753; 2016:A4921; 2016:S849; 2014:S79; 2012:S2117
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A795

Sponsors: McGuckin (R10)

Summary: Restricts use of accumulated sick leave by public employees in year prior to retirement.

Subjects: Labor-Wages And Benefits; Public Employees-Benefits

Related: 2022:A2462; 2022:S2753; 2020:A426; 2020:S2652; 2018:A750; 2018:S1980; 2016:A4918; 2016:S572; 2014:S644; 2012:S1620; 2010:A1612; 2010:S77; 2008:A2581; 2008:S2589

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A796

Sponsors: McGuckin (R10)

Summary: Limits certain unused sick leave pay and vacation leave carry-forward for public officers and employees.

Subjects: Public Employees-Benefits

Related: 2022:A2463; 2020:A427; 2018:A751; 2016:A4919; 2016:S2947

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A874

Sponsors: Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Wimberly (D35); Speight (D29) +15

Summary: Reinstates automatic COLA for retirement benefits of members of the State-administered retirement systems.

Cospons: Swift (R2); Clifton (R12); Kean, S (R30); McGuckin (R10); Rumpf (R9); Guardian (R2); Dunn (R25); Atkins (D20); Tully (D38); Swain (D38); Quijano (D20); McClellan (R1); Simonsen (R1); Rodriguez (D33); Moen (D5)

Subjects: Judiciary-Judges; Pensions; Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees; Pensions-Teachers

Related: 2024:S1491; 2022:A2758; 2022:S260; 2020:S1310; 2018:S1520; 2016:S643; 2014:S1588; 2012:S1568; 2010:S2986

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: High

Bill: A932

Sponsors: Freiman (D16); Drulis (D16) +11

Summary: Excludes certain contributions to deferred compensation plans and provides deduction for certain individual retirement savings under the gross income tax.

Cospons: Karabinchak (D18); Swain (D38); Tully (D38); Peterson (R23); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); DePhillips (R40); Munoz (R21); Dunn (R25); Murphy (D7); Verrelli (D15); Fantasia (R24)

Subjects: Taxation-Personal Income Tax

Related: 2024:S2357; 2022:A512; 2022:S737; 2022:S951; 2020:A1148; 2020:S823; 2020:S1283; 2018:A4899; 2018:S2084; 2018:S3514; 2016:S1516; 2014:A1616; 2014:S2028; 2012:A1937; 2010:A1823; 2008:A3958; 2008:S2761

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A945

Sponsors: Munoz (R21); Bergen (R26) +8

Summary: Prohibits payment to public employees at retirement for certain unused sick leave, provides for forfeiture of payment for unused sick leave for certain criminal convictions, and requires documentation for use of sick leave.

Cospons: DiMaio (R23); McGuckin (R10); Clifton (R12); Peterson (R23); Webber (R26); Dunn (R25); DePhillips (R40); Matsikoudis (R21)

Subjects: Labor-Wages And Benefits; Public Employees-Benefits

Related: 2024:S1661; 2022:A220; 2022:S637; 2020:A1756; 2020:S2073; 2018:A844; 2018:S681; 2016:A653; 2016:S3146; 2014:A158; 2012:A2495

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A963

Sponsors: Munoz (R21)

Summary: Sets level for healthcare benefits; requires employee contributions; prohibits reimbursement of Medicare Part B; adds member to SHBP/SEHBP plan design committees; requires retirees to purchase health benefits through exchanges; provides subsidies for out-

Subjects: Human Services-Medicaid And Medicare; Insurance-Health Insurance; Pensions; Pensions-Police And Firefighters

Related: 2022:A240; 2020:A1785; 2020:S602; 2018:A4305; 2018:S220

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: High

Bill: A993

Sponsors: Munoz (R21)

Summary: Concerns payment of leave time to employee in year of employee's retirement.

Subjects: Labor-Wages And Benefits; Pensions; Public Employees-Benefits

Related: 2022:A2113; 2020:A2501; 2018:A2327; 2016:A688; 2014:A4487

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Labor Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A997

Sponsors: Munoz (R21)

Summary: Creates Public Employee Pension and Health Care Benefits Reform Task Force.

Subjects: Insurance-Health Insurance; Pensions-Public Employees; Public Employees-Benefits

Related: 2022:A2117; 2020:A3361; 2020:S603; 2018:A871; 2018:S221; 2016:A3906; 2016:S2555

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: High

Bill: A1109

Sponsors: DiMaio (R23); Dunn (R25); Peterson (R23)

Summary: Modifies eligibility requirements for other retirement income exclusion concerning other sources of income.

Subjects: Pensions; Taxation-Personal Income Tax

Related: 2024:S3293; 2022:A973; 2022:S1828; 2020:A5452; 2020:S3431

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: A1112

Sponsors: DiMaio (R23); Dunn (R25)

Summary: Extends eligibility for certain civil service and pension benefits for veterans.

Subjects: Civil Service; Pensions-Public Employees; Veterans And Military

Related: 2024:S1668; 2022:A976; 2022:S645; 2020:A6075; 2020:S4280

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A1115

Sponsors: DiMaio (R23); Dunn (R25) +10

Summary: Excludes under gross income tax certain contributions to qualified pension plans, deferred compensation plans and provides deduction for certain individual retirement savings.

Cospons: McGuckin (R10); Kean, S (R30); Clifton (R12); Munoz (R21); McClellan (R1); Matsikoudis (R21); Guardian (R2); Torrissi (R8); Swift (R2); Fantasia (R24)

Subjects: Pensions; Taxation-Personal Income Tax

Related: 2022:A2055; 2020:A1437; 2018:A1406; 2018:S2194; 2016:A5017; 2016:S3345

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Commerce. Economic Development and Agriculture Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A1259

Sponsors: Sauickie (R12); Spearman (D5)

Summary: Increases PFRS accidental disability and accidental death pension when disability or death is caused by weapon.

Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters

Related: 2024:S3252; 2022:A2739; 2022:S2375; 2020:A5625; 2020:S3972

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: A1262

Sponsors: Sauickie (R12); Murphy (D7)

Summary: Requires retired law enforcement officers to qualify in use of firearm once a year.

Subjects: Public Safety-Police; Public Safety-Weapons

Related: 2024:S3233; 2022:A3483; 2022:S2376; 2020:A1884; 2020:S1627; 2018:A5886

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Judiciary Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A1335

Sponsors: DePhillips (R40) +3

Summary: Prohibits investment by State of pension and annuity funds in Chinese pharmaceutical companies.

Cospons: Simonsen (R1); McClellan (R1); Inganamort (R24)

Subjects: Banking And Finance; Health-Pharmaceuticals; International Affairs; Pensions

Related: 2024:S1365; 2022:A1150; 2022:S3559; 2020:A3974; 2020:S2445

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Low

Bill: A1356

Sponsors: DePhillips (R40); Dunn (R25) +2
Summary: Adds county and municipal representation to State Health Benefits Commission.
Cospons: McGuckin (R10); Flynn (R13)
Subjects: Local Government; Public Employees-Benefits
Related: 2022:A4659
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A1436

Sponsors: Karabinchak (D18); Sauickie (R12)
Summary: Increases days of paid leave of absence for public employees who serve in United States Reserves.
Subjects: Local Officers And Employees; State Government-Officers And Employees; Veterans And Military
Related: 2022:A549; 2022:S3657; 2020:A948; 2020:S2225; 2018:A5231; 2018:S3627
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A1763

Sponsors: Rumpf (R9) +1
Summary: "Breann's Law" requires health insurers, the State Health Benefits Program and NJ FamilyCare to provide "out of network" coverage for children with catastrophic illnesses.
Cospons: Flynn (R13)
Subjects: Children; Insurance-Health Insurance
Related: 2024:S1922; 2022:A2451; 2022:S1692; 2020:A928; 2020:S950; 2018:A710; 2018:S1469; 2016:A999; 2016:S902; 2014:A2238; 2014:S970; 2012:A2228; 2012:S1120; 2010:A2447; 2010:S1205; 2008:A3832; 2008:S2566
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: A2018

Sponsors: Speight (D29); Spearman (D5); Stanley (D18)
Summary: Establishes First Responders COVID-19 Supplemental Benefits Program; appropriates \$20 million.
Subjects: Health-Disease; Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:S2047; 2022:A5136; 2022:S3660
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: High

Bill: A2035

Sponsors: Pintor Marin (D29)
Summary: Allows for sharing of family leave benefits between covered individuals under certain circumstances.
Subjects: Labor-Temporary Disability
Related: 2022:A1220; 2020:A2035; 2020:S2168; 2018:A1661; 2018:S1789; 2016:A3912; 2016:S2426

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Labor Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A2063

Sponsors: Pintor Marin (D29)
Summary: Requires SHBP and SEHBP to implement referenced based pricing program and bundled payment program.
Subjects: Insurance-Health Insurance; Public Employees-Benefits
Related: 2022:A1249; 2020:A5872
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A2069

Sponsors: Pintor Marin (D29)
Summary: Appoints members to State Health Benefits Commission and School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
Subjects: Commissions; Health
Related: 2024:S2440; 2022:A4552; 2022:S3033
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A2145

Sponsors: Moen (D5); Stanley (D18) +16
Summary: Provides employment protections for paid first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder under certain conditions.
Cospons: Bergen (R26); Murphy (D7); Park (D37); Freiman (D16); Sampson (D31); Quijano (D20); Lampitt (D6); Speight (D29); Swain (D38); Lopez (D19); Atkins (D20); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Sauickie (R12); Fantasia (R24); Rodriguez (D33); Flynn (R13)
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Human Services-Mental Health; Labor
Related: 2024:S2373; 2022:A2886; 2022:S703; 2020:A5771; 2020:S4165
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: High

Bill: A2251

Sponsors: Lopez (D19)
Summary: Permits municipality, fire district or authority to approve transfer of certain firefighters from PERS to PFRS.
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2022:A2661; 2022:S2120; 2020:A3381; 2020:S3781; 2018:A5707; 2016:A3957; 2014:A1689; 2012:A1560; 2012:S2812; 2010:A1469; 2010:S1771; 2008:A4015; 2008:S2783
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: High

Bill: A2383

Sponsors: Spearman (D5); Atkins (D20); Carter (D22) +2

Summary: Establishes Law Enforcement Critical Mental Health Assistance Grant Program; appropriates \$3 million.
Cosponsors: Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Stanley (D18)
Subjects: Human Services-Mental Health; Public Safety-Police
Related: 2024:S1059; 2022:A5341; 2022:S3816
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Community Development and Womens Affairs Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Community Development and Womens Affairs Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: High

Bill: A2428

Sponsors: Quijano (D20)
Summary: Increases accidental death benefit for surviving spouse or surviving children of certain PERS members and retirants; provides accidental death benefit to beneficiary of certain PERS and PFRS members and retirants; redefines child.
Subjects: Pensions; Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees
Related: 2024:S1202; 2022:A1675; 2022:S702; 2020:A1660; 2020:S4158; 2018:A4955; 2018:S4205
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support

Bill: A2548

Sponsors: Peterson (R23)
Summary: Allows PFRS death benefits to be paid to supplemental needs trust for unmarried disabled child.
Subjects: Human Services-Disabled; Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2022:A3399; 2020:A1818; 2018:A2357; 2016:A4842
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: A2549

Sponsors: Peterson (R23)
Summary: Gives Director subpoena powers in administration of Division of Pensions and Benefits.
Subjects: Pensions; State Government-Officers And Employees
Related: 2022:A3400; 2020:A3634; 2018:A1068; 2016:A1538; 2014:A527; 2012:A167; 2010:A3189
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Low

Bill: A2685

Sponsors: Webber (R26)
Summary: Allows gross income tax deduction for firearms training expenses paid by law enforcement officers.
Subjects: Public Safety-Police; Public Safety-Weapons; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Related: 2022:A2963; 2020:A510; 2018:A3738
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: A2716

Sponsors: Bergen (R26) +2

Summary: Exempts qualified veterans from paying certain firearm related fees.
Cospons: DiMaio (R23); Scharfenberger (R13)
Subjects: Public Safety-Weapons; Veterans And Military
Related: 2022:A887; 2020:A5428; 2020:S3570
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Low

Bill: A2859

Sponsors: Verrelli (D15) +1
Summary: Extends from six to 12 months compensation program for injured law enforcement officers and other employees; revises type of injury needed to qualify for program.
Cospons: Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
Subjects: Public Safety-Police
Related: 2022:A2358; 2020:A4460; 2020:S1864; 2018:A4075; 2018:S2841
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: High

Bill: A2875

Sponsors: Verrelli (D15) +1
Summary: Concerns annual reporting requirements of SHBP and SEHBP commissions.
Cospons: Flynn (R13)
Subjects: Public Employees-Benefits; State Government
Related: 2024:S2359; 2022:A4700; 2022:S2994
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: High

Bill: A2883

Sponsors: Verrelli (D15); Quijano (D20); Sampson (D31) +4
Summary: Allows gross income tax deduction for union dues paid to labor organizations.
Cospons: Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Egan (D17); Bagolie (D27); Hall (D28)
Subjects: Labor; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Related: 2024:S1066; 2022:A5433; 2022:S3959
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/06/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
06/06/2024 — Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: A2884 Aca (1R)

Sponsors: Verrelli (D15); Karabinchak (D18); Wimberly (D35) +5
Summary: Provides for purchase of PFRS credit for service as class two special law enforcement officer.
Cospons: Murphy (D7); Speight (D29); McClellan (R1); Simonsen (R1); Drulis (D16)
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2024:S2070; 2022:A5469; 2022:S3970
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/04/2024 — Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
03/04/2024 — Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Low

Bill: **A2913**

Sponsors: Schaer (D36)

Summary: Prioritizes investment of State administered pension funds in in-state infrastructure project investments over comparable out-of-state infrastructure project investments.

Subjects: Judiciary-Judges; Pensions; Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees; Pensions-Teachers

Related: 2022:A1071; 2020:A2856; 2018:A456; 2016:A1671; 2014:A4711

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **A2962**

Sponsors: McCoy (D14)

Summary: 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.

Subjects: Civil Service; Veterans And Military

Related: 2024:S372; 2022:A2241; 2022:S227; 2020:A1356; 2020:S1396; 2018:A4140; 2018:S1305; 2016:S126; 2014:A695; 2014:S3239; 2012:A448; 2010:A3092

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **A2996**

Sponsors: McCoy (D14)

Summary: Requires cost of living increase to be granted in each of two State fiscal years when retirement allowance or benefit is below certain amount for retiree or beneficiary in PERS, TPAF, PFRS, SPRS, and JRS; makes appropriation.

Subjects: Pensions

Related: 2024:S2475; 2022:A4171; 2022:S2582

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **A3134**

Sponsors: Tucker (D28)

Summary: Permits reimbursement of COBRA health benefit costs of survivors of certain deceased public safety employees; appropriates \$750,000.

Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Insurance-Health Insurance; Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police

Related: 2024:S1080; 2022:A792; 2022:S2623; 2020:A1831; 2018:A3919; 2018:S56; 2016:A319; 2016:S2144; 2014:A4062; 2014:S2851

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Labor Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: **A3143**

Sponsors: Tucker (D28); Conaway (D7); Schaer (D36); Daniels (D17) +15

Summary: Removing requirement of service during specified dates or in specified locations, thereby broadening eligibility for certain veterans' benefits.

Cospons: Rumpf (R9); Munoz (R21); Coughlin (D19); DeAngelo (D14); DiMaio (R23); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Dunn (R25); Murphy (D7); Wimberly (D35); Kean, S (R30); Barlas (R40); Freiman (D16); Karabinchak (D18); Sauickie (R12); Speight (D29)

Subjects: Veterans And Military

Related: 2024:S1885; 2022:A854; 2022:S160; 2020:A206; 2020:S198; 2018:A1252; 2018:S308; 2016:A143; 2016:S258; 2014:A381; 2014:S195; 2012:A2121; 2012:S186; 2010:A1948; 2010:S116; 2008:A758; 2008:S870; 2006:A1438; 2006:S1499; 2006:S1500; 2004:A1389; 2004:S721; 2004:S971; 2002:A847; 2002:S310; 2002:S713; 2000:A2613; 2000:S1654; 2000:S2593

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 05/06/2024 — Assembly Appropriations Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
05/06/2024 — Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: **A3161**

Sponsors: Tucker (D28) +1

Summary: Broadens eligibility for certain civil service and pension benefits for veterans by eliminating requirement of service during specified dates or in specified locations.

Cospons: Rumpf (R9)

Subjects: Civil Service; Veterans And Military

Related: 2024:S1608; 2022:A872; 2022:S3041

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **A3180**

Sponsors: Dunn (R25)

Summary: Prohibits DEP from charging fee for resident mobile sportfishing vehicle permit to veterans, active military members, former or current members of the NJ National Guard or Reserve, or volunteer emergency workers.

Subjects: Boats And Boat Safety; Veterans And Military

Related: 2022:A338; 2020:A3722; 2018:A2843; 2016:A3119; 2014:A2637; 2012:A4478

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Environment, Natural Resources and Solid Waste Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Environment, Natural Resources and Solid Waste Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **A3199**

Sponsors: Dunn (R25); DeAngelo (D14) +1

Summary: Provides accidental death benefit to surviving spouse, surviving child, or surviving parent of a State Police recruit who dies during required pre-service training.

Cospons: Matsikoudis (R21)

Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Public Safety-Police

Related: 2024:S800; 2022:A364; 2022:S685; 2020:A5261; 2020:S3348

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: **A3505**

Sponsors: Speight (D29); Sampson (D31); Hall (D28) +2

Summary: Concerns bereavement leave for death of child, miscarriage, stillbirth, and certain other circumstances.

Cospons: Sumter (D35); Atkins (D20)

Subjects: Labor-Wages And Benefits
Related: 2024:S2978; 2022:A5084
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/06/2024 — Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 02/05/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
06/06/2024 — Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: A3559

Sponsors: Miller (D4); Inganamort (R24)
Summary: Removes certain part-time elected public officials from eligibility for employer-paid health care benefits coverage; makes elected public officials ineligible for payments for waiving health care benefits coverage; codifies Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit.
Subjects: Public Employees-Benefits; State Government-Officers And Employees
Related: 2024:S3289
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/05/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 02/05/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A3669

Sponsors: Murphy (D7)
Summary: Authorizes use of healthcare platforms providing discounted prices for payment of prescription and non-prescription drugs or devices and for telehealth and telemedicine services.
Subjects: Health; Health-Pharmaceuticals
Related: 2022:A5212; 2022:S3604
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/12/2024 — Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 02/12/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A3715

Sponsors: Murphy (D7); Stanley (D18)
Summary: Provides certain health care benefits to surviving dependents of accidental disability retiree who participated in 9/11 WTC rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations; clarifies eligibility criteria for recalculation of retirement allowance for such particip
Subjects: Public Employees-Benefits; Terrorism
Related: 2022:A4001; 2020:A3204; 2018:A5932; 2018:A6044; 2018:S4172
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/22/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 02/22/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: A3736

Sponsors: Murphy (D7) +1
Summary: Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt pregnancy policy for law enforcement officers.
Cospons: Quijano (D20)
Subjects: Public Safety-Police; Women
Related: 2024:S2623; 2022:A2498; 2022:S2116; 2020:A4998; 2020:S3276
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/22/2024 — Assembly Community Development and Womens Affairs Committee
History: 02/22/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Community Development and Womens Affairs Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A3795

Sponsors: Wimberly (D35); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)

Summary: Permits payment of only one co-payment or deductible for follow-up care or treatment after surgery or illness under certain health benefits plans.

Subjects: Insurance-Health Insurance

Related: 2022:A2413; 2020:A2672; 2020:S2087; 2018:A1124; 2016:A1862; 2014:A1399; 2012:A3805

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 02/22/2024 — Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

History: 02/22/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A3812

Sponsors: Matsikoudis (R21)

Summary: Provides retirement income exclusion under gross income tax for certain persons with income over \$3,000 from part-time employment.

Subjects: Labor-Wages And Benefits; Pensions; Taxation-Personal Income Tax

Related: 2024:S553; 2022:A5784; 2022:S879; 2020:A5421

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 02/22/2024 — Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture Committee

History: 02/22/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Commerce. Economic Development and Agriculture Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A3925

Sponsors: Dunn (R25); Sauickie (R12)

Summary: Expands eligibility for pension and retirement income exclusion to taxpayers with incomes exceeding \$150,000, and increases amount of exclusion that qualifying taxpayers may claim.

Subjects: Pensions; Taxation

Related: 2024:S2568; 2022:S4100

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 03/04/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 03/04/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: A3945

Sponsors: Freiman (D16); DeAngelo (D14); Stanley (D18)

Summary: Provides for law enforcement officer benefits for certain public employees enrolled in PERS; prohibits hiring by State or county of public employees after age 35 in positions eligible for PFRS.

Subjects: Corrections; Pensions-Public Employees; Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police

Related: 2024:S2539; 2022:A2160; 2022:S2940; 2020:A3828; 2020:S3088

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 03/04/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee

History: 03/04/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: A3947

Sponsors: Freiman (D16); DePhillips (R40) +1

Summary: Requires public officer or employee forfeit pension upon conviction of certain crimes; alters factors determining honorable service; opens pension to garnishment upon conviction of certain offenses.

Cospons: Dunn (R25)

Subjects: Pensions-Public Employees

Related: 2024:S961; 2022:A4641; 2022:S3188

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 03/04/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 03/04/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A3972 Aca (1R)

Sponsors: Freiman (D16); Drulis (D16); Speight (D29) +1
Summary: Makes certain changes to calculation of minimum loss ratio requirements for health benefits plans in individual and small employer markets.
Cospons: Clifton (R12)
Subjects: Public Employees-Benefits
Related: 2024:S2875
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/14/2024 — Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 03/04/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
03/14/2024 — Transferred to Assembly Health Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Scheduled: 06/13/2024 — Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A4004 Aca (1R)

Sponsors: Ramirez (D32); Marenco (D33); Rodriguez (D33) +6
Summary: Provides for filing extension and alternate medical documentation in PFRS, SPRS, or PERS for accidental disability retirement in certain circumstances; extends accidental death benefit for survivors of certain SPRS retirees.
Cospons: Scharfenberger (R13); Bagolie (D27); Drulis (D16); Sampson (D31); Kean, S (R30); Stanley (D18)
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees
Related: 2024:S3307
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/16/2024 — Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 03/07/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
05/16/2024 — Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A4130

Sponsors: Swift (R2); Sampson (D31) +1
Summary: Expands definition of child under PFRS and SPRS.
Cospons: Guardian (R2)
Subjects: Children; Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2024:S165; 2022:A4022; 2022:S2689
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 04/04/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 04/04/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: A4309

Sponsors: Wimberly (D35); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Dunn (R25)
Summary: Establishes additional manner of employer compliance to provide earned sick leave for certain employees subject to collective bargaining agreements.
Subjects: Labor-Wages And Benefits
Related: 2024:S3249
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/10/2024 — Assembly Labor Committee
History: 05/10/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: ACR11

Sponsors: Guardian (R2) +1
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to give \$250 property tax deduction to law enforcement officers who have sustained permanent disability.
Cospons: Murphy (D7)
Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Human Services-Disabled; Public Safety-Police; Taxation-Property Tax
Related: 2024:SCR97; 2022:ACR27; 2022:SCR114; 2020:ACR46; 2020:SCR69; 2018:ACR181; 2018:SCR133
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Assembly Labor Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support

Bill: ACR133

Sponsors: Inganamort (R24) +4
Summary: Constitutes special committee of Senate and General Assembly entitled "New Jersey Public Employee Health Care Program Costs Investigation Committee."
Cospons: Myhre (R9); Auth (R39); Barranco (R25); Barlas (R40)
Subjects: Health; Public Employees
Related: 2024:SCR61; 2022:ACR160; 2022:SCR120
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/02/2024 — Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 05/02/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: ACR136

Sponsors: Rumpf (R9); Myhre (R9) +2
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to provide property tax exemption for primary residence owned and occupied by surviving spouse of first responder who dies in line of duty.
Cospons: Kanitra (R10); McGuckin (R10)
Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Health-Emergency Medical Services; Taxation-Property Tax
Related: 2024:SCR106
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/16/2024 — Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 05/16/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: S165

Sponsors: Polistina (R2); Beach (D6) +5
Summary: Expands definition of child under PFRS and SPRS.
Cospons: Singer (R30); Singleton (D7); Diegnan (D18); Schepisi (R39); Tiver (R8)
Subjects: Children; Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2024:A4130; 2022:A4022; 2022:S2689
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 03/14/2024 — Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
02/12/2024 — Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
03/14/2024 — Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: High

Bill: S172

Sponsors: Polistina (R2); Ruiz (D29)

Summary: Provides family leave for employee to attend certain events of child of employee; establishes tax credits for employer that provide full paid family leave benefits.

Subjects: Labor; Labor-Wages And Benefits; Taxation

Related: 2024:A126; 2022:A4388; 2022:S2897

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Labor Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: S180

Sponsors: Polistina (R2); Gopal (D11)

Summary: Requires cost of living increase to be granted in each of two calendar years for certain retired members and beneficiaries of PFRS; makes appropriation.

Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters

Related: 2022:A4713; 2022:S3447

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: High

Bill: S198

Sponsors: Smith (D17); Mukherji (D32) +10

Summary: Prohibits investment by State of pension and annuity funds in, and requires divestment from, 200 largest publicly traded fossil fuel companies.

Cospons: Turner (D15); Diegnan (D18); Ruiz (D29); Vitale (D19); Gopal (D11); Cryan (D20); Stack (D33); Zwicker (D16); Johnson (D37); Burgess (D28)

Subjects: Banking And Finance; Pensions

Related: 2022:A1733; 2022:S416; 2020:A2196; 2020:S330; 2018:A1245; 2018:S2128; 2016:A5334

Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading

Status: 03/04/2024 — Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

02/05/2024 — Transferred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee.

03/04/2024 — Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: S372

Sponsors: Pennacchio (R26)

Summary: 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.

Subjects: Civil Service; Veterans And Military

Related: 2024:A2962; 2022:A2241; 2022:S227; 2020:A1356; 2020:S1396; 2018:A4140; 2018:S1305; 2016:S126; 2014:A695; 2014:S3239; 2012:A448; 2010:A3092

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: S394

Sponsors: Pennacchio (R26)

Summary: Removes income-based limitations on gross income tax exclusion for pension and retirement income.

Subjects: Pensions; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Related: 2024:A677; 2022:A5078; 2022:S991; 2020:S290; 2018:A4052; 2018:S1537; 2016:S2174
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: S405

Sponsors: Pennacchio (R26)
Summary: Eliminates age restriction for issuing special permits to carry handgun to retired law enforcement officers.
Subjects: Public Safety-Police; Public Safety-Weapons
Related: 2024:A222; 2022:A3354; 2022:S1362; 2020:S288; 2018:A911; 2018:S1309; 2016:A5088; 2016:S3298
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: S435

Sponsors: Pennacchio (R26)
Summary: Establishes State Pension Cost of Living Reform Commission.
Subjects: Commissions; Pensions
Related: 2022:S4003
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: High

Bill: S458

Sponsors: Holzapfel (R10)
Summary: Eliminates remarriage prohibition for PFRS death benefits; provides retirement allowance to certain survivors of PFRS members.
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2022:S816; 2020:S2643; 2018:A634; 2018:S1263; 2016:A3204; 2016:S1774; 2014:A1174; 2014:S498; 2012:A373; 2012:S214; 2010:A1309; 2008:A1230; 2006:A1574; 2004:A3025
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: High

Bill: S546

Sponsors: Bramnick (R21)
Summary: Raises mandatory retirement age for SPRS members from 55 to 60.
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Public Safety-Police
Related: 2022:S798; 2020:A2531; 2018:A6084
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Low

Bill: S553**Sponsors:** Bramnick (R21)**Summary:** Provides retirement income exclusion under gross income tax for certain persons with income over \$3,000 from part-time employment.**Subjects:** Labor-Wages And Benefits; Pensions; Taxation-Personal Income Tax**Related:** 2024:A3812; 2022:A5784; 2022:S879; 2020:A5421**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee**Status:** 01/09/2024 — Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee**History:** 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**Tracking:** Pensions & Benefits**Position:** Monitor**Priority:** Medium

Bill: S800**Sponsors:** Bucco (R25) +1**Summary:** Provides accidental death benefit to surviving spouse, surviving child, or surviving parent of a State Police recruit who dies during required pre-service training.**Cosponsors:** Zwicker (D16)**Subjects:** Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Public Safety-Police**Related:** 2024:A3199; 2022:A364; 2022:S685; 2020:A5261; 2020:S3348**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee**Status:** 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee**History:** 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.**Tracking:** Pensions & Benefits**Position:** Support**Priority:** Medium

Bill: S806**Sponsors:** Bucco (R25)**Summary:** Permits purchase of service credit in PERS, TPAF, PFRS, and SPRS for period of enrollment in military service academy.**Subjects:** Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees; Pensions-Teachers; Veterans And Military**Related:** 2022:A2721; 2022:S693; 2020:S4195**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee**Status:** 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee**History:** 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.**Tracking:** Pensions & Benefits**Position:** Monitor**Priority:** Medium

Bill: S925**Sponsors:** Corrado (R40)**Summary:** Provides that former law enforcement officers who retired due to disability are eligible to receive tuition assistance to attend public institution of higher education or proprietary institution licensed to confer academic degrees.**Subjects:** Higher Education; Human Services-Disabled; Public Safety-Police**Related:** 2024:A263; 2022:A2291; 2022:S1688; 2020:A2233; 2020:S3058; 2018:A2137; 2018:S2684**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee**Status:** 01/09/2024 — Senate Higher Education Committee**History:** 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Higher Education Committee.**Tracking:** Pensions & Benefits**Position:** Support**Priority:** Medium

Bill: S961**Sponsors:** Corrado (R40)**Summary:** Requires public officer or employee forfeit pension upon conviction of certain crimes; alters factors determining honorable service; opens pension to garnishment upon conviction of certain offenses.**Subjects:** Pensions-Public Employees**Related:** 2024:A3947; 2022:A4641; 2022:S3188**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee**Status:** 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **S1059**

Sponsors: Greenstein (D14); Cruz-Perez (D5) +3

Summary: Establishes Law Enforcement Critical Mental Health Assistance Grant Program; appropriates \$3 million.

Cospons: O'Scanlon (R13); Corrado (R40); McKnight (D31)

Subjects: Human Services-Mental Health; Public Safety-Police

Related: 2024:A2383; 2022:A5341; 2022:S3816

Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading

Status: 05/16/2024 — Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

05/16/2024 — Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: High

Bill: **S1066**

Sponsors: Greenstein (D14)

Summary: Allows gross income tax deduction for union dues paid to labor organizations.

Subjects: Labor; Taxation-Personal Income Tax

Related: 2024:A2883; 2022:A5433; 2022:S3959

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Labor Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: **S1080**

Sponsors: Timberlake (D34)

Summary: Permits reimbursement of COBRA health benefit costs of survivors of certain deceased public safety employees; appropriates \$750,000.

Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Insurance-Health Insurance; Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police

Related: 2024:A3134; 2022:A792; 2022:S2623; 2020:A1831; 2018:A3919; 2018:S56; 2016:A319; 2016:S2144; 2014:A4062; 2014:S2851

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Labor Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: **S1202**

Sponsors: Beach (D6); Greenstein (D14)

Summary: Increases accidental death benefit for surviving spouse or surviving children of certain PERS members and retirants; provides accidental death benefit to beneficiary of certain PERS and PFRS members and retirants; redefines child.

Subjects: Pensions; Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees

Related: 2024:A2428; 2022:A1675; 2022:S702; 2020:A1660; 2020:S4158; 2018:A4955; 2018:S4205

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Bill: **S1347**

Sponsors: Testa (R1); Gopal (D11)
Summary: Permits certain businesses to complete business registration certificate and annual report together.
Subjects: Commerce
Related: 2024:A361; 2022:A2695; 2022:S1816
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: High

Bill: S1351

Sponsors: Testa (R1)
Summary: Makes various changes to civil service; permits institution of temporary layoffs; permits government entities to opt-out of civil service; requires civil service examinations be offered on continual basis.
Subjects: Civil Service; Labor
Related: 2022:A2437; 2022:S2157; 2020:A2414; 2018:A1377; 2018:S2109; 2016:A1216; 2016:S1499; 2014:A159; 2012:A895; 2010:A4192
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: High

Bill: S1365

Sponsors: Testa (R1); Steinhardt (R23)
Summary: Prohibits investment by State of pension and annuity funds in Chinese pharmaceutical companies.
Subjects: Banking And Finance; Health-Pharmaceuticals; International Affairs; Pensions
Related: 2024:A1335; 2022:A1150; 2022:S3559; 2020:A3974; 2020:S2445
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Low

Bill: S1424

Sponsors: Singleton (D7) +1
Summary: Permits court to effectuate equitable distribution when complaint for divorce or dissolution of civil union has been filed and either party has died prior to final judgment; provides that surviving party would not receive intestate or elective share.
Cospons: Stack (D33)
Subjects: Domestic Relations-Divorce, Alimony And Spousal Support; Judiciary-Court Administration
Related: 2022:A2351; 2022:S2991; 2020:A5968
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Withdrawn because approved
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. Withdrawn because approved P.L.2023, c.238.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: S1491

Sponsors: Turner (D15); Stack (D33) +15
Summary: Reinstates automatic COLA for retirement benefits of members of the State-administered retirement systems.
Cospons: Polistina (R2); Bucco (R25); Cryan (D20); Diegnan (D18); Cruz-Perez (D5); Bramnick (R21); Holzapfel (R10); Greenstein (D14); Gopal (D11); Zwicker (D16); Singer (R30); Corrado (R40); Amato (R9); Singleton (D7); Lagana (D38)
Subjects: Judiciary-Judges; Pensions; Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees; Pensions-Teachers

Related: 2024:A874; 2022:A2758; 2022:S260; 2020:S1310; 2018:S1520; 2016:S643; 2014:S1588; 2012:S1568; 2010:S2986
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: High

Bill: **S1509**
Sponsors: Turner (D15)
Summary: Establishes "Police Officer, Firefighter, Public School Teacher, Corrections Officer, and Sanitation Worker Home-buyer Assistance Act"; appropriates \$5 million.
Subjects: Corrections; Education-Teachers And School Employees; Housing-Finance; Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police
Related: 2022:S944; 2020:S408; 2018:S1344; 2016:A2048; 2016:S1965; 2014:A213; 2014:S1593; 2012:A1452; 2012:S1131; 2010:A1905; 2010:S1652; 2008:A793; 2008:S1269; 2006:A898; 2006:S1395; 2004:A785; 2004:S734; 2002:A2189; 2002:S948; 2000:S1777
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: **S1608**
Sponsors: Zwicker (D16); Gopal (D11) +2
Summary: Broadens eligibility for certain civil service and pension benefits for veterans by eliminating requirement of service during specified dates or in specified locations.
Cospons: Cryan (D20); Diegnan (D18)
Subjects: Civil Service; Pensions; Veterans And Military
Related: 2024:A3161; 2022:A872; 2022:S3041
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: **S1661**
Sponsors: O'Scanlon (R13)
Summary: Prohibits payment to public employees at retirement for certain unused sick leave, provides for forfeiture of payment for unused sick leave for certain criminal convictions, and requires documentation for use of sick leave.
Subjects: Labor-Wages And Benefits; Public Employees-Benefits
Related: 2024:A945; 2022:A220; 2022:S637; 2020:A1756; 2020:S2073; 2018:A844; 2018:S681; 2016:A653; 2016:S3146; 2014:A158; 2012:A2495
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: **S1668**
Sponsors: O'Scanlon (R13)
Summary: Extends eligibility for certain civil service and pension benefits for veterans.
Subjects: Civil Service; Pensions-Public Employees; Veterans And Military
Related: 2024:A1112; 2022:A976; 2022:S645; 2020:A6075; 2020:S4280
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: S1835

Sponsors: Space (R24)
Summary: Expands scope of review of Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission.
Subjects: Commissions; Health; Pensions; Public Employees-Benefits
Related: 2024:A199; 2022:A105; 2020:A125; 2018:A149; 2016:A115; 2014:A145; 2012:A2446; 2010:A193; 2010:S351; 2008:A3888; 2008:S2682
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: S1885

Sponsors: Amato (R9) +7
Summary: Broadens eligibility for certain veterans' benefits by eliminating requirement of service during specified dates or in specified locations.
Cospons: Singer (R30); Beach (D6); Vitale (D19); Pennacchio (R26); Pou (D35); Cruz-Perez (D5); Singleton (D7)
Subjects: Veterans And Military
Related: 2024:A3143; 2022:A854; 2022:S160; 2020:A206; 2020:S198; 2018:A1252; 2018:S308; 2016:A143; 2016:S258; 2014:A381; 2014:S195; 2012:A2121; 2012:S186; 2010:A1948; 2010:S116; 2008:A758; 2008:S870; 2006:A1438; 2006:S1499; 2006:S1500; 2004:A1389; 2004:S721; 2004:S971; 2002:A847; 2002:S310; 2002:S713; 2000:A2613; 2000:S1654; 2000:S2593
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: S1922

Sponsors: Amato (R9) +1
Summary: "Breann's Law" requires health insurers, SHBP and NJ FamilyCare to provide "out of network" coverage for children with catastrophic illnesses.
Cospons: Holzapfel (R10)
Subjects: Children; Insurance-Health Insurance
Related: 2024:A1763; 2022:A2451; 2022:S1692; 2020:A928; 2020:S950; 2018:A710; 2018:S1469; 2016:A999; 2016:S902; 2014:A2238; 2014:S970; 2012:A2228; 2012:S1120; 2010:A2447; 2010:S1205; 2008:A3832; 2008:S2566
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: S2047

Sponsors: Gopal (D11); Greenstein (D14)
Summary: Establishes First Responders COVID-19 Supplemental Benefits Program; appropriates \$20 million.
Subjects: Health-Disease; Health-Emergency Medical Services
Related: 2024:A2018; 2022:A5136; 2022:S3660
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: High

Bill: S2070**Sponsors:** Gopal (D11); Polistina (R2) +1**Summary:** Provides for purchase of PFRS credit for service as class two special law enforcement officer.**Cospons:** Sarlo (D36)**Subjects:** Pensions-Police And Firefighters**Related:** 2024:A2884; 2022:A5469; 2022:S3970**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee**Status:** 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee**History:** 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.**Tracking:** Pensions & Benefits**Position:** Support**Priority:** Low

Bill: S2357**Sponsors:** Turner (D15)**Summary:** Excludes certain contributions to deferred compensation plans and provides deduction for certain individual retirement savings under the gross income tax.**Subjects:** Pensions; Taxation-Personal Income Tax**Related:** 2024:A932; 2022:A512; 2022:S737; 2022:S951; 2020:A1148; 2020:S823; 2020:S1283; 2018:A4899; 2018:S2084; 2018:S3514; 2016:S1516; 2014:A1616; 2014:S2028; 2012:A1937; 2010:A1823; 2008:A3958; 2008:S2761**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee**Status:** 01/29/2024 — Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee**History:** 01/29/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**Tracking:** Pensions & Benefits**Position:** Monitor**Priority:** Medium

Bill: S2359**Sponsors:** Turner (D15)**Summary:** Concerns annual reporting requirements of SHBP and SEHBP commissions.**Subjects:** Public Employees-Benefits; State Government**Related:** 2024:A2875; 2022:A4700; 2022:S2994**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee**Status:** 01/29/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee**History:** 01/29/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.**Tracking:** Pensions & Benefits**Position:** Monitor**Priority:** Medium

Bill: S2366**Sponsors:** Beach (D6)**Summary:** Expands eligibility for veterans' civil service preference; creates additional preference benefits.**Subjects:** Civil Service; Veterans And Military**Related:** 2022:A3905; 2022:S1377; 2020:A958; 2020:S2046; 2018:A1567; 2018:S1822; 2018:S1907; 2016:A1798; 2016:S1759; 2014:A1915; 2014:S2464; 2012:A1803; 2012:S1880; 2010:A1951; 2010:S507; 2008:A769; 2008:S1453; 2006:A1456; 2006:S1823; 2004:A3661**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee**Status:** 01/29/2024 — Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee**History:** 01/29/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.**Tracking:** Pensions & Benefits**Position:** Support**Priority:** Medium

Bill: S2373**Sponsors:** Beach (D6); Greenstein (D14)**Summary:** Provides employment protections for paid first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder under certain conditions.**Subjects:** Health-Emergency Medical Services; Human Services-Mental Health; Labor**Related:** 2024:A2145; 2022:A2886; 2022:S703; 2020:A5771; 2020:S4165**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/29/2024 — Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 01/29/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: S2410

Sponsors: Beach (D6)
Summary: Allows certain members of PFRS to serve until age 70 upon approval by municipal governing body.
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2022:S1601; 2020:S592; 2018:A4598; 2018:S2339; 2016:S1782; 2014:S1569; 2012:S1714; 2010:S1271; 2008:A2646; 2008:S2037; 2006:A1547; 2004:A3953; 2004:S2653
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/29/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: High

Bill: S2418

Sponsors: Beach (D6)
Summary: Prohibits investment of pension and annuity funds by State in entities that avoid Superfund obligations to State.
Subjects: Pensions
Related: 2022:A2791; 2022:S915; 2020:S2054; 2018:A997; 2018:S1208; 2016:A4814; 2016:S3487
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/29/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: S2440

Sponsors: Ruiz (D29)
Summary: Expands membership of State Health Benefits Commission and School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
Subjects: Commissions; Health
Related: 2024:A2069; 2022:A4552; 2022:S3033
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/29/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/29/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: S2475

Sponsors: Cryan (D20)
Summary: Requires cost of living increase to be granted in each of two State fiscal years when retirement allowance or benefit is below certain amount for retiree or beneficiary in PERS, TPAF, PFRS, SPRS, and JRS; makes appropriation.
Subjects: Pensions
Related: 2024:A2996; 2022:A4171; 2022:S2582
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 02/05/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 02/05/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: S2486

Sponsors: Turner (D15)

Summary: Prohibits investment by State of pension and annuity funds in hedge funds and derivative contracts.

Subjects: Pensions; State Budget And Finance

Related: 2022:S955; 2020:A2347; 2020:S1528; 2018:A575; 2018:S1509; 2016:A748; 2016:S1371; 2014:A645; 2014:S1837; 2012:A2257; 2012:S1140; 2010:A654; 2010:S1315; 2008:A3910; 2008:S2769

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 02/05/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

History: 02/05/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: High

Bill: **S2539**

Sponsors: Cryan (D20)

Summary: Provides for law enforcement officer benefits for certain public employees enrolled in PERS; prohibits hiring by State or county of public employees after age 35 in positions eligible for PFRS.

Subjects: Corrections; Pensions-Public Employees; Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police

Related: 2024:A3945; 2022:A2160; 2022:S2940; 2020:A3828; 2020:S3088

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 02/08/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

History: 02/08/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Low

Bill: **S2568**

Sponsors: Bucco (R25) +1

Summary: Expands eligibility for pension and retirement income exclusion to taxpayers with incomes exceeding \$150,000, and increases amount of exclusion that qualifying taxpayers may claim.

Cosponsors: Space (R24)

Subjects: Pensions; Taxation

Related: 2024:A3925; 2022:S4100

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 02/08/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

History: 02/08/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **S2623**

Sponsors: Bucco (R25)

Summary: Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt pregnancy policy for law enforcement officers.

Subjects: Public Safety-Police; Women

Related: 2024:A3736; 2022:A2498; 2022:S2116; 2020:A4998; 2020:S3276

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 02/08/2024 — Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

History: 02/08/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **S2875 ScaSa (2R)**

Sponsors: Pou (D35)

Summary: Makes certain changes to calculation of minimum loss ratio requirements for health benefits plans in individual and small employer markets.

Subjects: Public Employees-Benefits

Related: 2024:A3972

Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading

Status: 05/20/2024 — 2nd reading in the Senate

History: 03/04/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
05/13/2024 — Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
05/20/2024 — Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz).

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **S2978**

Sponsors: Polistina (R2)

Summary: Concerns bereavement leave for death of child, miscarriage, stillbirth, and certain other circumstances.

Subjects: Labor-Wages And Benefits

Related: 2024:A3505; 2022:A5084

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 03/18/2024 — Senate Labor Committee

History: 03/18/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: **S3233**

Sponsors: Cryan (D20)

Summary: Requires retired law enforcement officers to qualify in use of firearm once a year.

Subjects: Public Safety-Police; Public Safety-Weapons

Related: 2024:A1262; 2022:A3483; 2022:S2376; 2020:A1884; 2020:S1627; 2018:A5886

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 05/13/2024 — Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

History: 05/13/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **S3249**

Sponsors: Johnson (D37) +1

Summary: Establishes additional manner of employer compliance to provide earned sick leave for certain employees subject to collective bargaining agreements.

Cospons: Steinhardt (R23)

Subjects: Labor-Wages And Benefits

Related: 2024:A4309

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 05/16/2024 — Senate Labor Committee

History: 05/16/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **S3252**

Sponsors: Cryan (D20)

Summary: Increases PFRS accidental disability and accidental death pension when disability or death is caused by weapon.

Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters

Related: 2024:A1259; 2022:A2739; 2022:S2375; 2020:A5625; 2020:S3972

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 05/16/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

History: 05/16/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: High

Bill: **S3259**

Sponsors: Steinhardt (R23)

Summary: Establishes presumption for accidental disability retirement in PERS and PFRS that emergency medical technician, firefighter, and police officer has Parkinson's disease as result of employment.

Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Pensions; Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/16/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 05/16/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: S3289

Sponsors: Turner (D15)
Summary: Removes certain part-time elected public officials from eligibility for employer-paid health care benefits coverage; makes elected public officials ineligible for payments for waiving health care benefits coverage; codifies Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit.
Subjects: Public Employees-Benefits; State Government-Officers And Employees
Related: 2024:A3559
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/20/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 05/20/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Monitor
Priority: Medium

Bill: S3293

Sponsors: Steinhardt (R23)
Summary: Modifies eligibility requirements for other retirement income exclusion concerning other sources of income.
Subjects: Pensions; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Related: 2024:A1109; 2022:A973; 2022:S1828; 2020:A5452; 2020:S3431
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/20/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 05/20/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: S3307

Sponsors: Scutari (D22)
Summary: Provides filing extension and medical documentation requirement for certain members or retirees of PFRS, SPRS, or PERS regarding accidental disability retirement allowance for participation in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees
Related: 2024:A4004
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/20/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 05/20/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support
Priority: Medium

Bill: S3412

Sponsors: Cryan (D20)
Summary: Requires temporary benefit enhancement to be granted in each of two State fiscal years when retirement allowance or benefit is below certain amount for retiree or beneficiary in PFRS; makes appropriation.
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2022:A5882; 2022:S4239
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 06/06/2024 — Proposed for introduction
History: 06/06/2024 — Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: Pensions & Benefits
Position: Support

Priority: High

Bill: **S3427**

Sponsors: Timberlake (D34); Ruiz (D29)

Summary: Permits companion to receive PFRS accidental death pension when there is no surviving spouse; requires adjustment of final compensation for calculation of accidental death benefit for surviving spouse, companion, and children of PFRS members.

Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters

Progress: Proposed for introduction

Status: 06/06/2024 — Proposed for introduction

History: 06/06/2024 — Proposed for introduction.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **SCR57**

Sponsors: Turner (D15)

Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to require payments by State to State-administered retirement systems and establish in Constitution right of public employees to pension benefit; provides for enforcement of funding obligations and benefit rights.

Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Pensions; Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees; Pensions-Teachers

Related: 2022:SCR97; 2020:SCR88; 2018:SCR91; 2016:ACR109; 2016:SCR2; 2014:ACR3; 2014:SCR184

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium

Bill: **SCR61**

Sponsors: O'Scanlon (R13) +10

Summary: Constitutes special committee of Senate and General Assembly entitled "New Jersey Public Employee Health Care Program Costs Investigation Committee."

Cospons: Bucco (R25); Corrado (R40); Holzapfel (R10); Pennacchio (R26); Schepisi (R39); Singer (R30); Testa (R1); Polistina (R2); Bramnick (R21); Steinhardt (R23)

Subjects: Health; Public Employees

Related: 2024:ACR133; 2022:ACR160; 2022:SCR120

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/09/2024 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Monitor

Priority: Medium

Bill: **SCR97**

Sponsors: Polistina (R2); Lagana (D38)

Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to give \$250 property tax deduction to law enforcement officers who have sustained permanent disability.

Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Human Services-Disabled; Public Safety-Police; Taxation-Property Tax

Related: 2024:ACR11; 2022:ACR27; 2022:SCR114; 2020:ACR46; 2020:SCR69; 2018:ACR181; 2018:SCR133

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 03/18/2024 — Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

History: 03/18/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Bill: **SCR106**

Sponsors: Amato (R9) +1

Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to provide property tax exemption for primary residence owned and occupied by surviving spouse of first responder who dies in line of duty.

Cospons: Holzapfel (R10)

Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Health-Emergency Medical Services; Taxation-Property Tax

Related: 2024:ACR136

Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 05/16/2024 — Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

History: 05/16/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

Tracking: Pensions & Benefits

Position: Support

Priority: Medium
