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## **Legislative Committee** **January 16, 2020**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there was a lot of activity the last few days before the close of this current legislative session on January 14, 2020. Three of our tracked bills were signed into law by the Governor on January 13, 2020 out of the 35 that he signed. S-1966, Increases death benefit of active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children. S-2898, Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties. A-5263, Requires four-year public institution of higher education to award college credits to firefighters for certain courses completed at county fire academies. I have included a complete list of all our bills that were signed into law for this current legislative session (2018-2019). As soon as the final copy of the bills are posted I will send it out to everyone.

The total number of bills that were introduced for the 2018-2019 legislative session were 11,457. 804 bills were sent to the Governor of which 558 bills were signed into law. The total of all our tracked bills were 257, with 169 from Fire & Emergency Services, 32 from Fire Districts, and 56 from Pensions.

There is a scheduled Quorum session for both the Assembly and the Senate Committees set for January 27, 2020. This is the first scheduled meeting for the new legislative session. There have been 3,371 bills already introduced for the new legislative session most are bills automatically reintroduced from the previous years. I will go through them all and start placing them into our tracking lists for this new legislative session for next week's report.

Respectfully Submitted,



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## Pamphlet Laws 2018

Chapter	Date	Bill #	Synopsis
55	7/3/2018	S-5	Transfers management of PFRS to Board of Trustees of PFRS.
96	8/17/2018	A-1627	Provides that PERS or PFRS member who continues to be a Volunteer Firefighter or Emergency Services Worker after retirement with employer from whom member retires has bona fide severance for compliance with State and Federal Law.
107	8/24/2018	A-1675	Authorizes prescribed burning in certain circumstances.

## 2019

Chapter	Date	Bill #	Synopsis
113	5/10/2019	A-4285	Requires Commissioner of Health to develop voluntary registry to collect cancer incidence data from firefighters. Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2019.
156	7/8/2019	S716	"Thomas P. Canzanella Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act"; concerns workers' compensation for public safety workers.
157	7/8/2019	A4882	Permits certain members or retirees of PFRS,SPRS, or PERS to receive accidental disability retirement allowance for disability resulting from participation in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.
176	7/19/2019	S1799	Increases membership of the Fire Safety Commission in DCA.
305	1/13/2020	S1966	Increases death benefit of active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children.
309	1/13/2020	S2898	Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties.
341	1/13/2020	A5263	Requires four-year public institution of higher education to award college credits to firefighters for certain courses completed at county fire academies.

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## Chapter Laws (2018-2019)

BILL	DESCRIPTION	House 1				House 2				PL/Chap	Last Action	Status
		I	C	2R	P	C	2R	P	G			
<b>A5263</b>	<i>Tully (D38); Armato (D2); Corrado (R40)</i> Requires four-year public institution of higher education to award college credits to firefighters for certain courses completed at county fire academies. (2018:S3519)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	P.L.2019, c.341	01/13/2020	APP
<b>S2898</b>	<i>Madden (D4); Sarlo (D36); Murphy (D7)</i> Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties. (2018:A4357)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	P.L.2019, c.309	01/13/2020	APP
<b>S1966</b>	<i>Sweeney (D3); Singleton (D7); Tallafiero (D3)</i> Increases death benefit of active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children. (2018:A4182; 2016:S3506)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	P.L.2019, c.305	01/13/2020	APP
<b>S1799</b>	<i>Bucco (R25); Bucco (R25); Murphy (D7)</i> Increases membership of fire safety commission in DCA. (2018:A2987; 2016:A5076; 2016:S3458)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	P.L.2019, c.176	07/19/2019	APP
<b>A4882</b>	<i>Kennedy (D22); Holley (D20); Zwicker (D16)</i> Permits certain members or retirees of PFRS,SPRS, or PERS to receive accidental disability retirement allowance for disability resulting from participation in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations. (2018:A4282; 2018:S2480; 2018:S3474)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	P.L.2019, c.157	07/08/2019	APP
<b>S716</b>	<i>Greenstein (D14); Bateman (R16); Quijano (D20)</i> "Thomas P. Canzanella Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act"; concerns workers' compensation for public safety workers. (2018:A1741; 2016:A3087; 2016:S2407)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	P.L.2019, c.156	07/08/2019	APP
<b>A4285</b>	<i>Lopez (D19); Quijano (D20); Armato (D2)</i> Requires Commissioner of Health to develop voluntary registry to collect cancer incidence data from firefighters. (2018:S3313)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	P.L.2019, c.113	05/10/2019	APP
<b>A1675</b>	<i>Dancer (R12); Conaway (D7); Caride (D36)</i> Authorizes prescribed burning in certain circumstances. (2018:S2140; 2016:A1696; 2016:S2000)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	P.L.2018, c.107	08/24/2018	APP
<b>A1627</b>	<i>Schepisi (R39); Bucco (R25); Auth (R39)</i> Provides that PERS or PFRS member who continues to be volunteer firefighter or emergency services worker after retirement with employer from whom member retires has bona fide severance for compliance with State and federal law. (2018:A3611; 2018:S1873; 2016:A536; 2016:S2107)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	P.L.2018, c.96	08/17/2018	APP
<b>S5</b>	<i>Sweeney (D3); Kean (R21); Johnson (D37)</i> Transfers management of PFRS to Board of Trustees of PFRS. (2018:A3671; 2016:A99; 2016:S3040)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	P.L.2018, c.55	07/03/2018	APP