

MEL Legislative Positions (2012-2013)

Bill: A120

Sponsors: Handlin (R13) +2

Summary: Requires all elected or appointed local government officers to receive ethics training.

Position: Monitor

Bill: A197

Sponsors: DeAngelo (D14)

Summary: Creates Review Commission on Workers' Compensation.

Position: Monitor

Bill: A579

Sponsors: Spencer (D29) +9

Summary: Makes employment matters not exempted by statute mandatory subjects of public employment collective bargaining.

Position: Oppose

Bill: A580

Sponsors: Spencer (D29) +2

Summary: Makes various changes to the "Law Against Discrimination"; repeals section 4 of P.L.1985, c.73.

Position: Oppose

Bill: A680

Sponsors: O'Donnell (D31); Wagner (D38); DeAngelo (D14)

Summary: Concerns workers' compensation insurance requirements for certain corporations.

Position: Oppose

Bill: A944

Sponsors: Riley (D3); Milam (D1); Quijano (D20) +7

Summary: Establishes and enhances certain insurance fraud prevention measures.

Position: Oppose

Bill: A952

Sponsors: Oliver (D34); Albano (D1)

Summary: Expands wrongful death act to allow recovery for mental anguish, emotional pain and suffering, loss of society and loss of companionship.

Position: Oppose

Bill: A961

Sponsors: Webber (R26)

Summary: Immunizes employers from civil liability for certain disclosures regarding employees and former employees.

Position: Support

Bill: A1057

Sponsors: DeCroce (R26); McHose (R24)

Summary: Requires Attorney General to defend certain local law enforcement officers.

Position: Support

Bill: A1094

Sponsors: Quijano (D20)

Summary: Concerns wage protection and certain penalties for violating laws regarding wages, compensation or benefits.

Position: Monitor

Bill: A1099

Sponsors: Quijano (D20); Casagrande (R11); Chiusano (R24) +1

Summary: Extends "whistleblower" protections to employee disclosure of governmental mismanagement, waste and abuse.

Position: Oppose

Bill: A1196

Sponsors: Stender (D22); Egan (D17) +3

Summary: "Thomas P. Canzanella Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act"; concerns workers' compensation for public safety workers.

Position: Oppose

Bill: A1352

Sponsors: Rible (R30); Ramos (D33)

Summary: Requires criminal history record background checks on certain volunteer sports personnel.

Position: Monitor

Bill: A1399

Sponsors: Wilson (D5)

Summary: Authorizes payment of funeral expenses for certain public safety employees killed in line of duty.

Position: Monitor

Bill: A1553

Sponsors: Wisniewski (D19); Coughlin (D19) +1

Summary: Exempts experienced firefighters from certification requirement.

Position: Oppose

Bill: A1645

Sponsors: Coutinho (D29)

Summary: Allows for modifications to land use approvals because of changed economics.

Position: Monitor

Bill: A1813

Sponsors: Conaway (D7)

Summary: Relieves municipalities along certain light rail lines of civil liability in Quiet Zones under certain circumstances.

Position: Monitor

Bill: A1956

Sponsors: Casagrande (R11) +1

Summary: Caps attorney fee awards in actions against public entities.

Position: Support

Bill: A2085

Sponsors: Munoz, N. (R21)

Summary: Establishes guidelines for operating authorized emergency vehicles in emergency situations.

Position: Support

Bill: A2120

Sponsors: Singleton (D7); Wisniewski (D19); Burzichelli (D3) +5

Summary: "Assistance to Firefighters' Families Act"; doubles State survivor pension amounts for beneficiaries of certain deceased volunteer emergency service providers; requires municipal life insurance and burial expenses for volunteer firefighters; permits fire

Position: Oppose

Bill: S157 Scs (SCS)

Sponsors: Singer (R30); Vitale (D19) +2

Summary: "Janet's Law"; requires public and nonpublic schools to have automated external defibrillators and to establish emergency action plans for responding to sudden cardiac events.

Position: Monitor

Bill: S203

Sponsors: Holzapfel (R10)

Summary: Permits qualified retired law enforcement officers who were employed by law enforcement agencies outside the State to carry firearms.

Position: Monitor

Bill: S333

Sponsors: Greenstein (D14)

Summary: Establishes the "Healthy Workplace Act."

Position: Oppose

Bill: S334

Sponsors: Greenstein (D14)

Summary: Makes various changes to the "Law Against Discrimination"; repeals section 4 of P.L.1985, c.73.

Position: Oppose

Bill: S384

Sponsors: Allen (R7); Doherty (R23)

Summary: Immunizes employers from civil liability for certain disclosures regarding employees and former employees.

Position: Support

Bill: S468

Sponsors: Thompson (R12)

Summary: Provides immunity from liability for certain recreational activities and from injuries caused by acts of God.

Position: Support

Bill: S511

Sponsors: Norcross (D5)

Summary: "Assistance to Firefighters' Families Act"; doubles State survivor pension amounts for beneficiaries of certain deceased volunteer emergency service providers; requires municipal life insurance and burial expenses for volunteer firefighters; permits fire

Position: Oppose

Bill: S512

Sponsors: Norcross (D5); Madden (D4) +2

Summary: Authorizes payment of funeral expenses for certain public safety employees killed in line of duty.

Position: Monitor

Bill: S535

Sponsors: Gill (D34); Weinberg (D37)

Summary: Strengthens public disclosure and monitoring requirements of "Open Public Meetings Act".

Position: Monitor

Bill: S538

Sponsors: Gill (D34)

Summary: Bars public entities and public employees from entering into confidential settlements of claims against them; provides that such settlements constitute public records.

Position: Oppose

Bill: S613

Sponsors: Sweeney (D3); Madden (D4) +3

Summary: Concerns certain workers' compensation supplemental benefits.

Position: Monitor

Bill: S654

Sponsors: Pou (D35)

Summary: Prohibits local public employer continuation of pay programs.

Position: Support

Bill: S747

Sponsors: Scutari (D22); Greenstein (D14)

Summary: Expands wrongful death act to allow recovery for mental anguish, emotional pain and suffering, loss of society and loss of companionship.

Position: Oppose

Bill: S748

Sponsors: Scutari (D22)

Summary: Terminates sick leave injury program for certain State employees injured after January 1, 2007 or expiration of current collective negotiation agreement.

Position: Support

Bill: S762

Sponsors: Scutari (D22); Beck (R11)

Summary: Concerns attorney fees for workers' compensation awards.

Position: Oppose

Bill: S766

Sponsors: Scutari (D22)

Summary: Provides private cause of action for bad faith in settlement of insurance claims.

Position: Monitor

Bill: S787

Sponsors: Weinberg (D37)

Summary: Extends "whistleblower" protections to employee disclosure of governmental mismanagement, waste and abuse.

Position: Oppose

Bill: S970

Sponsors: Weinberg (D37)

Summary: Concerns workers' compensation for firefighters with cancer.

Position: Oppose
