

IFPTE Local 195 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The new, two-year term of the New Jersey State Legislature began on January 10<sup>th</sup>, and already more than three thousand bills have been introduced! Many of the bills are initiatives that failed in the previous term and are back for further consideration. Only a small percentage of these bills will become law but Local 195 carefully monitors their progress and potential impact on our contract, members and the law. Here are some of the proposals that Local 195 is watching:

A124 Prohibits certain political activity by public employees (OPPOSE)

Sponsor: Handlin

A136 Right to Work Act. Prohibits payroll deduction of union dues (OPPOSE)

Sponsors: Handlin, O'Connell

A579 Makes employment matters not exempt by statute mandatory subjects of bargaining (SUPPORT)

Sponsor: Spencer

A692 Prohibits unilateral changes in employment by public employers (SUPPORT) Sponsor: Ramos

A888 Eliminates seniority in civil service layoffs (OPPOSE)

Sponsors: McHose, Chiusano

A976 Allows State Colleges to negotiate directly with state unions (OPPOSE)

Sponsor: Webber

A1040 Limits disciplinary appeal rights by public employees (OPPOSE)

Sponsors: Bucco, Chiusano

A1211 Allows bargaining over civil service issues (SUPPORT)

Sponsor: Stender

A1491 Prohibits use of dues for political activities (OPPOSE)

Sponsor: Carroll

A1179 Eliminates reimbursement for unused sick leave that is earned after the bill is passed. Prohibits vacation leave carryover. (OPPOSE)

Sponsors: Lampitt, Moriarty

A1951 Limits unused sick leave pay and vacation carryforward (OPPOSE)

Sponsor: Casagrande

ACR19/ Amends the Constitution to give public employees the right to  
SCR32 collective bargaining. Sponsors: DeAngelo, Turner

S338 Enhances the scope of public sector negotiations (SUPPORT)

Sponsor: Greenstein

S607 Raises the state minimum wage to \$8.50 (SUPPORT)

Sponsors: Sweeney, Beach