

New Jersey YMCA Youth and Government

2024 Governor's Agenda

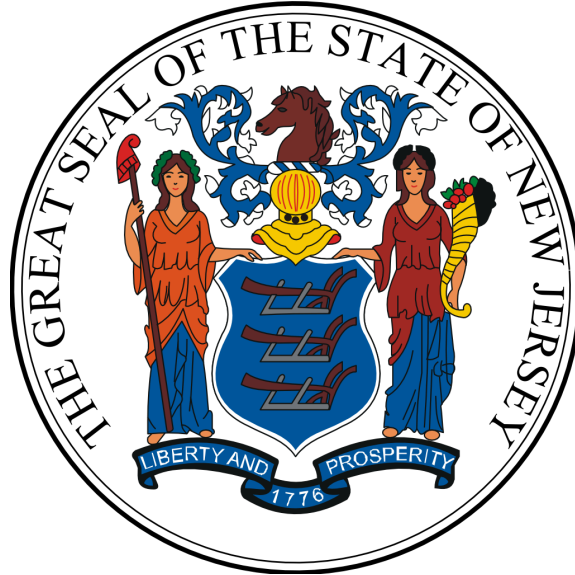
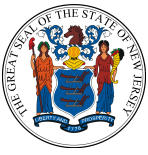


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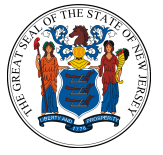
☰ Department of Civil Rights, Criminal Justice, and Public Safety

- ❖ Disability Issues - Acts dealing with unjust discrimination, especially in education and the workplace, for those who are inhibited by disabilities of any form
- ❖ Gender and Sexuality Issues - Acts related to gender and sexuality discrimination regarding identity, healthcare, homeownership, or employment.
- ❖ Racial and Ethnic Issues - Acts regarding racial disparities and discrimination on the basis of race when it comes to healthcare, education, and other civil rights.
- ❖ Religious Issues - Acts relating to religious freedom and discrimination based on religious identity
- ❖ Elections and Voting Rights - Acts focused on enabling access to voting and securing elections from interference, both foreign and domestic.
- ❖ Law Enforcement - Legislation regarding the ability to hold State Police and other enforcement agencies accountable and regulating their capacity to enforce the law.
- ❖ Judicial Reform - Acts relating to reforming outdated laws and processes of the judicial system.
- ❖ Firearm Regulation - Legislation regarding the regulation of firearms across state lines and for the safety of underage firearm violence.



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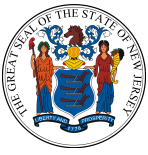
- ❖ Sexual Crime - Bills pertaining to the lawful conviction of perpetrators and protection of victims of; assault, rape, and other sexual crimes.
- ❖ Prison Reform - Acts regarding the treatment of incarcerated individuals including living conditions, sentence length, probation eligibility, or visiting rights.
- ❖ State Security and Crime Prevention - Acts relating to the reduction of crime in New Jersey and securing the state from illegal acts, both foreign and domestic.

☰ Department of Economics, Labor, Infrastructure, and Transportation

- ❖ Tax Law - Acts relating to property taxes, tax deductions, and how to streamline tax expenditures
- ❖ Minimum Wage - Acts relating to the implications of raising or lowering minimum wage in New Jersey.
- ❖ Labor Rights and Opportunities - Acts regarding fair and equal opportunities to earn an income, as well as just rights at work.
- ❖ Economic Relief and Welfare - Acts relating to relieving the economic stress placed on businesses and individuals affected by challenging times.
- ❖ Business Support and Regulation - Legislation regarding the support and regulation provided by the State to businesses operating within New Jersey.
- ❖ Public Transportation - Acts relating to the streamlining of provided transportation services to enhance commuter experience
- ❖ Driving/Traffic Control/Licensing and Organ Donation -
- ❖ Infrastructure - Acts relating to public infrastructure, facilities, and systems
- ❖ Housing Policy - Acts regarding legislation for maintaining a stable housing market and providing for those in need of housing.

☰ Department of Health and Human Services

- ❖ Nicotine/Alcohol/Marijuana Regulation - Acts relating to the supervision and control of the legality pertaining to Nicotine, Alcohol, and Marijuana products.
- ❖ Other Drug Policy - Acts relating to the supervision and control of the legality pertaining to drugs other than Nicotine, Alcohol and Marijuana products.
- ❖ Mental Health Services - Acts relating to the definition of mental health within the healthcare system and the respective healthcare that is deemed "medically necessary".
- ❖ Access to Healthcare - Acts regarding the accessibility of healthcare amongst disproportionately affected populations, and how to make it more attainable
- ❖ Childcare - Acts that work to increase the quality and accessibility of childcare services, especially in response to the pandemic
- ❖ Immigration - Acts relating to legal immigration, illegal immigration, or gaining resident or citizen status in New Jersey.
- ❖ Family Planning - Acts relating to access to contraceptives, abortions, and sexual education.



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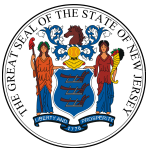
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- ❖ Food and Drink Regulation - Acts relating to cottage food laws and allergy prevention at supermarkets.
- ❖ Pandemic Control - Acts relating to the prevention, control, and alleviation of the severity of pandemics that plague NJ.
- ❖ Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals - Acts related to the regulation and production of vaccines and pharmaceuticals
- ❖ Euthenasia - Acts relating to the right to physician-assisted death, whether in the case of terminal illness or other circumstances

☰ Department of Education, Science, Technology, and the Environment

- ❖ Preschool and K-12 Education - Acts relating to the betterment of public education for children in preschool through twelfth grade
- ❖ Higher Education - Acts relating to faculty employment at public colleges and the use of student perspectives in legislative decisions regarding higher education.
- ❖ Education Funding - Acts relating to funding for trade schools, extracurriculars, specifically the arts and academic related clubs, mental health and mindfulness curricula, and sex education.
- ❖ Student Mental Health - Acts relating to the betterness or well-being of the mental states of students in New Jersey.
- ❖ Automation - Acts relating to the regulation, limitation, or spread of automation within the state.
- ❖ Technology and Social Media Regulation - Acts relating to the enhancement of technology and social media capabilities
- ❖ Medical Research and Methodology - Acts relating to the future, funding, and procedures of medical research.
- ❖ Pollution Control - Acts regarding mechanisms to dial down the effects of pollution, as well as how to go about transitioning to a more sustainable lifestyle
- ❖ Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability - Acts relating to greener agricultural practices, cleaner energy, brownfield reclamation, and Superfund sites.
- ❖ Wildlife and Animal Policy - Acts relating to the regulation of exotic animal owners and the issues associated with animal fighting.
- ❖ Energy Policy - Acts relating to the future of energy in New Jersey through sources such as gas, coal, wind, solar, etc.



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Governor’s Agenda Statement

from

Governor Zoe Jenkins-Hiscox

and

Lieutenant Governor Anokhi Patel

Dear Delegates,

We are so excited to release our 2024 Governor’s agenda! The officers, cabinet, and the two of us have been working hard to create a reliable resource for each delegate at conference. Although you are not bound to this document for bill topics ideas, it is a great way to brainstorm ideas and see what department interests you.

The Governor’s agenda is broken down based on departments. In New Jersey Youth and Government we have 4 departments: Department of Civil Rights, Criminal Justice, and Public Safety, Department of Economics, Labor, Infrastructure, and Transportation, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Education, Science, Technology, and the Environment. Each Department has a list of possible topics its Cabinet officer is looking for at conference. These topics can be stepping stones for delegates looking for bill ideas. As delegates move through each department, they will see more specific subjects under each topic. These are subtopics, designed to give delegates an idea of what a bill topic can be. Please use these topics and subtopics as inspiration! There are truly so many unique ideas that can come from each department. Follow where your passion is and use the gov agenda as a resource.

Additionally, at the beginning of each Department’s page, there is a section for a Resource Page. These citations were helpful for each officer writing their subtopics. Feel free to reference these sources for continued inspiration and brainstorming.

We are so excited to share this document with you! Please use it to your advantage, choosing what information you need for your bill. We have put in the hard work for this conference, and we are excited to see all of you in April!

Thank you,
Zoe Jenkins-Hiscox and Anokhi Patel