New Jersey Conference of Mayors

Legislative Committee Conference Call

Thursday – March 3, 2016

AGENDA

Mayor Sue Howard Mayor Bill Pikolycky

Mayor Janice Mironov Guy Pischerlli

Mayor Ray Heck Paul Bent, NJCM Legislative Consultant

Mayor Gary Passanante Mayor Chuck Chiarello

Bill Caruso, NJCM Legislative Counsel

Items for Discussion:

* Budget – Public hearing date assembly budget March 9, 16 & 21. Senate march 15, Rowman March 22 NJIT.
* TTF -
* Results of Mayors Survey – November 2015 – nothing out of ordinary
* Ruling by Superior Court Judge on Out-of-State OPRA Requests

Bills for Review:

* A-2832 (McKeon) Permits establishment of municipal employee early retirement incentive programs. MONITOR PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
* A-2921 (Eustace) Increases flexibility, clarity, and available tools of optional municipal consolidation process. MONITOR
* A-3124 (Dancer) Requiring municipal auditors to test whether tax exempt properties remain eligible for exemption. MONITOR
* A-3190 (Rumpf) Caps State use portion of energy tax revenues and ensures balance of such revenues are paid annually as municipal aid. MONITOR (MORE OF A BUDGET ISSUE)
* S-1382 (Gill) Regulates use of body cameras worn by law enforcement officers. MONITOR
* S-1442 (Bucco) Extends time period for municipalities to commit to expend collected development fees and payments-in-lieu of constructing affordable units. MONITOR
* S-1446 (Bucco) Requires municipality to comply with State audit prior to receiving State aid. HOLD
* S-1702 (Cardinale) Limits retroactive salary increases for certain public employees. MONITOR

Note: At this time, we are tracking 47 bills.

Legislative Activity Since our Last Meeting of February 18th:

* S-104 (Whelan) Establishes "Green Fund" in BPU to provide funding for energy reliability, resilience, and sustainability programs. Released by the Senate Environment Committee on February 29th and second referenced to the Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee. (MONITOR)