

Bill Number & Sponsors	Summary	Status
<u>Fostering Innovation</u>		
S-2442, Kean (Sarlo, Bucco, Gordon, Ruiz)	Creates a post-doctoral fellowship program for cutting edge industrial research and development at New Jersey businesses to foster innovation. This bill will help develop the future workforce pipeline that New Jersey needs to be competitive, as states fight to attract innovators and job creators as well as the best and brightest residents.	Passed Senate 37-0; Pending before Assembly Labor Committee
S-2723, Bateman	Creates an entrepreneurial fellowship program to foster entrepreneurial spirit in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, in order to help develop and attract start-up businesses with new ideas that will remake New Jersey into the hub of innovation.	Pending before Senate Labor Committee
S-2758, Bucco	Dedicates existing, underutilized state workforce development funds to the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research, which will solidify this worthy program and help attract top scientists to this state to find cures for cancer and enhance the innovation economy.	Pending before Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
S-2864, Kean	Establishes a permanent commission on higher education-business partnerships by supporting partnerships, fostering innovation in the economy, maximizing community colleges' roles in workforce development; Establishes a higher education ombudsman to help businesses navigate the higher education community and supports collaborations such as keeping clinical trials in New Jersey and promoting technology transfers.	Introduced on March 16, 2015
S-2720, Singer (Sarlo)	Stimulates New Jersey's innovation economy by creating within the New Jersey Economic Development Authority a technology transfer assistance program. Getting new ideas and products to market can be a daunting task, and this designated office in the state EDA will be a great resource for professors and entrepreneurs alike.	Pending before Senate Economic Growth Committee
S-2722, Singer (Sarlo)	Supports manufacturers' efforts to modernize, and become more productive and efficient; Encourages institutions of higher education or other qualified entities as manufacturing and production resource centers.	Pending before Senate Economic Growth Committee

S-712, Kyrillos (Lesniak)	Allows New Jersey-based entrepreneurs to seek online up to \$1 million total in private investments to start, grow or expand their operations, products or services.	Pending before Senate Commerce Committee; Passed Assembly 75-0
S-734, Kean (Sacco, Beck, Kyrillos, Stack)	Allows New Jersey to be among the first states to be a hub for the creation and development of autonomous/driverless vehicles; Clears legal hurdles for innovators and automakers to grow and expand their driverless vehicle efforts here.	Passed Senate 35-0; Pending before the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee
<u>Developing New Jersey's Workforce</u>		
S-2760, Addiego	Requires New Jersey's training grant program to be focused on critical fields, such as manufacturing, science, technology, engineering, mathematics and other areas critical to economic growth by providing preference in state training grants to employers supporting critical areas of the economy.	Pending before Senate Labor Committee
S-2852, Allen	Better positions college administrators, educators making Pre-K and K-12 school curricula decisions, state employees awarding training grants, and others in New Jersey's workforce development pipeline to prepare students and workers for jobs in needed fields; Establishes a permanent P-20 Council to align early childhood, secondary, higher education and workforce training to better address workforce development needs.	Introduced on March 16, 2015
S-2616, Allen	Increases the availability and visibility of quality education and workforce development options for children in New Jersey who currently have little access to or awareness of their county vocational-technical school; Expands career and technical education (CTE) in New Jersey by creating a commission to study and improve CTE program access; Clears the way for voc-tech schools to purchase new facilities; Promotes voc-tech and CTE programs and best practices; and incentivizes schools to start CTE programs.	Pending before Senate Education Committee

S-2840, Allen	Ensures that state workforce development resources are used to provide out-of-work casino employees with the training needed to find meaningful employment in new and/or changing industries; Dedicates Workforce Development Partnership Funds to help former casino employees find and prepare for new job opportunities.	Introduced on March 16, 2015; Passed Assembly 55-18
<u>Lowering Excessive Costs</u>		
S-2708, Oroho (Sarlo, Bucco)	Establishes the “Business Tax and Incentive Task Force” to study and compare the effects of New Jersey’s tax policies and tax incentive programs to those in other states. This bill will provide greater information as to whether the state’s tax incentive programs are successful and insight as to how the state’s tax policies stack up against those of competing states.	Pending before Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee
S-695, Kyrillos (Addiego, Oroho)	Directs the Taxation Division to analyze and report how New Jersey should be made more affordable for job creators and those looking to start small businesses here; Prompts reforms to stop employers from leaving the state and attract more jobs into the state.	Pending before Senate Economic Growth Committee
S-2860, Pennachio	Lowers energy costs for businesses, making it easier for them to hire more workers and expand operations in New Jersey; Cuts energy bill surcharges that fund underutilized and extraneous programs. Reducing this cost will not add any stress to the General Fund of the State Budget.	Introduced on March 16, 2015
S-934, Beck (Rice)	Repeals the “Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act,” which effectively taxes all commercial development and stymies job growth.	Passed Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee 4-0; Pending before Senate Committee
S-2777, Kyrillos, Lesniak	Allows businesses due to receive grant under Business Employment Incentive Program to elect to receive corporate or gross income tax credit if grant funds are not available.	Pending before Senate Economic Growth Committee
S-2811, Doherty	Gives policymakers information on how the state can lower costs for drivers and taxpayers by reducing road construction costs; Establishes State Transportation Cost Analysis Task Force.	Pending before Senate Transportation Committee

Improving New Jersey's Economic Development Policies & Programs		
S-2710, Bucco (Sarlo)	Requires the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development to execute a comprehensive survey for New Jersey businesses to explain exactly why they are leaving the state or downsizing. Results from the written survey, to be created with input from the state Economic Development Agency, would be compiled into an annual report by the labor commissioner. That report must be promptly published on the department's website and submitted to the governor and legislature. To maximize participation and candor, it would ensure the anonymity of businesses that respond to the survey.	Passed Senate Budget and Appropriation's Committee 10-0; Pending before full Senate
S-2761, Thompson	Establishes the Office of Economic Research in Department of State to improve data collection, analysis and employment information, which will enhance New Jersey's economic development strategies; Consolidates research to improve our economic development decisions throughout state government.	Pending before Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee
S-2709, Beck (Sarlo, Bucco, Stack)	Creates the "New Jersey Business Advisory Council" in the state Economic Development Authority comprised of volunteer business representatives from throughout the state and various economic sectors to offer solutions to help improve New Jersey's competitiveness and job climate. This council will provide the EDA with insight on the state's business climate and what employers need to grow and expand here.	Passed Senate Budget and Appropriation's Committee 13-0; Pending before full Senate
S-2757, Kyrillos	Makes it easier to accomplish job-creating projects that cross government boundaries by permitting local governments to enter into regional partnerships for the purpose of coordinating economic development initiatives.	Pending before Senate Economic Growth Committee

S-2666, Beck (Sweeney, Oroho)	Creates the "Clinical Trials Working Group" to promptly identify ways for the pharmaceutical industry to find appropriate clinical trials in New Jersey. Historically, New Jersey's robust pharmaceutical industry has been forced to spend valuable time and resources that could have been used to grow jobs here looking outside of this state to find appropriate clinical trials for drugs and medications that they ultimately don't develop and test here. This bill allows the state, its universities and colleges to partner with the private-sector to facilitate trials, add jobs and grow that sector of New Jersey's economy.	Passed Senate 39-0; Pending before Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
S-2862, Holzapfel	Promotes locally made products and connects New Jersey businesses with New Jersey-based suppliers; Establishes the JerseySource Supply Network, a singular online database of products manufactured in New Jersey. Establishes a business visitation program for NJ businesses in EDA, setting up teams of EDA officials and business experts to travel the state and implement the JerseySource Supply Network.	Introduced on March 16, 2015
S-2861, Cardinale	Improves the EDA's ability to market New Jersey-made products to growing markets across the world, creating jobs and helping new businesses grow and succeed; Establishes Office of International Trade and Protocol in EDA.	Introduced on March 16, 2015
<u>Reducing Burdensome Regulations</u>		
S-2865, Oroho	Eases some of the burdensome regulations that drive employers away from New Jersey and stymie job growth; Ensures that state statutes are the standard for human resource policies in all communities by prohibiting conflicting, redundant, confusing and costly local labor, hiring and payroll mandates.	Introduced on March 16, 2015
S-2834, Bucco	Allows employers to spend more time and resources operating and growing by reducing redundancies, over-regulation and onerous fees in local storm water permit processes, without weakening environmental safeguards.	Introduced on March 16, 2015
S-2859, O'Toole	Creates a task force with the end goal of digitizing state permits, licenses, approvals, grants and permits and to determine how much government savings can result from such streamlining; Also creates an ombudsman to participate on the task force and oversee any approvals needed for major projects to ensure that they move forward and create jobs as efficiently and effectively as possible.	Introduced on March 16, 2015

S-2839, Allen	Helps businesses understand the best approach to applying for state economic development grants; Requires denial of grant by NJEDA or other State agency to include critique of how applicant business falls short of requirements and standards.	Introduced on March 16, 2015
S-2836, Bucco	Helps small businesses operate and grow here by rolling back cumbersome regulations and allowing small business owners to have input in the rule-making process of state agencies.	Introduced on March 16, 2015
S-360, Oroho (Stack, Bucco)	Cuts red tape to get projects going faster and done cheaper by streamlining and expediting the permit process; Directs state agencies to consolidate to general permitting and to offer online permitting processes whenever possible.	Passed Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee 5-0; Pending before Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
S-1736, Oroho (Van Drew)	Eliminates duplicative, conflicting and otherwise burdensome state regulations that increase costs, delay projects, and stall or jeopardize job creation by revising the "Administrative Procedure Act."	Passed Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee 3-0; Pending before full Senate and full Assembly
<u>Enhancing Tourism & Agriculture</u>		
S-2759, Singer	Establishes a comprehensive plan, including a mobile app featuring all of New Jersey's tourism attractions, to attract worldwide visitors and the jobs that come with them to the many first-rate attractions in New Jersey; Requires the Office of Tourism Research to overhaul New Jersey's tourism advertising, marketing, research and tourism-related business training, using existing state resources.	Pending before Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee

S-2721, Kean (Whelan)	Boosts New Jersey's economy and job market by consistently and repeatedly bringing A-list entertainment and worldwide tourists to venues in Atlantic City and across the state. This initiative costs taxpayers nothing and offers so much to gain for working- and middle-class residents.	Pending before Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee
S-208, Connors	Improves visitors' access to Atlantic City and nearby restaurants, golf courses, wineries, B&Bs, beaches, etc; This legislation allows the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority to finance highway projects with direct access to Atlantic City.	Pending before Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee
S-2863, Addiego	Encourages the production and marketing of specialty agricultural products to restaurants, local specialty food markets, supermarkets, farmers markets, ethnic markets, and natural or organic food stores; Establishes a specialty agriculture development program within the Department of Agriculture.	Introduced on March 16, 2015