

# ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 5345

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5345, with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended, requires public works contractor registration and payroll certification to be completed online. Current law requires public works contractors to register in writing and keep accurate and detailed payroll records of payroll activities and keep them open for inspection by the public body awarding the contract. The bill establishes mandatory online contractor registration and payroll certification processes, but does not relieve the contractor of the requirement to submit payroll records directly to the public body awarding the contract. Under the bill, public works contractors will no longer submit registration applications or payroll certification on written paper forms.

The amendments to this bill:

(1) designate the record that contractors and subcontractors are required to keep pursuant to the law as a certified payroll record;

(2) require that certified payroll records that are made available by the department on its Internet website for inspection by the public body awarding the contract, or any other party to the lease or agreement to lease pursuant to which the public work is done, be made available in full and without redaction, and certified payroll records posted on the department's Internet website for viewing by the public redact only the addresses and social security numbers of the workers;

(3) require that contractors and subcontractors submit certified payroll records to the public body awarding the contract or the party to the lease or agreement to lease pursuant to which the public work is done, and to the department through the secure process on its Internet website, each payroll period; and

(4) make technical changes.

The amendments make this bill identical to Senate Bill No. 1442 of the 2022-2023 Legislative Session, as that bill was amended and reported by the committee.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.