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## NJ Legislative Scorecard 2025

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Designates June 2025 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in New Jersey.

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2. **A3035 Jail for Parking in EV Spots (Passed 56 to 24 on 6/30/2025).** **NO**  
Prohibits non-electric vehicles from parking in EV-only charging spaces, with violators facing fines up to \$50, jail for up to 15 days, or both.

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3. **S3663 "Reproductive Health" Travel Advisory (Passed 54 to 25 on 6/30/2025).** **NO**  
Requires the N.J. Department of State to post and keep updated an online "Reproductive Health Travel Advisory" summarizing other states' abortion restrictions.

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4. **S2167 Adopting Federal School-meal Standards (Passed 79 to 0 on 6/30/2025).** **YES**  
Requires all public schools (and nonpublic schools in federal meal programs) to follow the USDA's 2012 school-meal standards and any stricter updates, extending them to competitive foods (cafeteria and vending snacks).

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5. **S4618 Film Tax Credit (Passed 63 to 16 on 6/30/2025).** **YES**  
Expands and extends New Jersey's film tax-credit program, raising the studio cap to \$300M (within a \$550M overall cap), adding 4–9% promo/investment and 4.5% relocation/hiring bonuses, doubling the diversity bonus to 4%, and loosening access/reporting rules.

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**Estimated cost per household: -\$333.00/year.**

6. **A5345 Merchant Category Codes for Firearms (Passed 49 to 27 on 3/24/2025).** **NO**  
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