

September 9, 2013

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3039
(First Reprint)**

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 3039 (First Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

Lupus is a serious chronic, autoimmune disease that impacts the lives of thousands of New Jersey residents every day. While I applaud the sponsors' intent to raise awareness and better educate health care providers and the general public on the harmful effects of lupus, I believe the bill should be amended to instead launch a one-year effort that will swiftly implement the provisions of this bill. I support the development of a comprehensive lupus education and awareness plan, including the creation of a directory of lupus-related health care services and a listing of health care providers who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of lupus, and I earnestly await the efforts of a one-year task force I recommend herein.

Raising awareness of public health concerns and the impact of chronic disease is a laudable goal. To that end, I was pleased that, earlier this summer, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded the New Jersey Department of Health a grant for the prevention and management of diabetes, heart disease, and other chronic diseases. This initiative will help coordinate and integrate all State programs that address chronic disease prevention and disease management, as well as promote an overall wellness program and culture in New Jersey.

The efforts of the task force embodied in my recommendation will undoubtedly aid the Department in the development of the chronic disease initiative and, therefore, it is evermore critical that the task force quickly perform its important work.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3039 (First Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

<u>Page 2, Title, Line 1:</u>	Delete "Council" and insert "Task Force"
<u>Page 2, Title, Line 3:</u>	Delete "and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes"
<u>Page 2, Section 2, Line 26:</u>	Delete "Council" and insert "Task Force"
<u>Page 2, Section 2, Line 29:</u>	Delete "council" and insert "task force"
<u>Page 2, Section 2, Line 29:</u>	Delete "seven" and insert "five"
<u>Page 2, Section 2, Line 32:</u>	Delete "six" and insert "four"
<u>Page 2, Section 2, Line 32:</u>	After "members" insert "appointed by the Governor,"
<u>Page 2, Section 2, Lines 35-36:</u>	Delete ", who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate"
<u>Page 2, Section 2, Lines 37-38:</u>	Delete ", who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly"
<u>Page 2, Section 2, Line 38:</u>	Delete "four members who shall be appointed"
<u>Page 2, Section 2, Lines 39-43:</u>	Delete in their entirety
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Lines 1-2:</u>	Delete in their entirety and insert "two other members of the public."
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 3:</u>	Delete "The term of office of each public member shall be three"
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Lines 4-9:</u>	Delete in their entirety and insert "Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments."
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 10:</u>	Delete "council" and insert "task force"
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 14:</u>	Delete "council" and insert "task force"
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 17:</u>	Delete "council" and insert "task force"
<u>Page 3, Section 3, Line 22:</u>	Delete "council" and insert "task force"
<u>Page 3, Section 3, Line 25:</u>	Delete "council" and insert "task force"

Page 3, Section 3, Line 28: Delete "council" and insert "task force"

Page 3, Section 3, Line 32: Delete "council" and insert "task force"

Page 3, Section 3, Line 39: Delete "council" and insert "task force"

Page 3, Section 4, Line 45: Delete "council" and insert "task force"

Page 3, Section 4, Line 47: Delete "effective date of this act and"

Page 4 Section 4, Line 1: Delete "annually thereafter" and insert "date of its initial meeting"

Page 4, Section 4, Line 1: Delete "council's" and insert "task force's"

Page 4, Section 5, Line 4: After "immediately" insert "and shall expire upon the issuance of the task force report"

Respectfully,

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/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

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