

THIRD DISTRICT'S MONTHLY UPDATE FROM TRENTON

SEN. SWEENEY, ASM. BURZICHELLI, ASM. TALIAFERRO

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Paid Family Leave Legislation Becomes Law

Legislation co-authored by Senate President Steve Sweeney expanding [New Jersey's Paid Family Leave](#) is now law. The expansion enhances the current insurance program with some of the lengthiest leave time and most generous benefits in the nation.

"This will put New Jersey at the forefront of the nation with a paid leave program that serves the needs of families and is good for businesses. Paid leave can ease financial burdens and provide peace of mind for working families at critical times in their lives. Caring for a newborn child or a loved one with a serious illness can be a real challenge for those who can't afford to lose their paychecks for an extended amount of time," said Senator Sweeney.

Senator Sweeney authored the state's original law that created the family leave program back in 2009.

Newsorthy & Noteworthy:

Senator Sweeney's [\\$15 hour minimum wage legislation](#) becomes law in New Jersey.

Deputy Speaker Burzichelli's [legislation](#) supporting New Jersey's horse racing industry, prioritizing horse farm preservation, as well as job creation and retention, becomes law.

Assemblyman Taliaferro's legislation which allows state and local governments to use [digital parking meters](#) advances; the bill will aid law enforcement and contribute to a fund to combat drunk driving.

A Boost for NJ's Wine Industry

[Legislation](#) co-authored by Assemblyman Adam Taliaferro supporting New Jersey's wine industry has become law. The legislation provides loans to eligible businesses for certain vineyard and winery expenses, such as purchasing land and modernizing equipment and machinery.

"This common sense measure is about wineries and vineyards and helping them stay competitive in a tough industry. But it's about more than just those benefits. This is also about creating jobs and economic development in the agricultural industry and all the businesses that rely on agriculture for success," said **Assemblyman Taliaferro**.

The State of the District



Deputy Speaker Burzichelli and Assemblyman Taliaferro address leaders of county and municipal governments, business and industry, and higher education at the Salem County Chamber of Commerce's Annual State of the District Breakfast.



Senate President Steve Sweeney presented a resolution to the Gloucester County Institute of Technology's chapter of SkillsUSA. SkillsUSA is a national leadership organization which partners students, teachers and industry to build a better prepared and skilled workforce.