

# YOUR MONTHLY UPDATE FROM TRENTON

## FOR NEW JERSEY'S THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



MAY 2019

### Taking the Wraps Off 'Path to Progress' Legislation

Senate President Sweeney officially unveiled '[Path to Progress](#),' his signature legislative initiative to fix New Jersey's fiscal crisis, cut property taxes, restore the stability of the pension system and save tens of billions of dollars for taxpayers.



Senator Sweeney announces 'Path to Progress' legislation.

"The Path to Progress is the path to real, sustainable tax relief in a state with the highest property taxes, the second-largest unfunded pension liability, the second-worst credit rating, and the fifth-highest overall tax burden in the nation," said Senator Sweeney. "These reforms can have a historic impact that will produce an unprecedented amount of sustained savings. They will help make New Jersey more affordable, especially for hard-working middle-class families."

"If we fail to act, property taxes will continue to go up, and pension, health benefits and debt service will continue to eat up every penny of state revenue growth over the next three years, crowding out our ability to make the investments we need to make to increase aid to growing school districts, expand preschool, fix NJ Transit, make college affordable and provide funding for social service programs that serve our most vulnerable citizens," Sweeney added. "We need to have the courage to make the right decisions and take the actions that are best for New Jersey's future."

The legislation is a package of 27 bills developed by the bipartisan Economic and Fiscal Policy Workgroup of economists, academics, government experts and legislators. Learn more about 'Path to Progress' [here](#).

### Fighting for You

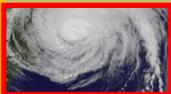
➡ Sweeney legislation establishing a [sexual assault victim's bill of rights](#) for survivors of sexual violence is signed into law.

➡ Senate President Sweeney joined '[Rally for a Living Wage](#),' to support direct support professionals, individuals who provide care for those with disabilities.



Senate President Sweeney attended Bankbridge Development Center's Autism Robotics Class demonstration, learning how specifically-designed robots are helping students with autism develop essential social and communication skills.

### Summer Resource Guide



Are you prepared? Hurricane season begins June 1st. For tips on how to safeguard yourself and your family in the event of severe weather, including the potential for damaging summer storms, check out the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management website [here](#).



Don't be left 'in the dark' when the power goes out. Click [here](#) for contact information to local utility companies, from the NJ Board of Public Utilities.



Looking for summer work? The NJ State Park Service offers employment opportunities at state parks, forests, recreation areas and historic sites. Explore opportunities [here](#).