

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3941

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 3941 with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This legislation moves State Investigators within the Division of Criminal Justice from the unclassified service into "a classified title within civil service." This proposed change to the law will afford full civil service protections to this group of employees.

While I agree with the goals and substance of the bill, I am offering a technical change to align the terminology of the legislation with that in the current civil service law. N.J.S.A. 11A:3-1 provides that the "the Civil Service Commission shall assign and reassign titles among the career service, senior executive service and unclassified service." Current law does not use the term "classified title" or "classified service." Thus, I recommend that the Assembly update all references in the bill from "classified title" or "classified service" to "career service."

Therefore, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3941 and recommend that it be amended as follows:

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| <u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 11:</u> | Delete "a classified title within" and insert "in the career service of" |
| <u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 22:</u> | Delete "classified" and insert "career" |

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Respectfully,

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor