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**SENATOR BOSCOLA INTRODUCES RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT LEGISLATION IN
RESPONSE TO PENDING LEGISLATION IN NEW JERSEY**

Bethlehem (JUN 23) – State Senator Lisa M. Boscola (D-Northampton) introduced legislation today that would require all public officers and public employees to principally reside within the Commonwealth. Under Boscola’s bill, Senate Bill 1418, Pennsylvania residency would be required of any individual holding employment or a position with the Commonwealth, municipalities, municipal authorities and school districts.

Currently, the New Jersey Assembly is considering legislation that would mandate all public employees to be a resident of that state. Unfortunately, the bill has passed the Senate and has moved on to the Assembly, where it has been referred to the Assembly State Government Committee. Senator Boscola, along with her colleagues, decided to introduce a reciprocal measure here in Pennsylvania once the New Jersey legislation passed that state’s Senate.

“Thousands of Pennsylvanians work in New Jersey and would be adversely affected by the New Jersey proposal if enacted into law,” Boscola said. “These individuals would need to choose between uprooting their families or losing their jobs, which would place even more strain on them in our current economy.”

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RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT LEGISLATION

Earlier this year, Senator Boscola sent a letter to New Jersey Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Senate State Government Committee Chairman Jim Whelan asking them to reconsider their support of New Jersey's residency requirement legislation (S1730).

"We all know that families continue struggling to make ends meet and that is why I felt it was imperative to fight for the residents of this Commonwealth," Boscola said. "If enacted, the New Jersey proposal would dramatically alter the lives of 5,670 Pennsylvanians who have chosen to work in the State of New Jersey."

Although the New Jersey legislation was recently amended to grandfather any existing employees, it still contains restrictive language that does not allow those employees to advance, move up or transfer positions among agencies or schools.

"It is unfortunate that the New Jersey State Senate has decided to take such punitive action against Pennsylvania families," Boscola added. "Hopefully the reciprocity of my legislation will cause members of the New Jersey Assembly to reconsider the merits of their bill."

For additional questions or concerns regarding Senator Boscola's legislation, feel free to contact the Harrisburg Office at (717) 787-4236.

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EDITORS NOTE: Attached with this press release is a copy of the letter sent in April to members of the New Jersey Senate.