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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Governor Christie Whitman today signed the following legislation:

**A-2122**, sponsored by Assembly Members Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Malone (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Turner (D-Mercer), establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education in but not of the Department of Education. The bill incorporates recommendations made by the Governor in a conditional veto.

**A-2123**, sponsored by Assembly Members Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Malone (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Turner (D-Mercer), establishes an Office on Early Childhood Education in the Department of Education. The bill incorporates recommendations made by the Governor in a conditional veto.

**A-52**, sponsored by Assembly Members Jones (D-Essex) and Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset), increases the maximum number of votes of a member of a mutual savings and loan association.

**A-2265**, sponsored by Assembly Members Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Augustine (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union) and Senator Bennett (R-Monmouth), allows banks, savings banks and savings and loan associations to act as title insurance producers.

**S-631**, sponsored by Senators Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Assembly Members Holzapfel (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Moran (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean), clarifies penalty for possession of 50 or more marijuana plants with intent to distribute.