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Gov. Whitman Signs A-956, S-91, S-93 and S-465

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

A-956, sponsored by Assembly Members Alan Augustine (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union) and Neil Cohen (D-Union) and Senator Peter Inverso (R-Mercer/Middlesex), which provides for the licensing and regulation of money transmitters. Under current law, only foreign money transmitters and money order issuers are regulated. This new law will expand regulation to include domestic money transmitters and third party payers.

S-91, Senators Joseph Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Richard Codey (D- Essex) and Assembly Members Michael Arnone (R-Monmouth) and Claire Farragher (R-Monmouth), which expands worker's compensation coverage provided through New Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Board to additional backstretch employees. Currently coverage is provided only to jockeys, jockey apprentices, exercise riders, drivers and driver-trainers.

S-93, sponsored by Senators Joseph Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Diane Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Assembly Members John Kelly (R- Bergen/Essex/Passaic) and Guy Talarico (R-Bergen), which provides that federal or state-funded remedial programs for nonpublic school students may be held on the premises of the nonpublic school. The new law is consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Agostini v. Felton* that publicly funded programs which provide supplemental instruction to nonpublic students held on the premises of church or sectarian schools do not violate the separation between Church and State.

S-465, sponsored by Senator Martha Bark (R- Atlantic/Burlington/Camden) and Assembly Members Francis Bodine (R- Atlantic/Burlington/Camden) and Larry Chatzidakis (R- Atlantic/Burlington/Camden), which extends the expiration date of appropriation for State Transfer of Development Rights Bank administrative costs.