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## NEWS RELEASE

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following legislation.

**SCS for A-1975**, sponsored by Assemblymen Richard H. Bagger (R- Middlesex/ Morris/Somerset/Union) and Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic) and Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco (R-Middlesex /Hunterdon/Mercer) and Senator Bernard F. Kenny, Jr. (D- Hudson).

Appropriates \$700,000 for FY 2000 to the Department of Health and Senior Services for a grant to benefit the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey. The money is appropriated from the Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund. This will increase the total amount of funding to the Partnership from the fund from \$350,000 to \$700,000 in FY 2000. The Partnership is planning to expand its mission to include the establishment of drug-free workplace programs, as well as the initiation of a state-wide parent-teaching educational workshop. The Partnership recently merged with the Governor's Council for a Drug-Free Workplace.