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### NEWS RELEASE

#### **Gov. Christie Whitman has signed the following pieces of legislation:**

**A-3022**, sponsored by Assembly Members Nicholas Asselta (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and John C. Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Senator James S. Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), makes permanent the 18-month trial period authorizing the use of bait when hunting deer. The unrestricted use of bait is expected to help reduce the extensive deer population that is damaging crops and landscape plants throughout the state.

**A-402**, sponsored by Assembly Members Jeffrey W. Moran (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and Christopher J. Connors (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and Senator Leonard T. Connors, Jr.

(R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean), permits retired members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) to serve as voting delegates at the annual convention to elect members of the board of the TPAF. Previously, only acting members of the TPAF were authorized to be voting delegates to the TPAF annual convention that elects the member-trustees.