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### NEWS RELEASE

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

**SCS for S-1220**, sponsored by the late Senator Wynona M. Lipman (D- Essex/Union) and Senator Joseph A. Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Assembly Members William D. Payne (D-Essex/Union) and Joseph V. Doria, Jr. (D-Hudson), establishes an at-risk mentoring pilot program for public school students in the Department of Labor (DOL). The bill appropriates \$750,000 from the Work First New Jersey -- Work Activities account in the Department of Human Services to the Workforce Development Partnership Fund in the DOL to implement provisions of the bill. The bill incorporates the recommendations Gov. Whitman made in her conditional veto of the bill on September 23.