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Gov. Christie Whitman has signed the following legislation:

S-170, sponsored by Senator John Bennett (R-Monmouth), clarifies various provisions of the Municipal Land Use Law and streamlines practices for municipal planning and zoning boards. Specifically, the bill clarifies the procedures for the adoption of memorializing resolutions, addresses how much a municipality may charge to provide a transcript or tape of a master plan hearing, and provides that new members of a municipal agency shall be eligible to vote on matters upon which a hearing was already conducted under certain circumstances.

SCS for **A-196**, sponsored by Assembly Members George Geist (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Wilfredo Carabello (D-Essex) and Senator Ronald Rice (D-Essex), establishes a Local-State Business Incentive Promotion Program within the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA). This is loan program designed to encourage business retention and attraction in New Jersey. Although EDA currently provides loans to businesses, this bill formalizes a linkage between the EDA and local economic development efforts.

A-1742, sponsored by Assembly Members James Holzapfel (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Jeffrey Moran (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and Senator Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen), establishes requirements for apprentice and journeymen plumbers.