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### Gov. Christie Whitman has Signed the Following Legislation

S-2141, sponsored by Senators Joseph Kyrillos (R- Middlesex/Monmouth) and Andrew Ciesla (R- Monmouth/Ocean) and Assembly Members David Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and John Gibson (Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), appropriates \$5 million from the 1995 Green Acres bond act for coastal Blue Acres acquisition projects by local governments. The funds will enable local governments to acquire lands in the coastal area that may be prone to flood damage or that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage. The funding is being appropriated to towns in Atlantic, Monmouth and Ocean Counties. A list of the projects is attached.

A 2019, sponsored by Assembly Members Christopher "Kip" Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Joel Weingarten (R- Essex/Union) and Senators Peter Inverso (R-Mercer/Middlesex) and Wayne Bryant (D-Camben/Gloucester), enacts Uniform Commercial Code Revised Article 8 "Investment Securities." Revised article 8 deals with the transfer of investment securities such as stocks and bonds. The bill also establishes legal rules for the settlement of securities trades. Revised Article 8 has already been adopted in many states.

S-1254, sponsored by Senator Raymond J. Lesniak (D- Union) and Assembly Members George F. Geist (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Gary W. Stuhltrager (R-Salem/Cumberland/Gloucester), amends the sentencing provisions of the Criminal Code. The bill allows a court to include in any sentence an order that the defendant make restitution to law enforcement for expenses incurred to extradite the defendant to New Jersey from another jurisdiction. Prior to imposing restitution, the court would be required to find that the defendant was in the other jurisdiction in order to avoid prosecution or punishment for a crime committed in New Jersey.

The bill provides that monies collected from defendants are to be applied first toward victim restitution and various other court assessments, and then toward extradition costs.



