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Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco signed the following legislation today:

**S-2026**, sponsored by Senators William Gormley (R-Atlantic) and John Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester) transfers the Bureau of Parole in the Department of Corrections to the State Parole Board thus consolidating the Bureau of Parole and the State Parole Board under one direct authority.

**A-2083**, sponsored by Senators Diane Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Robert Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Assembly members Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Charlotte Vandervalk (R-Bergen) establishes a statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program (SSANE) in the Office of the Attorney General. The SSANE program is aimed at ensuring more accurate collection of forensic evidence for use in prosecuting suspected rapists and creates a compassionate way to treat sexual assault victims.

**S-1708**, sponsored by Joseph Kyrillos (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Henry McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Assemblymen Samuel Thompson (R-Middlesex/ Monmouth) and Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) requires the New Jersey Department of Transportation to prepare a plan for litter pickup and removal along the highways maintained by the department.

**S-1709**, sponsored by Senators Joseph Kyrillos (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Henry McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Assemblymen Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Samuel Thompson (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) increases the penalties for littering by establishing a minimum penalty of \$100 for the offense of littering and a minimum fine of \$250 for any person convicted of littering within six months of a previous conviction for littering.

**S-1079**, sponsored by Senator John Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Assemblymen Michael Carroll (R-Morris) and Richard Merkt (R-Morris) establishes a ten-year limitation on surveyors' liability for deficiencies in a survey. There is an exception for adverse possession cases where the statute of limitations for surveying would be the same as the time period required for the adverse possession.

**S-269**, sponsored by Senators John Bennett (R-Monmouth) and John Lynch (D-Middlesex/Somerset/Union) and Assemblyman Michael Carroll (R-Morris) exempts from current post-employment restrictions any partnership, firm or corporation engaged in the practice of law with which a former member of the Judiciary is associated and any partner, officer, director or employee of the partnership, firm or corporation if the former member of the Judiciary 1) is associated with the firm in an 'of counsel' position without any equity interest and 2) is screened for a period of two years subsequent to termination of the former member's employment from any personal participation in any representation, appearance for or negotiation on behalf of any holder of or applicant for, a casino license.

**A-2548**, sponsored by Assembly members Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen) and Ken Zisa (D-Bergen) allows municipalities to require owners of multiple dwellings comprised of more than 20 dwelling units to prepare an emergency evacuation plan. The plan must be prepared in coordination with local fire and emergency response agencies.

**A-2793**, sponsored by Senators William Schluter (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Joseph Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Assemblyman Leonard Lance (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) requires the release of water from the Spruce Run and Round Valley reservoirs into the south branch of the Raritan River for the purpose of supporting recreational water use. Additionally, there is an appropriation for \$350,000 that creates a non-lapsing fund to defray the expense in releasing water from the Round Valley reservoir incurred by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority.

**A-3039**, sponsored by Senator Robert Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Assemblymen Jeffrey Moran (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson) allows any mortician who holds a license or certification from another state to become licensed in New Jersey through endorsement provided he has met education and experience requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of current New Jersey law.