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## **Christie Signs Executive Orders**

Governor Chris Christie today signed a series of executive orders designed to make budgeting and finances more transparent, halt unfunded mandates on towns, freeze new regulations on business and broaden state pay-to-play prohibitions to limit donations by labor unions. A brief summary of the executive orders follows:

**Executive Order 1** freezes and suspends for a period of 90 days proposed rules and regulations and further requires that any proposed rule or regulation that may have been transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law, but not yet published in the NJ Register be withdrawn. These provisions will not apply to any proposed rule or regulation if failure to adopt will adversely impact public safety or security, adversely impact the public health, negatively impact the state's ability to obtain certifications or funds from the federal government, negatively impact the State agency's ability to function or are required to comply with judicial deadlines. A list of proposed rules and regulations that are frozen and a list of those that are not frozen is expected to be available shortly.

**Executive Order 2** requires all state agencies, boards, commissions, departments and authorities over which the Governor has power to veto minutes to adhere to a set of common sense principles when proposing rules and regulations. The Executive Order outlines the specific principles to be followed.

**Executive Order 3** creates a Red Tape Review Group to undertake a review of certain rules, regulations and processes that are a burden on New Jersey's economy. This group will also review all pending and proposed rules and regulations, as well as all operative Executive Orders from previous administrations in order to assess their effect on New Jersey's economy and to determine whether their burdens on business and workers outweigh their intended benefits. The Red Tape Review Group will be chaired by the Lieutenant Governor.

**Executive Order 4** prohibits all state agencies, boards, commissions, departments and authorities over which the Governor has power to veto minutes from recommending, proposing, publishing or submitting any regulation containing an unfunded mandate unless expressly authorized in writing by the Governor or Lieutenant Governor.

**Executive Order 5** establishes the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors charged with analyzing and advising the Governor on issues related to the fiscal

condition of the State. The Council shall consist of a Chairperson and four members, all of whom shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

**Executive Order 6** designates monitors and other employees of the Casino Control Commission whose attendance is required for New Jersey casinos to be permitted to operate as essential attendance employees, thereby ensuring that in the event of any state government shut down these employees will continue to work.

**Executive Order 7** extends current “pay-to-play” restrictions to any labor union or labor organization which enters into contracts with the State of New Jersey and its instrumentalities or with other New Jersey public entities. This Executive Order also extends existing “pay-to-play” restrictions to Legislative Leadership Committees.

**Executive Order 8** requires the Department of the Treasury to publish quarterly reports on all State expenditures. These reports will specify the State’s spending patterns, rates and timing within the Fiscal Year and shall also disclose actual or anticipated short-term borrowing necessitated by the timing of expenditures within the fiscal year.

Please contact your PSI account executive if you would like a draft copy of the executive orders.

### **Oliver Announces Committee Assignments**

Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver announced Assembly Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and assignments late yesterday. Republican membership has not been announced.

#### **BUDGET**

Chair: Greenwald  
Vice-Chair: Schaer  
Barnes  
Burzichelli  
Coutinho  
Johnson  
Pou  
Quigley

#### **CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

Chair: Moriarty  
Vice-Chair: Vainieri Huttle  
Diegnan

#### **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE**

Chair: Schaer  
Vice-Chair: Spencer  
Conners  
McKeon  
Wisniewski

#### **HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES**

Chair: Conaway  
Vice-Chair: Wagner  
Green  
Greenstein  
Quigley  
Riley

Tucker

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

Chair: Lampitt

Vice-Chair: Giblin

Coughlin

Fuentes

Pou

Voss

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND UTILITIES**

Chair: Chivukula

Vice-Chair: DeAngelo

Egan

Mainor

Quijano

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Chair: Pou

Vice-Chair: Ramos

Barnes

Chivukula

Conaway

Greenwald

McKeon

Stender

**COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Coutinho

Vice-Chair: Lampitt

Fuentes

Quigley

Watson Coleman

**HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Chair: Green

Vice-Chair: Jasey

Greenstein

Riley

Scalera

**LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Chair: Johnson

Vice-Chair: Albano

Evans

Moriarty

Spencer

**REGULATED PROFESSIONS**

Chair: Prieto

Vice-Chair: Giblin

Coughlin

Diegnan, Jr.

Voss

**REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AND GAMING**

Chair: Burzichelli

Vice-Chair: Quijano

Caputo

**TOURISM AND ARTS**

Chair: Milam  
Vice-Chair: Conners  
Vainieri Huttle

**JUDICIARY**

Chair: Greenstein  
Vice-Chair: Quijano  
Caputo  
Greenwald  
Gusciora

**LABOR**

Chair: Egan  
Vice-Chair: Evans  
Albano  
Coughlin  
DeAngelo  
Scalera

**MILITARY AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS**

Chair: Conners  
Vice-Chair: Tucker

**TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS & INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES**

Chair: Wisniewski  
Vice-Chair: Stender  
Giblin  
Mainor  
Milam  
Prieto  
Rodriguez  
Wagner

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Chair: Albano  
Vice-Chair: Riley

**EDUCATION**

Chair: Diegnan, Jr.  
Vice-Chair: Voss  
Caputo  
Evans  
Jasey  
Moriarty  
Ramos  
Watson Coleman

**ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE**

Chair: McKeon  
Vice-Chair: Gusciora  
Barnes  
Lampitt  
Mainor

**HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE PREPAREDNESS**

Chair: Scalera  
Vice-Chair: Johnson

Burzichelli

Prieto

**HUMAN SERVICES**

Chair: Vainieri Huttle

Vice-Chair: Rodriguez

Coutinho

Fuentes

Tucker

Wagner

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

Chair: Stender

Vice-Chair: Conaway

Schaer