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Proposed Pension Reform Bills S-2, S-3, S-4 and SCR-1

Yesterday Senate President Sweeney and Senate Republican Leader Kean announced bipartisan legislation to complete the 2006 Joint Legislative Committee's reforms to the state's public employee pension and benefits system. The four bills S-2, S-3, S-4 and SCR-1, detailed below, according to the Senators would "return the pension and benefits system to its original goal of ensuring the retirements of rank-and-file public employees and constitutionally require government to meet its annual pension obligations." Senate President Sweeney stated his goal is to have the reforms pass the full Senate before the end of the month.

<http://www.njslom.com/letters/ml020910-pension-reform.html>

Interest Arbitration Reform

As you know, there is great public interest and media attention regarding public employee benefits, public sector collective negotiations, and binding interest arbitration for Police and Fire. The League has long supported reforms in these areas and others. Besides interest arbitration for Police and Fire, other areas that warrant review and reform include the collective negotiations process itself, civil service and pensions.

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Governor Christie Signs Executive Order on COAH

Today, the Governor signed an Executive Order implementing a 90-day period in which, **"COAH shall refrain from taking any further action to process applications for substantive certification or to take any other actions to implement the Third Round Regulations."**

Further, the Executive Order creates the "Housing Opportunity Task Force" to undertake a review of the Fair Housing Act, the State Planning Act and COAH

regulations. This task force will be chaired by former State Senator Marcia Karrow.

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Federal Update for period ending February 5

The intergovernmental relations staff at the National League of Cities (NLC) has provided us with the following update.

<http://www.njslom.com/letters/ml020910-fed-updates.html>

Changes to the DLG website

The following changes have taken place on the Division of Local Government website.

<http://www.njslom.com/letters/ml020910-DLG.html>

League Applauds Governor's Executive Order

In response to the Governor Chris Christie's Executive implementing a 90-day window in which the Council of Affordable Housing (COAH) will not act and creating a "Housing Opportunity Task Force," League Executive Director Bill Dressel issued the following statement.

"Governor Christie has heard the concerns raised by municipal officials about COAH's 3rd round methodology, its inflated population and job projections, the lack of resources and funding and the subsequent impact on our property taxpayers.

<http://www.njslom.com/press-releases/pr020910-COAH.html>

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