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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Report on Developments in the Counsel's Office Since May 29,

2003

The Legislature has passed a bill that will prohibit school boards, educational commissions, and community and county colleges from unilaterally imposing terms and conditions of employment at the end of the negotiations process. A-3419. The bill also calls for the Commission to appoint a super conciliator within 20 days after the issuance of a fact-finder's report. The Commission is also to adopt regulations to implement the bill if the Governor signs it. A copy of the bill is attached.

The Governor has signed a bill changing the statutory provisions in Chapter 2A governing the arbitration process. P.L. 2003, c. 95. However, consistent with the Governor's earlier conditional veto, the bill does not apply to arbitration of labor disputes. The current provisions of Chapter 2A remain in force for those disputes.

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