

Governor Chris Christie Timeline of Action

6 Months of Positive Change for New Jersey

“By taking direct, tough action, difficult as it may be, we can turn our crisis into an opportunity.”
- New Jersey Governor Chris Christie



- JAN. 19 — Governor Chris Christie Inaugurated.
- JAN. 22 — Signs [Day One Executive Orders](#) to, among other things, [increase transparency](#) & [cut job-killing red tape](#).
- JAN. 22 — [19 reports](#) issued by his Transition New Jersey subcommittees, which conducted thorough reviews of all departments, agencies and authorities of the state.
- JAN. 22 — [NJ 2-1-1](#), a public-private partnership between United Way agencies throughout New Jersey and the State of New Jersey, provides coordinated assistance directed toward [relief efforts in Haiti](#).
- JAN. 27 — [\\$1.267 million](#) Schools Development Authority change order [vetoed](#).
- FEB. 3 —
 1. [Vetoes](#) Delaware River and Bay Authority Board’s blanket authorization of expenditures to 98 vendors in unspecified amounts in excess of [\\$25,000](#) and minutes regarding the adoption of a 2010 operating budget that represents a [3.04 percent increase](#) over the 2009 operating budget.
 2. [Creates](#) commission to prepare comprehensive policy to [fix New Jersey’s gaming, sports and entertainment industries](#).
- FEB. 5 — [Vetoes](#) portion of the minutes from the January 13, 2010 New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority meeting concerning the award of [\\$415, 608](#) for projects, urging justification on the expenditure in light of the fact that [\\$399,608](#) of the total funding was to be allocated for the yearly salary and benefits of only four employees.
- FEB. 9 — [EO-12](#) signed, which created the [Housing Opportunity Task Force](#).
- FEB.11 — [\\$2.203 billion](#) in budget solutions to balance New Jersey’s FY 2010 budget shortfall [announced](#).
- FEB. 18 — [19.8%](#) budget increase by Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey & [5.6%](#) budget increase Standardbred Breeders' and Owners' Association of New Jersey [vetoed](#).
- FEB. 23 — [EO-15](#) directing a comprehensive [review of all state authorities, boards and commissions](#) and [taking immediate action to reform abusive fiscal practices](#) signed.
- FEB. 24 — Launches interactive [website](#) and social networking tools: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#).



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MAR. 1



Governor Chris Christie, U.S. Representative Rob Andrews, State Senate President Steve Sweeney and then-acting DEP Commissioner Bob Martin speak out Against Planned Dredging of the Delaware River.

MAR. 1

Responds to Port Authority Counterproposal for the World Trade Center.

MAR. 5

Vetoes minutes of Delaware River and Bay Authority containing open-ended and unspecified spending.

MAR. 9

Holds conversation with town officials and community leaders highlighting Haddon Heights' success in finding ways to do more in government with less. Governor Christie - "I Am Going To Do What Needs To Be Done."

MAR. 11

Creates Task Force to develop a comprehensive approach to privatization. Facing state employee contracts entered into by the prior administration that include raises of between 7 percent and 11 percent for thousands of public employees in 2011.



MAR. 16

Proposes necessary solutions to close the \$11 billion budget deficit for FY 2011 by cutting spending and not raising taxes. "It is a painful but vital step if our state is to regain its financial and economic footing." - Governor Christie

MAR. 18

Vetoes Minutes of New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Concerns the award of five contracts: \$2.34 million, \$980,000, \$476,000, \$735,200 and \$545,000. The fees ranged from 11.5% to 84% higher than the fees proposed by other highly-ranked firms competing for the contracts.

MAR. 22



S2, S3 and S4 signed into law, which requires local government public employees to contribute to their generous medical benefits, saving municipalities, counties and school districts \$314 million. Governor Christie - "The passage of today's set of bills is a solid start to reforming our pension system and I applaud the Senate and Assembly Leadership and the entire bipartisan efforts of the legislature for taking this necessary first step."

MAR. 23

Calls for One-Year Salary Freeze and 1.5% Health Benefits Contribution, provides path forward for school districts to protect New Jersey school children, prevent layoffs and program cuts.

MAR. 30

Offers plan to provide additional state aid to school districts that adopt salary freeze.

SALARY FREEZE = JOBS SAVED

APR. 9 ————— Increases Charity Care funding to protect health services for vulnerable New Jerseyans.

APR. 12 ————— Partnership for Action Plan unveiled to make New Jersey a home for growth.

APR. 19 ————— Overhauled State government's regulatory system and reduced the red tape that stifles economic growth and imposes costs on businesses and citizens.

APR. 19 ————— Opens the Governor's Sustainable Energy and Economic Policy Forum by directing BPU to revisit the Energy Master Plan in light of current economic conditions.

APR. 21 ————— 58% of school budgets voted down, highest ever percentage of defeated school budgets.

APR. 29 — Earth Day pledge: No LNG, No offshore drilling. Governor Christie - "I oppose the idea of drilling off the coast of New Jersey."

APR. 30 ————— Signs landmark legislation to protect individuals with developmental disabilities from harmful caregivers.

MAY. 5 ————— Signs (S-82) legislation to Reform Land-Use Development Regulations.
Signs (S-920) legislation to encourage Public-Private Partnerships for higher education institutions.

MAY. 10 ————— Takes action to provide real property tax relief by proposing Cap 2.5 Reform Agenda, a 33-bill package of reforms aimed at solving New Jersey's property tax crisis.



MAY. 11 ————— Governor Christie – "Take it out of the hands of the politicians, take it out of the hands of the judges, and put it in the hands of the people who pay the bills."

MAY. 13 ————— Unveils Realistic and Achievable Measures to Reform New Jersey's System of Affordable Housing.
Passaic Valley Today – "Local Government Favors Christie's Proposed COAH Plans."

MAY. 17 ————— Called on the Port Authority to help reduce harmful air emissions and take approximately 1,000 trucks per day off New Jersey's roads by building a new barge-to-rail facility at Greenville Yards in Jersey City.

MAY. 18 ————— Vetoes potentially wasteful spending by partially rejecting minutes of New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority in relation to a \$1.3 million land purchase in Pleasantville.

MAY. 19 ————— Restored Senior Gold and PAAD to original levels and reduced generic co-pays to \$5 without requiring additional cuts to programs and services.

MAY. 20 ————— Assembly Bills No. 10 and No. 20 vetoed, saving tax payers \$637 million.

MAY. 22 ————— Signs (A-2507), legislation to revitalize the New Jersey horse racing industry, at Monmouth Park opening day.



MAY. 25 ————— Super Bowl 2014 is coming to New Jersey!

MAY. 25 ————— Talks Cap 2.5 Reform Agenda before the Manhattan Institute.



JUN. 1 — Choose New Jersey launched by Governor Christie, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno and business leaders.



JUN. 8 — Endorses East Coast Offshore Wind Agreement.

JUN. 15 — 200+ Bipartisan Mayoral Support for Governor Christie's Cap 2.5 Cap Reform.

JUN. 21 — Newark Mayor Booker Endorses Christie Cap 2.5 Reform Agenda. Mayor Booker - "This issue is not Republican or Democrat, it is not urban or suburban, north our south, it is not white, black, Latino or an Asian issue. This is a New Jersey issue."



JUN. 22 — Bipartisan Passaic County Board Of Chosen Freeholders Endorses Cap 2.5 Reform Agenda

JUN. 23 — 400+ New Jerseyans attended the 7th Cap 2.5 town hall in Gibbstown, N.J.

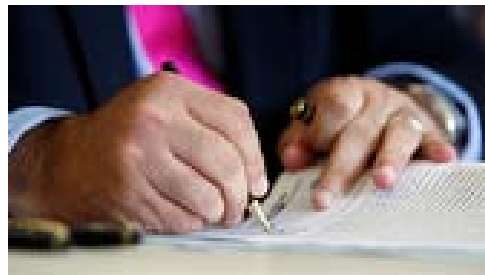


JUN. 24 — Rejects Waterfront Commission budget salary increase, directing the Waterfront Commission to reduce the budget's "Total Regular Payroll" line item of \$7,145,443 by \$125,000.

JUN. 24 — Spares employers an average \$400 per employee, or 52%, increase in the unemployment insurance payroll tax and instituted benefits reforms that will reduce the Unemployment Compensation Fund's reliance on employer contributions.

JUN. 25 — Announces historic port expansion and land acquisitions at Marine Ocean Terminal at Bayonne (MOTBY) and Global Marine Terminal on Port Jersey, utilizing the State's homegrown resources for sustainable job creation and economic growth.

JUN. 29 — Signs the FY 2011 budget that closes an \$11 billion deficit without raising taxes.



JUL. 1 — Calls & addresses a joint Special Session of the New Jersey Legislature to push for immediate action on property tax reform.

JUL. 2 — Signs S-1813 to protect New Jersey Small Businesses and Reform UI Trust Fund.



JUL. 3 — 

(Video) Reaches bipartisan consensus to provide real property tax relief for New Jerseyans.

JUL. 9 — Releases New Jersey Privatization Task Force Report.

JUL. 11 — National Governors Association names Governor Chris Christie to Executive Committee.

JUL. 13 — Keynote speech on creating jobs and economic growth at the Annual NJ Building and Trades Convention.

— Signs S-29 into law. Marking the first significant step towards bringing lasting property tax reform to New Jersey.



JUL. 15 — Unveils a proposal to cap and reform school administrators' salaries. Governor Christie - "It is our responsibility, in state government and at the local level, to act in every possible way to ensure that as many education dollars remain in the classroom as possible."

JUL. 16 — Establishes Commission to explore efficiencies and improvements in County Prosecutor's Offices.

JUL. 19 — 6 months (182 Days) in office as Governor of New Jersey.



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Gov proposes cap for school administrators
Would limit pay for superintendents, others