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Allow flexibility in contract caps

Asbury Park Press

When the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail. And when it comes to the fiscal calamity that is New Jersey, a hammer is surely what is needed. And there are plenty of welcome, much-needed hammers in Gov. Chris Christie's "tool kit" for fixing New Jersey - his 33 proposed property tax relief reforms.

Many of these reforms, outlined by Christie Monday, are long overdue, including the tightening of spending caps at all levels of government, allowing towns to opt out of civil service, changing the ground rules for collective bargaining and instituting controls on public employee salaries and benefits.

Christie's far-reaching steps are essential to getting New Jersey back on a sound financial footing...

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