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"Bail Overhaul Wins Passage in New Jersey"

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New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie scored a political win Monday with the passage of bills overhauling the state's bail system. It was a bipartisan victory years in the making that came as the Republican governor has begun to emerge from a challenging time.

The Democrat-led Assembly returned to Trenton from summer break to pass legislation that will have voters decide in November whether to amend the state Constitution to deny bail to defendants seen as a threat to public safety. The bill passed 60-0, with eight abstentions.

A companion piece of legislation would allow low-level offenders who can't afford bail to avoid jail if a pretrial program determines they aren't a safety or flight risk. It passed 53-7 with nine abstentions.

"This is what good, bipartisan public policy looks like, and I look forward to signing these reforms into law and working to ensure passage of the constitutional amendment this fall," Mr. Christie said in a statement after the Assembly votes.

administration promoted the win Monday through social media, and the victory helps Mr. Christie regain his footing as a bipartisan policy maker after months of distractions, political analysts said.

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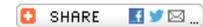
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