



## Throwback Thursday: Taking On The Entitlement Challenge Since The First Days In Office

*Five Years Ago This Week, The Legislature Stood With Governor Christie To Take The First Steps Towards Necessary Reforms To A Broken System*

On March 22, 2010, Governor Christie signed legislation marking a “necessary first step” to reform the public pension and health benefits system. The legislation included requiring contributions toward health care benefits by public employees, initial pension system changes and caps of sick payouts.

[Gov. Christie: Today Is A Great Day For The Taxpayers Of New Jersey](#)



On June 28, 2011 Governor Christie signed into law landmark, bipartisan pension and health benefit reform, saving New Jersey taxpayers \$120 billion over 30 years. The fundamental reforms shook up New Jersey's out-of-date and increasingly expensive pension and health benefit systems and served as an important next step to bring fiscal solvency to the system.

[Gov. Christie Signs Bipartisan Pension and Health Benefits Reform Bill](#)



In the Summer of 2014, Governor Christie took his call for reform on the road with the “No Pain. No Gain” tour across the State. He explained that more reforms are necessary: “the facts are pretty simple...this pension will go bankrupt if we don’t make significant changes to it.”

### [Gov. Christie: This Pension Will Go Bankrupt If We Don’t Do Something](#)



On August 1, 2014, Governor Christie created the Study Commission to address New Jersey’s unfunded liabilities crisis. He tasked the non-partisan commission with thinking big and being bold to solving this problem once and for all.

### [Gov. Christie: We Can't Tax Our Way Out Of It](#)



On February 24, 2015, the Governor called upon the legislature and labor unions across New Jersey to embrace the reforms proposed by the independent Commission in order to bring fiscal health to the system and take politics out of these systems altogether.

[Gov. Christie: We Don't Need Any Court To Tell Us We Have A Serious Problem](#)



The next steps are in the hands of the Legislature and unions to be a part of the solution and see this problem through to resolution for all New Jersey taxpayers.