

Would Christie's school aid

The savings would be substantial in several tri-county communities, including 17 where the average

Yet, most New Jersey residents agree that property tax reform is sorely needed.

Last year, more than 13,000 New Jersey property taxpayers signed a Gannett New Jersey petition calling on lawmakers and the governor to cut the state's highest-in-the-nation property taxes.

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Under pressure to act, some Republicans in the Legislature said they will support Christie's proposal.

Assemblyman Sean Kean, R-Monmouth, said the Fairness Formula represented a "step in the right direction."

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