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## Christie is a key figure in legislative campaigns



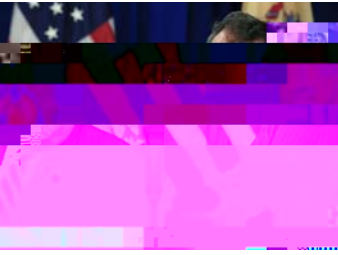
*Gov. Christie's "popularity bodes well for Republicans," said Bill Layton, Burlco's GOP chairman. (MEL EVANS / AP)*

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TRENTON - All 120 state legislative seats are up for election in November, but the outcome may owe much to one person: Gov. Christie.

Republicans, trying to make inroads in the Democratic-controlled Legislature, will align themselves as closely as possible with the popular governor and hope they can ride his coattails to victory, political strategists and observers say.



**GALLERY: Gov. Christie's**  
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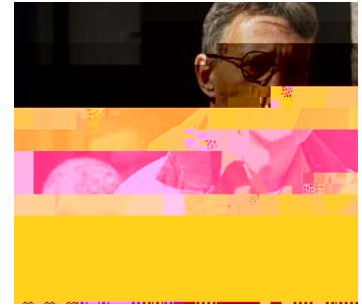
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