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2025/26 Budget Summary

Senate Bill 160 PN 1258 As Amended

Big Picture

- The total state General Fund spend is \$50.09 billion, which is a \$2.27 billion or 4.7% increase over 2024/25 (revised).
- No new revenue sources.
- The projected 2025/26 General Fund ending balance is \$200 million.
 - This budget does not dip into the Rainy Day Fund, which has a current balance of \$7.5 billion.

Invests in Education at Every Level

- **K-12 Education**
 - Fully funds the second installment (\$565 million increase) of adequacy and tax equity payments to meet our constitutional obligation to public schools.
 - \$105 million or 1.3% increase for Basic Education Funding.
 - \$40 million or 2.7% increase for Special Education Funding.
 - \$28.5 million or 6.7% increase for Early Intervention (3–5-year olds).
 - \$178 million or 14.6% in estimated savings to school districts from cyber charter funding reform.
 - \$100 million in cyber charter transition is eliminated.
 - \$125 million for school facilities, with no less than \$25 million set aside for Solar for Schools.
 - \$100 million for school safety and mental health grants.
 - \$9.5 million more for Pre-K Counts, which will be used to increase the per-student reimbursement rate for full-time students from \$10,500 to \$10,748, or 2.36%.
 - \$5 million or 7.1% increase for the Public Library Subsidy.
 - \$50 million increase in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, which is all directed toward the supplemental scholarship for students attending economically disadvantaged schools.
- **Higher Education**
 - PHEAA – maintains the \$5,750 maximum state grant amount.
 - Student teacher stipend is level-funded at \$30 million (for the first year of implementation, the mid-year 2023/24 allocation was added to the 2024/25 amount).
 - Level funding for PASSHE and community colleges.
 - Level funding for Penn State, Pitt, and Temple.
 - 5% increase for Thaddeus Stevens, Pennsylvania College of Technology, and Lincoln University.
 - \$57.5 million total between 24/25 and 25/26 for the Grow PA scholarships launched this year.

Helps More Pennsylvanians Access Quality, Affordable Health Care

- **Health and Human Services**
 - \$747 million or 8% increase for the MA Managed Care program.
 - Includes \$21 million for Direct Care Workers (DCW) that provide personal care services in the participant-directed model.
 - Includes increased funding for the rate increases for participating managed care plans in the MA managed care program.
 - Makes no changes to the current program.
 - \$154.4 million or 6.1% increase for Intellectual Disabilities – Community Waiver Program.
 - Maintains 2024/25 rate increases and waiver spots that were added.
 - \$10.7 million or 3.7% increase in PENNCARE which provides funding for the Local Area Agencies on Aging.
 - \$13.2 million or 7.1% increase for Early Intervention program (children 0 to 3 years old).
 - Includes \$10 million to increase provider rates.

- \$25 million for Child Care Worker Retention and Recruitment. **[NEW]**
 - This funding is for the Child Care Retention and Recruitment initiative proposed by the Governor which will provide support for our child care workforce.
- \$5 million for Neurodegenerative Disease Research to provide grants to qualifying institutions researching neurodegenerative diseases. **[NEW]**
- \$470,000 or 2.1% increase for the Domestic Violence program.
- \$250,000 or 2.1% increase for the Rape Crisis program.

Creates a Safe and Healthy Environment for All Pennsylvanians

- **Conservation and Natural Resources**
 - Agency's main appropriations receive funding from both the General Fund and Oil Gas Lease Fund:
 - \$56.8 million or 5.6% increase for General Government Operations.
 - \$103.3 million 3.1% decrease for State Park Operations.
 - \$77.7 million 0.85% decrease for State Forest Operations.
- **Environmental Protection**
 - \$31.9 million or 6% increase for General Government Operations.
 - \$45.4 million or 7% increase for Environmental Program Management.
 - \$5.8 million or 59.7% increase for Chesapeake Bay Agricultural Source Abatement.
 - \$134.6 million 7% increase for Environmental Protection Operations.
 - Water Commissions are level funded.
- **Transportation**
 - \$650 million (\$20 million or 3.2% increase) for Highway Safety and Improvement.
 - \$1.18 billion (\$41.2 million or 3.6% increase) for Highway Maintenance.
 - \$274.5 million (\$43.48 million or 18.8% increase) for Safety Administration and Licensing.
 - \$45 million (\$5 million or 12.5% increase) for Municipal Traffic Signals.

Makes Pennsylvania a Leader in Economic Development, Job Creation, and Innovation

- **Community and Economic Development**
 - \$8.856 million for BusinessPA. **[NEW]**
 - \$1.32 million for Marketing to Attract Business.
 - \$38 million for Pennsylvania First.
 - \$3 million for Foundations In Industry.
 - \$265,000 or 5% increase for the Center for Local Government Services.
 - \$576,000 or 14.2% increase for the Office of Open Records.
 - \$17 million for the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund.
 - \$20 million for Main Street Matters.
 - \$20 million for Historically Disadvantaged Businesses.
 - \$10.88 million for Partners for Regional Economic Performance.
 - \$2.5 million for American250PA.
 - \$20.358 million for PA Sites Debt Services.
- **Executive Offices**
 - \$1.18 million or 12.6% for Council on the Arts.
- **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission**
 - \$1.1 million or 4.7% increase for General Government Operations.
 - Cultural and Historical Support grants flat funded at \$4 million.

Grows Pennsylvania's Ag Industry by Addressing the Challenges Our Farmers Face

- \$10 million continued investment for Agricultural Innovation Development.
- \$11 million for Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission.



Combats Food Insecurity

- **Food Insecurity**
 - \$9.57 million (\$7 million or 271% increase) for Farmers Market Coupons.
 - \$30.688 million (\$4 million or 15% increase) for State Food Purchase Program.
 - \$3 million for the core State Food Purchase Program.
 - \$1 million for PA Agricultural Surplus System (PASS).

Supports our Veterans

- **Military and Veterans' Affairs**
 - \$2.4 million or 6.6% increase for General Government Operations.
 - \$14.7 million or 9.1% decrease in State funding for State Veterans Homes.
 - \$31.8 million or 52.9% increase in federal funding for State Veterans Homes operations and maintenance.
 - \$1 million or 7.4% increase for the Educational Assistance Program Fund.
 - \$402,000 or 9.6% increase for the Paralyzed Veterans Pension.

Invests in the Safety of Communities and the Public

- **State Police**
 - \$58.4 million or 4.1% combined net increase across the General Fund and the Motor License Fund.
 - \$69.3 million or 5.2% increase for General Government Operations.
 - Total State Police Motor License Fund expenditures remained at \$250 million, the same as 2024/25.
- **Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)**
 - \$715,000 or 4.8% increase for General Government Operations.
 - \$1.2 million negative supplemental appropriation for the 2024/25 fiscal year.
 - \$150,000 or 3.3% increase for The Office of the State Fire Commissioner.
 - \$1.2 million supplemental appropriation for the 2024/25 fiscal year.
 - \$5 million for State Disaster Assistance.
 - \$6 million for Urban Search and Rescue.
- **Fire Protection**
 - \$7 million (\$2 million or 40% increase) for Capitol Fire Protection within DGS.
- **Corrections**
 - \$82.5 million or 2.6% increase for Department of Corrections.
 - \$1.03 million or 2.5% increase in General Government Operations from 2024/25.
 - \$1.3 million or 0.3% decrease in Medical Care from 2024/25.
 - \$74.4 million or 3.0% increase for State Correctional Institutions.
 - \$590,000 or 7.3% increase for the Sexual Offenders Assessment Board.
- **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)**
 - \$948,000 or 3.9% increase for General Government Operations.
 - \$62.2 million in State funds for Violence Intervention and Prevention.
 - \$7.5 million for Indigent Defense.
 - \$10 million for Nonprofit Security Grant Fund.
 - \$20.7 million for School Safety and Security Fund – Targeted Grants.
- **Attorney General**
 - \$7.4 million or 5.0% increase for the Office of Attorney General.
 - \$3.9 million or 7.1% increase for General Government Operations.
 - \$750,000 or 75% increase for Human Trafficking Enforcement and Prevention.
- **Judiciary**
 - \$17.8 million or 4.1% increase for the Judiciary.

