



Jordan A. Harris, Majority Chairman 2026/27 Budget Summary House Bill 2400 with A04172

Big Picture

- State General Fund budget of \$50.84 billion, \$1.82 billion or 3.7% increase over revised 2025/26
- Does not transfer funds from the Rainy Day Fund – current balance of \$7.74 billion
- Balances the budget without any new taxes

Invests in Education at Every Level

- Child Care
 - \$1.5 billion total, a \$50 million or 3.3% increase, for County Child Welfare
 - \$422.5 million total is maintained for the subsidized child care program¹
 - \$30 million total, a \$5 million or 20.0% increase, for Child Care Recruitment and Retention Program
 - Increases grants to \$540 per eligible child care worker
- Pre-Kindergarten
 - \$330.5 million total, a \$3.8 million or 1.1% increase, for Pre-K Counts to increase the per-student reimbursement rate
 - \$494.5 million total, a \$41.2 million or 9.1% increase, for Early Intervention (ages 0-3)
- K-12 Education
 - \$565 million to provide the third installment of adequacy and equity funding
 - \$8.3 billion total, a \$50 million increase in Basic Education Funding distributed through the fair funding formula
 - \$1.5 billion total, a \$50 million increase in Special Education Funding distributed through the special education fair funding formula
 - \$154 million total, a \$10 million or 6.9% increase, for Career and Technical Education
- Higher Education
 - Increased funding for PHEAA programs:
 - \$419 million total, a \$5.9 million or 1.4% increase, for PHEAA's flagship state grant program, which will support increasing the maximum state grant from \$5,750 to \$6,000
 - Fully funds the student teacher stipend program based upon projected need (\$40 million)
 - \$42.5 million total, a \$10 million or 31% increase, for Grow PA Scholarships
 - Increased funding for state-related universities:
 - \$10 million for the new Performance Based Funding model for Pennsylvania State University, University of Pittsburgh, and Temple University
 - New \$500,000 appropriation for Temple University for its near degree completion program
 - \$1.1 million or 5% increase for Lincoln University
 - Increased funding for PASSHE:
 - \$5 million increase in aid due to expiring earmark
 - \$78 million in prior year funding for facility transition costs

Helps More Pennsylvanians Access Quality, Affordable Health Care

- Health Programs:

¹ 298.1 million for Child Care Services and \$124.4 million, \$1.1 million or 0.9% increase, for Child Care Assistance.

- Maintains \$14.8 million for disease screening and treatment programs
- Maintains \$12.5 million for certain diseases-specific appropriations
- Maintains \$5.2 million for maternal health programming
- Maintains \$5 million for neurodegenerative disease research
- Medical Assistance (MA) Program:
 - \$9.4 billion, a \$615.2 million or 7% increase, for MA managed care program²
 - \$2.8 billion, a \$76.8 million or 2.8% increase, for the Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Community Waiver Program
 - Includes 1,250 additional waiver spots (400 consolidated and 850 community living)
 - \$790.2 million, a \$78.2 million or 11.0% increase, for MA Fee-for-Service Program
 - Includes \$900,000 for the MA Reentry Program
 - \$182 million for Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) Program
 - \$52 million is maintained for MA payments to hospitals
 - When matched with federal funds, payments total \$127 million
- Mental Health Programs:
 - \$979.8 million, a \$41.2 million or 4.4% increase, for mental health services.
 - Includes funding for:
 - \$10 million for the 988 crisis line
 - Crisis stabilization walk-in centers
- Human Services Programs:
 - \$98.6 million, a \$5.6 million or 6.1% increase, for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
 - \$24.2 million, a \$12 million or 98.6% increase, for Rape Crisis program
 - \$7 million for DHS to transition to Chip-enabled cards for SNAP
 - \$5.2 million, \$450,000 or 9.6% increase, for Blind and Visual Services
 - \$4 million for the statewide provider
 - \$200,000 for the provider servicing Philadelphia
 - \$250,000 for the provider servicing Allegheny
- Aging Programs
 - \$155 million, a \$5 million or 3.3% increase, for the transfer to the PACE and PACENET programs
 - \$19.9 million, a \$2.4 million or 13.6% increase, for the Department of Aging's General Government Operations
 - \$4 million, a \$1 million or 33.9% increase, for Aging Our Way, PA
 - Includes \$3.5 million for a 3.9% rate increase to LIFE Program providers.
 - The Budget Neutrality Factor (BAF), used in the nursing home rate development, was renewed for 2 years. Effective January 1, 2027, funding is included for this factor to be set at not less than 0.86 for nonpublic nursing homes.

Creates a Safe and Healthy Environment for All Pennsylvanians

- Conservation and Natural Resources
 - Combined General Fund (GF) and Oil & Gas Lease Fund (OGLF) utilization for major appropriations:
 - \$59.15 million, a \$6.73 million or 12.84% increase, for General Government Operations
 - \$82.57 million, a \$21.43 million or 35.06% increase, for State Forests Operations
 - \$104.62 million, a \$21.39 million or 25.7% increase, for State Parks Operations
- Environmental Protection
 - \$47.56 million, a \$2.08 million or 4.6% increase, for Environmental Program Management

² \$3.5 billion, \$484.7 million or 16.1% increase, for MA Capitation and \$5.9 billion, \$130.5 million or 2.3% increase, for MA Community HealthChoices.



- \$136.8 million, a \$2.1 million or \$1.6% increase, for Environmental Protection Operations
- \$6.2 million, a \$345,000 or 5.9% increase, for Chesapeake Bay Agricultural Source Abatement
- New \$20 million supplemental appropriation for Transfer to Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund
- Transportation
 - Funding provided within the Motor License Fund
 - \$950 million, a \$300 million or 46% increase, for Highway and Safety Improvement
 - \$1.07 billion, a \$116.5 million or 9.8% reduction, for Highway Maintenance

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

- Community and Economic Development
 - \$35.735 million, a \$15.377 million or 75% increase, for PA SITES Debt Service
 - \$23.75 million, a \$3.75 million or 18.8% increase, for Historically Disadvantaged Business Assistance
 - \$9.051 million, a \$195,000 or 2.2% increase, for BusinessPA
 - \$38 million for Pennsylvania First
 - \$20 million for Main Street Matters
 - \$17 million for the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund
 - \$10.88 million for Partners for Regional Economic Performance
 - \$3 million for Foundations In Industry
 - \$1.32 million for Marketing to Attract Business
- Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
 - \$349,000 or 1.4% increase for General Government Operations (\$25.7 million total)
 - Culture and Historical Support grants flat funded at \$4 million

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

- New \$10 million supplemental appropriation for Fruit Grower Disaster Support
- Maintains \$10 million appropriation for Agricultural Innovation Development

Combats Food Insecurity

- Maintains \$9.579 million for Farmers' Market Food Coupons
 - same as 25/26, however the appropriation was increased by \$7 million or 271.4% in 25/26
- Maintains \$30.688 million for State Food Purchase Program,
 - same as 25/26, however the appropriation was increased by \$4 million or 19.33% in 25/26

Supports our Veterans

- Military and Veterans' Affairs
 - \$1.4 million or 3.7% increase for General Government Operations (\$40.4 million total)
 - \$17.3 million or 11.8% decrease in State Funding for State Veteran Homes (\$129.6 million total)
 - \$32 million or 34.8% increase in federal funding for State Veterans Homes operations and maintenance (\$124 million total)
 - \$80,000 or 3.2% increase for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program (\$2.6 million total)
 - \$25,000 or 6.3% increase for the Education of Veterans Children fund (\$425,000 total)
 - \$465,000 or 10.2% increase for the Paralyzed Veterans Pension (\$5.0 million total)

Invests in the Safety of Communities and the Public

- State Police
 - \$78.4 million or 5.3% combined net increase across the General Fund and the Motor License Fund (\$1.57 billion total)
 - \$73.9 million or 5.3% increase for General Government Operations (\$1.47 billion total)



- Total State Police Motor License Fund expenditures increased to \$375 million from \$250 million
- Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)
 - \$16.3 million, \$773,000 or 5.0% increase, for General Government Operations
 - \$500,000, \$150,000 or 42.9% increase, for Red Cross Extended Care Program
 - Increases the dollar amount of loans available to fire and emergency management services companies used for facilities and equipment.
 - Allows PEMA to use \$1 million in available funding for state disaster preparedness and emergency management activities.
- Fire Protection
 - \$4.8 million, \$26,000 or 0.5% increase, for Office of the State Fire Commissioner General Government Operations
 - Maintains \$7 million appropriation for Capitol Fire Protection within DGS
- Corrections
 - \$33.8 million or 1.0% increase in State funding for Department of Corrections (\$3.27 billion total)
 - \$856,000 or 2.0% increase in State funding for General Government Operations (\$42.6 million total)
 - \$17.5 million or 4.3% increase in Medical Care (\$426.6 million total)
 - \$18.8 million or 0.7% increase for State Correctional Institutions (\$2.52 billion total)
 - \$189,000 or 4.7% increase for the Office of Victims Advocate (\$4.2 million total)
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)
 - \$62.2 million in State funds for Violence Intervention and Prevention
 - \$11.5 million for BOOST
 - **[NEW]** \$2.5 million for Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods (VICTIM) program
 - \$7.5 million for Indigent Defense
 - \$10 million for Nonprofit Security Grant Fund
 - \$2 million for the PA Prison Society
 - \$600,000 to facilitate visits to State correctional institutions for families of incarcerated individuals
 - \$20.7 million for School Safety and Security Fund – Targeted Grants
- Attorney General
 - \$19.5 million or 12.9% State funding increase for the Office of Attorney General (\$170.8 million total)
 - \$1.1 million or 1.9% increase for General Government Operations (\$58.9 million total)
 - Includes \$35,000 to develop and implement training for law enforcement officers who respond to internet-facilitated crimes against children
 - \$398,000 or 2.8% increase for Joint Local-State Firearm Task Force (\$14.4 million total)
 - \$703,000 or 9.8% increase for Child Predator Interception Unit (\$7.9 million total)
 - \$627,000 or 35.8% increase for Human Trafficking Enforcement and Prevention (\$2.4 million total)
 - \$15.2 million Supplemental Law Enforcement Support appropriation
- Judiciary
 - \$38 million or 8.2% State funding increase for the Judiciary (\$500.3 million total)
 - \$8.9 million supplemental appropriation for 2025-26 (\$462.3 million total) for cyber security hardware and software enhancements and to reconcile health care claims

