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Comparing How the Gov. Wolf and Republican (HB 1192) Budget Proposals Would Impact Pennsylvania

After four years of austerity budgets that made deep cuts to public services, public schools are struggling, property taxes are rising, and Pennsylvania remains near the bottom of state rankings in job growth since 2011. Gov. Wolf has proposed a budget that reinvests in our future by restoring funding for education from pre-K to college and delivering property tax relief to homeowners through increases in the sales and personal income taxes and a severance tax on gas drillers. The Republican majority in the General Assembly has countered with a budget that funds a much more modest increase in education spending with one-time transfers and doesn't deliver any property tax relief.

Education Funding

	Wolf	Republican
New School Funding ¹	\$507 million	\$8 million
New Pre-K slots ²	14,000	3,500

Property Tax Relief

	Wolf	Republican
Property Tax Relief for the Typical Homeowner	\$968	\$0

A Minimum Wage of \$10.10

	Wolf	Republican
Number of workers that would get a raise in the state	1.27 million	0

Drilling Tax

	Wolf	Republican
District drilling tax revenue	\$1.08 billion	\$0

Human Services Funding

	Wolf	Republican
New human services funding ³	\$498,667	\$0
New mental health services funding	\$18.9 million	\$0

Higher Education Funding

	Wolf	Republican
Community colleges	\$15 million	\$6.5 million
State system universities	\$44 million	\$12.4 million
State-related universities	\$83 million	\$17.4 million

To See How the Gov. Wolf and Republican Budget Proposals Would Affect Your Local Community, Check Out the Details for State Senate and State House Districts:

www.pennbpc.org/RepublicanBudget1516

Notes.

¹Basic and special education funding combined. The total new education funding under HB1192 is \$8 million, reflecting the impact of \$112 million in spending reductions for Social Security and pensions.

²The Wolf administration estimates \$100 million in new funding would create 14,000 new Pre-k slots (\$7,143 a pre-k slot). We used this figure to estimate that \$25 million under HB 1192 yield 3,500 new Pre-k slots.

³Human services is defined here as the sum of the funding increase for the Human Services Development Fund and homeless assistance.

⁴For additional detail on sources and methods see <https://goo.gl/nN8BJP>