

# 2019-20 General Fund Budget House Appropriations Analysis

- The budget spends \$33.997 billion budget for FY 2019-20.
- That is an increase of \$596 million or 1.8%.
- There are no new taxes or fees in this budget.
- The budget is \$149 million less than Governor Wolf's February budget proposal.

## Saving For the Future

- This budget takes a historic step by committing 100% of the General Fund balance at the end of June 2019, which is estimated to be at least \$250 million, to be transferred into the state's Rainy Day Fund.
- The Rainy Day Fund is essentially the state's savings account and is utilized when the economy hits a downturn and revenue collections are weak. By saving money, this budget protects taxpayers from future tax increases.

## PreK-12 Education

- PreK-12 education would increase by \$432 million.
- \$160 million more for Basic Education Funding.
- This budget rolls School Social Security payments into the Basic Education Funding line-item. Each school district will still get the same payment as they would if Social Security was a separate line-item.
- \$50 million more for Special Education
- \$25 million more for PreK Counts
- \$25 million more for EITC
- School Safety grants are being funded at \$60 million. \$45 million is coming from General Fund revenues and \$15 million is from the courts.
- Public Library Subsidy is getting a \$5 million bump.

## Career and Technical Education

- Building on the career and tech education legislative package passed by the House, this budget adds \$10 million. \$7 million will be added to the career and technical education line item and \$3 million will be added to the equipment grants line item.
- This budget adds \$4 million for Thaddeus Stevens and \$4 million for Penn College of Technology. These schools have demonstrated success in placing students into family sustaining careers.

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## Higher Education

- Penn State, Pitt, Temple, and Lincoln are all receiving a 2% increase. Penn State Ag Extension and the University of Penns Veterinary School are receiving a 2% increase.
- Community Colleges are getting a 2% increase.
- The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is getting an increase of \$9.3 million or 2%.

## Health

- Restores funding for all disease line-items that the governor had proposed to eliminate.

## Human Services

- There is an additional \$26.3 million for Mental Health Services which includes funds to provide home and community-based services for 45 individuals currently residing in state hospitals.
- Intellectual Disabilities-Community Waiver Program is receiving an additional \$84.8 million including funds to provide home and community-based care for 865 individuals currently on the emergency waiting list.
- The budget includes \$16 million for the MDOI payment to nursing homes.
- We are investing \$12 million for a 2% increase effective January 2020 for homecare workers who care for seniors and those with physical disabilities.
- There is \$1.5 million for the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency under Executive Offices to provide naloxone to first responders.
- Early Intervention includes \$5 million for a 3% increase in Infant Toddler service rates.

## Debt Service

- General Obligation debt service is proposed to increase by \$26 million in FY 2019-20.

## State Police

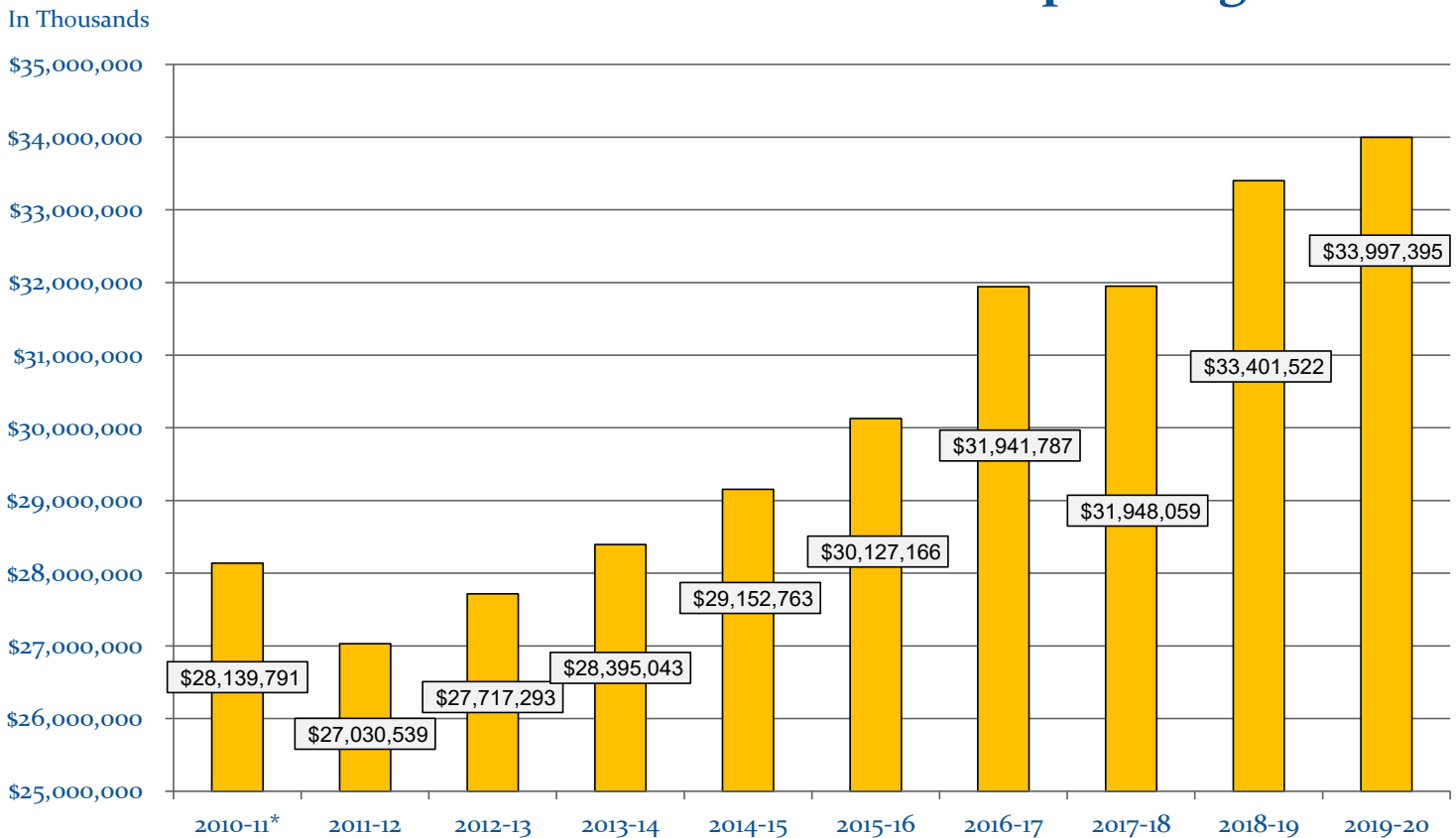
- The budget does not rely on the governor's proposal to create a fee per person from every municipality that is currently exclusively covered by the State Police.
- Instead, the budget adds \$97 million in the General Fund for State Police. The amount of funding for State Police from the Motor License Fund will be lowered. The General Fund amount is increasing to absorb this reduction in the Motor License Fund.
- The budget has \$9.7 million for three new classes of cadets.

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## Department of Agriculture

- This budget makes a big investment in Agriculture. This is to couple with a legislative package that was voted on recently.
- All of the governor’s proposed cuts to Agriculture were restored.
- There are two new line items.
  - \$1 million for Livestock and Consumer Protection
  - \$2 million for Animal Health and Diagnostics Commission.
- There is a new line-item of Agriculture Business and Workforce Investment at \$4.5 million.
- In total Agriculture is seeing a \$19.5 million or 12.8% increase.

## 10-Year General Fund State Spending



\*Federal Stimulus Money Used

Source: House Republican Appropriations Committee  
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## FY 19-20 General Fund Spending \$33.997 Billion

