



2025/26 Budget

Senate Bill 160 Printer's Number 529 (As Amended)

Summary

Big Picture

- The total state General Fund spend is \$50.25 billion, which is a \$2.4 billion or 5.1% increase over 2024/25 (revised).
- No revenue changes.

Highlighted Investments

- 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 increase for Basic Education Funding.
 - \$40 million increase for Special Education Funding.
 - \$28.5 million or 7.1% increase for Early Intervention (3-5 year olds).
 - \$175 million in estimated savings to school districts from cyber charter funding reform.
 - \$100 million in cyber charter transition is eliminated.
 - \$125 million for school facilities.
 - \$100 million for school safety and mental health grants.
 - \$9.5 million increase for Pre-K Counts.
 - \$5 million increase for the Public Library Subsidy.
- Higher Education
 - PHEAA – maintains the \$5,750 maximum state grant amount.
 - Student teacher stipend is level-funded at \$30 million.
 - \$40 million or 6.5% increase for PASSHE (PASSHE can revisit 3.6% tuition increase for 25/26).
- Health and Human Services
 - \$765 million increase for MA Managed Care.
 - 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.
 - \$20.7 in increased funding for the Local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).
 - Eliminates the need to limit access to programs and services that many seniors depend on, like senior centers, home delivered meals, and home care services.
 - \$50 million for Child Care Worker Retention and Recruitment.
 - This funding is for the Child Care Retention and Recruitment initiative proposed by the Governor which will provide support for our child care workforce.
 - \$10 million to increase provider rates in the Early Intervention program (children 0 to 3 years old).
 - \$5 million for Neurodegenerative Disease Research to provide grants to qualifying institutions researching neurodegenerative diseases.
 - \$12.5 million (\$550,000 increase) for the Rape Crisis program.
- Food Insecurity
 - \$9.57 million (\$7 million increase) for Farmers Market Coupons.
 - \$30.688 million (\$4 million increase) for State Food Purchase Program.
- Fire Protection
 - \$7 million (\$2 million increase) for Capitol Fire Protection within DGS.