

Don't Balance the Budget on the Backs of Our Veterans AND Our Communities!

Budget Cuts Proposed by State Senate Leadership

In SB 850 and Similar Amendments to HB 1416

Veterans Homes

Senate leadership proposals would:

- ✗ Cut \$7.6 million from veterans' homes, and subsequently \$5.9 million in matching federal funds.
- ✗ Eliminate 140 DMVA positions.
- ✗ Result in the closure of up to 400 beds.

Number of veterans served by the DMVA:

- ✗ The Office for Veterans Affairs provides advice and assistance to 1.1 million veterans and their families in Pennsylvania.
- ✗ The Pa State Veteran Home System provides Pennsylvania veterans access to 6 extended care facilities throughout the state. The care provided includes personal care, skilled nursing care, domiciliary care, and dementia care.

The Budget Impasse has Already had an Impact:

- ✗ Due to the budget impasse, state veterans' homes stopped taking new admissions on June 30. *An estimated 50 veterans have been turned away due to the budget impasse.*

Impact on Other Pennsylvanians:

Senate Leadership Proposals would:

- ✗ Cut \$728 million from public education
- ✗ Cut grants for blind, disabled, and older people in personal care homes by \$28 million
- ✗ Cut Funds for abused children by \$10 million.
- ✗ Leave 4,200 more kids without health insurance
- ✗ Expel 2,810 children from Head Start programs
- ✗ Cut \$5 million in funding for hospital obstetric and neonatal units
- ✗ Cut loan forgiveness programs for nurses.
- ✗ Reduce funding in the Department of Public Welfare by 3%. (In many DPW programs, state funds draw down matching federal funds, so cuts will likely have a greater impact.)



We need our Senators and Representatives to Pass a Budget NOW that Fully Funds State Services!



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