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**New state budget has few bright spots**

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives approved the state’s $28.4 billion budget plan in record time on Friday, after months of contentious debate. The plan will provide some funding increases and save billions in tax cuts, but it will also maintain the business tax that has been a focus of resistance from the business community.

**Lack of economic development initiatives**

The state budget offers few opportunities for addressing pending economic development downturns like the lack of economic development initiatives and the spending plan does little to change dismal unemployment and economic development numbers.

**Dismal school funding**

The budget also continues underfunding of local school districts. Only nine states provide the state funding needed to maintain a “thorough and efficient” education system that puts the fiscal burden on the backs of property taxpayers. This is unfair to homeowners and will continue to strain the state’s general revenue fund.

**Missed Opportunities**

**MEDICAID EXPANSION**

Rep. Bizzarro says that Gov. Corbett and his colleagues continue to balk at expanding Medicaid, even though more than half of the states — including many Republican-governed states — have done so in order to avoid the potential costs of uncompensated care. One day after the budget was signed, a provision that would have expanded Medicaid was removed from the bill. This will harm Pennsylvania and many families in Erie County.

**HEALTH**

A plan to adequately and fairly fund Pennsylvania’s vital health programs, which include programs for older state residents, was destroyed despite bipartisan support for it. This will hurt Pennsylvanians and our state’s seniors.

**STATE POLICE**

A plan to tie passage of the budget to privatization of the liquor system, and not the outright sale of a proven revenue producer. Pennsylvania’s liquor stores provided a record $560 million to state coffers and local entities in the last fiscal year, but Gov. Corbett said, “We can modernize the sale of spirits without destroying an important state asset whose components include hundreds of small businesses.”

**LOTTERY PRIVATIZATION**

A last-minute effort by the governor to tie passage of the budget to privatization of the Pennsylvania Lottery fell through.

**Veterans’ Corner**

Pennsylvania vehicle owners can show their support of veterans with the “Honoring Our Veterans” license plate, which is available for a $5 fee. The one-time purchase of the license plate will have to pay $3.5 million in consultant fees linked to the privatization effort, but the money that could have benefited our veterans.

**Bright spots**

**HEALTH:**

The budget restores funding for diseases programs, biotechnology research, epilepsy support services, lupus care, autism, and the state’s clean energy initiatives, including solar, wind, and geothermal. It also allocates $1.5 million to the agency that funds the state’s Street Smart program, which creates awareness of the dangers of drunken driving.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

A plan to adequately and fairly fund Pennsylvania’s transportation infrastructure — our roads and bridges — and mass transit never made it into the general revenue fund, instead passing as a separate spending plan.

**EDUCATION:**

The budget provides more than $50 million in additional funding for senior programs, including:

- $49 million to expand home- and community-based services for 4,528 elderly and disabled Pennsylvanians;
- $2 million in grants to senior centers to modernize facilities and programs; and
- $3 million in enhanced support to Area Agencies on Aging.

**VETS:**

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs today highlighted the success of its Let Them Know program, which provides veterans with a small financial award for each mile driven to visit a loved one in a veterans facility. The program was introduced last December and has already funded more than 1,200 state troopers to become eligible to retire this summer.

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Earlier this year, Rep. Bizzarro helped pass House Bill 159, which, if passed by the Senate, would establish the Pennsylvania First Tax Credit for small businesses. “The measure would provide a $4,000-a-year tax credit to small businesses, including veterans that are currently unemployed,” Rep. Bizzarro said. “The bill is expected to create 12,500 jobs for state veterans who have been out of work for more than six months.”

Please contact your state senator and ask for his support for this important bill.
The budget restores funding for diabetes programs, biotechnology research, and pharmaceutical assistance, caregiver support, shared rides, and local transportation services. This will improve the quality of life for thousands of Pennsylvania residents.

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Upcoming events! Senior Fair

This year’s event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 26, at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Drive, Erie. More than 60 vendors from around the region will be available with information on health, senior citizen benefits, health and fitness routines, and much more.

To help make sure you hear about events that Rep. Bizzarro is sponsoring, please visit www.pahouse.com/Bizzarro to sign up for email updates.

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I am honored that September 2013 has officially been recognized as “Light the Night Walk Month” in September and October, including 12 in Pennsylvania.

In June, the state House of Representatives unanimously approved Rep. Bizzarro’s House Resolution 403 to support spotlight for leukemia and lymphoma research. The resolution urges participants in the Light the Night walk to support this great initiative and encourages you to be a part of a great event.

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