



Review

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Basic Education

Senate Bill 850 (SB 850) eliminates the Governor's proposed \$418 million increase in basic education funding. Instead, SB 850 rolls back state funding to nearly the 2005/06 level and uses \$728.8 million from the Federal Stimulus to pay for basic education. Cutting back the basic education funding to the 2005/06 level may result in a loss of some federal Title 1 funds to Pennsylvania and its school districts. Title 1 funds are based on state funding and a reduction in the state funds could result in a reduction of the federal funds.

The cut in **basic education** funding also could affect the state's ability to compete for some of the \$4.35 billion in federal money available for "Race to the Top" competitive grants. Each winning state could receive several hundred million dollars. These grants are awarded to support states making dramatic progress in education. Pennsylvania is currently in an excellent position to compete for a Race to the Top grant. By reducing funding for basic education, the Commonwealth seriously jeopardizes the ability to compete for this grant.

The Senate plan removes the **Accountability Block Grant, the Educational Assistance Program, and the Basic Education Formula Enhancements** from the basic education subsidy. Their inclusion in the subsidy base was proposed by the governor.

SB 850 eliminates line items such as **Science: It's Elementary, Classrooms for the Future** and **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**.

SB 850 slashes funding to several programs by more than 50 percent including **Teacher Professional Development, Pre-K Counts** and **Public Libraries**.

Higher Education

The Senate's proposed budget bill, as introduced, cuts funding for the **State System of Higher Education** by \$15 million; slashes **PHEAA Grants** to students to levels not seen since 2007; and slashes the Governor's proposed allocation to the state's 14 **community colleges** by \$5 million.

Among the cuts to PHEAA programs is a 15.5 percent cut to the **Agricultural Loan Forgiveness** program and a 23 percent cut in the **Nursing Shortage Initiative**.

Finally, SB 850 eliminates the \$8.6 million for the **Higher Education for the Disadvantaged** program, which supports the college experience for students from underprivileged backgrounds with academic assistance such as tutoring and counseling.

SB 850 also transfers a total of \$7.9 million from the **Higher Education Assistance Fund** to the General Fund to help balance the budget. This means there are less funds available for students from the following funds: Agricultural Loan Forgiveness Restricted

Revenue Account (\$13,000); Institutional Assistance Grants Restricted Revenue Account (\$16,000); Nursing Shortage Initiative Restricted Revenue Account (\$555,000); the Horace Mann Bond Leslie Pinckney Hill Scholarship Restricted Revenue Account (\$6 million); the Cheyney University Keystone Academy Restricted Revenue Account (\$500,000); the SciTech and GI Bill Restricted Revenue Account (\$500,000); and the Technology Work Experience Internship Program Restricted Revenue Account (\$400,000).

Public Welfare/Aging: Medicaid Programs

The Senate retains the governor's proposal to transfer long term care, attendant care, and services for people with disabilities from the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) to the Department of Aging. A number of programs in DPW and the reorganized Department of Aging receive federal Medicaid matching funds and qualify for additional federal reimbursement (FMAP) under ARRA. Consequently, SB 850 reduces the state appropriations for Medical Assistance, mental retardation, mental health, and programs serving individuals with physical disabilities by approximately \$1.8 billion to account for the shifting of expenditures to the federal government pursuant to the enhanced ARRA FMAP.

However, SB 850 goes beyond simply shifting expenditures to the federal government and actually makes significant cuts to Medical Assistance and disability programs as summarized below.

Medical Assistance -- Managed Care

- No Smart Pharmacy initiative (i.e, no pharmacy carveout from managed care)
- Imposes an assessment that places a six percent sales tax on the premiums of MA-only managed care organizations (MCOs), effective October 1, 2009 (i.e. Michigan plan)
 - The Governor proposes a two percent assessment on all MCOs to replace the current 5.5% MA only assessment that expires after Sept 30, 2009
- Eliminates pay-for-performance payments to managed care plans (\$102 million total funds; \$48 million Pre-ARRA state funds)

Medical Assistance -- Hospitals

- Eliminates the following hospital supplemental payments (\$95.7 million state funds, \$207.5 million total funds): **Outpatient Disproportionate Share; Medical Education; and Community Access Funds**
 - The Governor proposes a state cut of \$20 million
- Eliminates payment to **Philadelphia Mercy Hospital** (\$1.5 million state funds, \$3.3 million total funds)

- Eliminates payments for **Obstetric and Neonatal Services** (\$5 million state funds, \$11 million total funds)
- Eliminates payments to **Trauma Centers** (\$12.3 million state funds, \$27.3 million total funds)

Medical Assistance – Nursing Homes and Community Alternatives for Seniors

- Eliminates acuity adjustment when paying nursing homes (\$28.8 million total funds; \$10.5 million Pre-ARRA state funds)
- Eliminates funding to expand the PDA Waiver program to provide home and community-based care to 2,000 additional seniors (\$21.2 million total funds; \$9.6 million Pre-ARRA state funds)
- No increased funding for the LIFE program that serves seniors in the community (\$31 million total funds; \$14 million Pre-ARRA state funds)

MH/MR and other Disability Programs

- No expansion of home- and community-based programs:
 - Eliminates funding to expand **Community MR services- Waiver Programs** to 793 additional individuals with mental retardation (\$23 million total funds; \$11.3 million Pre-ARRA state funds)
 - Eliminates funding to expand **Services to Persons with Disabilities** to 804 additional individuals with severe physical disabilities (\$20.5 million total funds; \$9.3 million Pre-ARR state funds)
 - Eliminates funding to expand **Attendant Care** to 800 additional disabled individuals (\$11.8 million total funds; \$7.2 million Pre-ARRA state funds)
- No expansion of **Autism Services** beyond 2008/09.
- Cuts funding to existing programs:
 - **Behavioral Health Services** is cut by \$13.5 million in state funds (this program receives no federal funds)
 - **Attendant Care (non-waiver program)** is cut by \$15.3 million in state funds (this program receives no federal funds)

Department of Public Welfare: Human Services and Support

SB 850 significantly reduces other funding in the Department of Public Welfare. These reductions will directly affect programs providing services to the Commonwealth's most vulnerable citizens, including seniors, the disabled and chronically ill.

Funding for appropriations relating to general government operations in the Department is significantly reduced from the Governor's proposed amounts. These appropriations include: **General Government Operations, County Administration Statewide,**

County Assistance Offices, New Directions and Information Systems. These appropriations, in particular County Assistance, have been significantly reduced since 2003 and staffing levels directly impact services provided (including benefit management and oversight).

Funding for **Supplemental Grants** is reduced by \$27.7 million or 16 percent compared to the Governor's proposal. This appropriation provides funding to supplement Federal benefits paid to aged, blind and disabled recipients under the Supplemental Security Income program. The Governor's proposal includes an additional \$25.6 million over 2008/09 to address a \$23 million loss in available intergovernmental transfer funds and anticipated caseload demand.

Funding for **County Child Welfare** is reduced an additional \$10 million compared to the Governor's proposal. This appropriation supports county-administered social services programs for children and youth in each of the Commonwealth's 67 counties, as required in the County Code and the Public Welfare Code. The Governor's proposed amount is based on approved county needs-based budgets and special grants focused on moving children toward permanency and reducing reliance on more costly institutional services.

Funding for **Community Based Family Centers** is provided at the current year level less the budgetary freeze. This is \$461,000 less than the Governor's proposal. Through 65 centers in 29 counties, integrated family services are provided in central, community-accessible locations (primarily in educational facilities).

Funding for **Child Care Services** is reduced by nearly \$12 million compared to the Governor's proposal. Subsidized child care is provided to low-income families who need care in order to work or receive training in marketable job skills. Parents pay a portion of the cost of care based on income and family size. This decrease reflects removal of the Governor's proposal to add 2,000 additional children (\$8 million) and provide further enhancements to the Keystone STARS program (\$4 million). The Governor's proposal also accounts for a \$3 million 2008/09 budgetary freeze.

Funding for **Child Care Assistance** is reduced by nearly \$12 million compared to the Governor's proposal. This appropriation provides subsidized child care services to TANF and former TANF families. The Governor's proposal includes an additional \$9 million to provide child care services to an additional 3,397 children in 2009/10, based on caseload estimates. The Governor's proposal also accounts for a \$15 million 2008/09 budgetary freeze.

Funding for **Nurse Family Partnership** is provided at the current year level. This is \$3.8 million less than the Governor's proposal. This appropriation provides intensive and comprehensive home visitation for first-time pregnant teens and young women, starting with prenatal care and continuing through the child's infancy. The program is designed

to serve low income, at-risk pregnant women expecting their first child. The Governor's proposal includes the \$3.8 million additional state dollars relating to a shift of federal TANFBG/CCDFBG funds between this appropriation and the Child Care Assistance appropriation.

Funding is eliminated for the **Legal Services** appropriation. The Department contracts with PA Legal Services to provide legal services (including domestic relations, dependency and child abuse, and housing and homeownership issues) through a network of local, nonprofit agencies. The Governor's proposal includes \$3.2 million for this program, equal to the 2008/09 enacted amount.

Health

No funding is provided for **Health Care Associated Infection** reporting and control, as specified under Act 40 of 2007. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$2.6 million for this purpose.

Funding for **Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening and Treatment** is provided at the current year level less the budgetary freeze. This is \$78,000 less than the Governor's proposal. This appropriation funds STD clinical services at more than 100 locations across the Commonwealth.

No funding is provided for **Rx for PA – Health Equity Strategies**. Under this appropriation, funds are used to reduce health disparities by increasing the number of health professionals equipped to address the needs of racial, ethnic and linguistic minorities. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$200,000 for this purpose.

Funding for the **Primary Health Care Practitioner Program** is cut by two percent or \$87,000 compared to the Governor's proposal. This program promotes the recruitment and retention of primary health care professionals in under-served rural and urban areas of the Commonwealth. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$4.4 million for this purpose, which reflects a budgetary freeze of \$194,000 in 2008/09.

No funding is provided for **Rx for PA – Primary Care Access**. This appropriation supplemented activities under the Primary Health Care Practitioner Program Funds to increase access to primary health care in underserved rural areas through community challenge grants, nurse loan repayment and enhanced loan repayment programs. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$3.2 million for this purpose, which reflects a budgetary freeze of \$350,000 in 2008/09.

Funding for the **Newborn Screening** program is reduced by \$450,000 compared to the Governor's proposal. Per state statute, the Department provides screening services and assures appropriate follow-up services for all newborns with abnormal or inconclusive test results. Act 36 of 2008 expanded the number of diseases for screening and the Governor's proposed budget includes additional funding to comply with the requirements of that act.

Expanded Cervical Cancer Screening is funded at current year level less the budgetary freeze. This is \$32,000 less than the Governor's proposal. This appropriation provides cervical cancer education, screening and treatment services to uninsured women under age 40.

Funding for **Cancer Control Programs** is reduced by \$850,000 or 50 percent compared to the Governor's proposal. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$1.7 million for this purpose, which reflects a \$355,000 decrease from 2008/09. Act 224 of 1980 (and Act 33 of 2006), authorizes the Department to develop and implement a comprehensive cancer control plan for the Commonwealth.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening is funded at the current year level less the budgetary freeze. This is \$71,000 less than the Governor's proposal. Funds provide breast cancer and cervical cancer screening for high-risk women ages 40 to 49 whose family income does not exceed 250 percent of the federal poverty level and who do not have other health insurance coverage for these services. Act 74 of 2005 provides statutory authority for these services.

Funding for **AIDS Programs** is reduced by \$2.5 million or 25 percent compared to the Governor's proposal. Funds are used to develop and implement a multi-dimensional, coordinated strategy to prevent and change high-risk behaviors and provide resources for sustaining behavior and avoiding infection with the HIV virus. Services include community outreach, public awareness, education and intervention projects, and support for seven HIV regional planning coalitions. The Governor's proposal provides \$10 million for this purpose.

Funding for **Maternal and Child Health** programs is cut by \$62,000 or two percent compared to the Governor's proposal. The Department provides a wide array of services to assure mothers and children (in particular those with low income or limited availability of health services) have access services.

Funding for the **Renal Dialysis** program is reduced by \$1.5 million or 22 percent compared to the Governor's proposal. Under the Renal Diseases Act, the Department provides medical, surgical, and pharmaceutical services to individuals with chronic kidney disease who require lifesaving dialysis treatments or kidney transplants. The Governor's proposal includes the additional \$1.5 million to address expected caseload demand for 2009/10.

Funding is eliminated for the following health grant programs, which the Governor's proposal funds at some level: **Arthritis Outreach and Education; Lupus; Epilepsy Support Services; Tourette's syndrome; and Osteoporosis Prevention and Education.**

Department of Agriculture

Funding for the department is \$25.7 million below the 2008/09 level or 21.4%. SB 850 proposes \$9 million or nine percent less for agriculture programs than the Governor's proposal for 2009/10.

SB 850 reduces Agriculture's operating budget by \$3 million (or 10 percent), cutting support for mandated regulatory functions, including food safety and labs. The Senate bill also cuts the **Transfer to State Farm Products Show Fund** by \$705,000 and the **State Food Purchase** program (Food Banks) by \$1 million.

SB 850 cuts state funding for **Payments to Pennsylvania Fairs, Agriculture Research, Agriculture Excellence, Crop Insurance, Future Farmers, Farm-School Nutrition, and farmland preservation administration support.**

In addition, SB 850 **transfers \$4 million from the restricted dog law account** to the General Fund. The balance had been built up over several years and if the transfer occurs the account will be in a deficit in two years or less, which will require the Legislature to vote to raise fees, including dog licenses.

Department of Community and Economic Development

Overall funding for this department is cut from \$723.6 million to \$515.5 million, a decrease of \$208.1 million or 28.8%.

SB 850 eliminates funding for fifteen line items in the DCED budget that would receive funding in the Governor's 2009/10 budget. These programs include: **World Trade PA, Marketing to Attract Film Business, Business Retention and Expansion, Goods Movement and Intermodal Coordination, Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance, Opportunity Grant Program, Keystone Innovation Zones, Infrastructure Development, Shared Municipal Services, New Communities, Community Action Team (CAT), Rural Leadership Training, Community Conservation and Employment, Economic Advancement, and Community and Regional Development.**

SB 850 also significantly reduces funding for several line items in the DCED budget.

Funding for the **Marketing to Attract Tourists** program is reduced by \$5.5 million or 55 percent compared to the Governor's proposal, while **Marketing to Attract Business** is reduced by \$1.3 million or 72 percent. **Tourist Promotion Assistance** funding was further reduced from the Governor's proposal by \$1 million or 10 percent.

The **Housing and Redevelopment Assistance** program also is reduced by \$17 million or 50 percent compared to the Governor's proposal, and the **Accessible Housing** line was also reduced by 50 percent or \$1.1 million.

Other programs in the DCED budget that were reduced by 50 percent or more compared to the Governor's proposal include: **Customized Job Training, Industrial**

Development Assistance, Local Development Districts, Small Business Development Centers, and Industrial Resource Centers.

PENNPORTS funding is also further reduced from the Governor's proposal by \$715,000.

The Senate's proposal also significantly reduces **transfers to the Municipalities Financial Recovery Revolving Fund** (-\$1.5 million), the **Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund** (-\$20 million), and the **Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment Fund** (-\$493,000).

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

SB 850 would cut the Department allocation from \$150.5 million to \$131.4 million.

The Senate's proposed budget bill, as introduced, cuts funding for **State Parks Operations** by \$8.2 million or 14 percent and **State Forests Operations** by \$7.6 million or 31 percent compared to the Governor's proposal. Funding for **Forest Pest Management** is reduced by \$819,000 or 16 percent compared to the Governor's proposal.

The Senate bill transfers \$174 million from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund to the General Fund. This is the same as Governor's proposal. Please note that the new estimates show revenues closer to \$143 million.

In addition, the Senate proposal transfers \$18.3 million from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. The bill specifies that funding allocated to the Department of Education, State System of Higher Education, and the Historical and Museum Commission would be transferred. Other programs under the Keystone Fund would remain funded.

Department of Environmental Protection

SB 850 reduces DEP's overall budget by almost \$50 million or 11 percent, cutting support for mandated regulatory functions, including **Environmental Program Management** and **Environmental Protection Operations**.

SB 850 cuts state funding for **Storm Water Management, Sewage Facilities Planning Grants, Sewage Facilities Enforcement Grants**, and the **Consumer Energy Program**.

Funding for each of the following was reduced by 25 percent or more: **Black Fly Control and Research, West Nile Virus Control**, and **Flood Control Projects**.

Department of Insurance

Funding for the **Children's Health Insurance Program** is provided at the 2008/09 level. The Governor's proposal includes an additional \$7.7 million or nine percent increase to fund anticipated caseloads for 2009/10. The caseload model, based on a

previous three-month growth average, predicts that more than 20,000 additional children may be served in the program during 2009/10.

Funding for repayment of the loan from the **Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund** to the General Fund is eliminated. The Governor's proposal provides \$1 million for this purpose.

Department of Labor and Industry

Funding for **Occupational Disease Payments** is funded at the current year level less the budgetary freeze. This is \$150,000 less than the Governor's proposal. This appropriation funds disability and death payments to beneficiaries for whom the Commonwealth is liable under the Workers Compensation law and Occupational Disease Act. The additional funding in the Governor's proposal reflects the implementation of Act 123 of 2008 that provides enhanced benefits for black lung victims.

Funding for **Entrepreneurial Assistance** is eliminated. Under this appropriation, the Independence Capital Access Network (ICAN) provides grants to small businesses to purchase specialized or adaptive equipment for workers who need such assistance. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$543,000 for this purpose, which reflects a budgetary freeze of \$400,000 in 2008/09.

Funding for the **Supported Employment Program** is cut by 50 percent or \$488,000 compared to the Governor's proposal. This program provides intensive job training at the job site for persons with severe disabilities, which often includes payments for full time job coaches providing individual instructions. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$975,000 for this purpose, which reflects a budgetary freeze of \$50,000 in 2008/09.

Funding for **Training Activities** is eliminated. This appropriation provides grants to supplement Federal funds authorized for adult, dislocated workers and youth programs conducted under the Workforce Investment Act. In 2005/06, under Job Ready PA, nearly \$15 million in funding was provided for employer-driven training developed through industry partnerships. Funding for this component has been carried forward in subsequent years. The Governor's proposal includes \$12.8 million for this appropriation, which reflects a \$4 million decrease from 2008/09.

Funding for the **Assistive Technology** appropriation is eliminated. This appropriation provides funding to the Assistive Technology Lending Library and a loan program for individuals to purchase necessary equipment. The Governor's proposal includes \$1.3 million for this program, equal to the 2008/09 enacted amount.

Funding for **Industry Partnerships** is eliminated. Created under the Job Ready PA initiative in 2005/06, this appropriation provides grants for technical assistance and

other support to seed-fund additional industry partnerships in the Commonwealth. The Governor's proposal includes \$3.6 million for this appropriation, which reflects a \$1.3 million decrease from 2008/09.

Public Safety

At a recent hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Justice Saylor indicated that the Governor's budget presented a \$24 million shortage that equates to funding salaries for 150 active jurists and 11 new judgeships that were created by statute last session. The Senate budget proposal slashes the Judiciary appropriations creating **an additional \$12 million shortfall** - for a total of \$36 million less than the courts say they need to function properly. (Please note that the majority of what the Judiciary indicates it needs for 2009/10 is for salary increases/COLAs for judges.)

Reimbursement to counties for court costs is decreased an additional \$1.3 million by the Senate. Other lines related to criminal justice for the purposes of reimbursements to counties and grants to counties also were cut.

The **Attorney General** has contractual salary and benefit increases (AFSCME) to contend with in 2009/10. The Governor's proposed budget presented significant cuts that could result in the loss of 42 positions. The Senate budget proposal is \$3.9 million less than the Governor's.

SB 850 eliminates funding for **Weed and Seed**.

The Senate budget proposal reduces the **Department of Corrections** by an additional 11.34% cut over the Governor's budget proposal.

SB 850 reduces the Governor's proposed funding \$232 million for Inmate Medical Care by 8.6% or nearly \$20 million. Inmate Medical Care is an essential function of state government, and the costs continue to grow. Pennsylvania's inmate population is aging and services such as kidney dialysis, chemotherapy, and other intensive medical treatment must be provided. The Senate budget proposes \$40 million or 16.5% less than the Governor's proposal of \$47.9 for **Inmate Education and Training**. This appropriation funds programs to help keep inmates from being idle and to help inmates with reentry once sentences expire.

The **State Correctional Institution** line is reduced by \$173 million – an amount identical to the ARRA state fiscal stabilization funds that will replace state funds.

SB 850 cuts state general funds for the **Pennsylvania State Police** but does not make corresponding cuts to the Motor License Fund lines relating to the State Police. The State Police general fund portion of their general government operations appropriation is cut an additional \$12.3 million. The **Law Enforcement Information Technology** under the State Police is cut by \$3 million over the Governor's proposal. This line supports a number of technologies that improve law enforcement operations, including

the Uniform Crime Report system, the CLEAN network, and Megan's Law/Adam Walsh requirements.

The Senate budget proposal cuts funding to **Probation and Parole** by 8.2% or \$10 million over the Governor's budget proposal.

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)

SB 850 cuts general government operations funding for PEMA by \$791,000 beyond the Governor's proposal.

SB 850 eliminates funding for the **Red Cross Extended Care** program. In the current year, \$750,000 was available and the Governor proposed \$493,000 in 2009/10. This line item provides assistance to the Red Cross for its program to help people, following an emergency, such as losing a house in a fire.

Department of Military Affairs (DMVA)

The Senate proposal eliminates the Governor's requested funding for security at Willow Grove and Fort Indiantown Gap (\$1.1 million).

The Senate cuts the following programs under DMVA below the Governor's Request for 2009/10:

- General Government Operations, by 12.3%
- Supplemental Life Insurance Premiums, by 51.9%
- Veterans Homes, by 9.9%
- Education of Veterans Children, by 34.8%

Department of Revenue

SB 850 cuts funding for the Department of Revenue to levels not seen for a decade. Although the Governor proposed \$137.8 million in funding, the Senate proposal would allocate just \$124.9 million. SB 850 eliminates funding for **Technology Modernization and Reorganization**, a move that may prove costly as the current systems become outdated and in need of upgrades.

Revenue Enforcement is cut by 15 percent. With revenues currently down, collecting taxes owed to the state is an investment that more than pays for itself.

Department of State

The Governor's proposal reduces the **Lobbying Disclosure** appropriation line by \$837,000 in 2008/09 to \$700,000 in 2009/10. The Senate bill slashes an additional 37.6% or \$263,000, bringing the Senate funding for Lobbying Disclosure to \$437,000 in 2009/10. This line funds five employees to do the work mandated by Act 124 of 2006, Lobbying Disclosure Act. The act requires that the department receive filings and reports from lobbyists, make this information available to the public, have the

information on a website, produce annual reports and a biennial directory, conduct audits, and provide administrative assistance to the regulating committee.

Governor's Office and Executive Agencies

Funding for the Governor's Office is cut 10 percent, almost \$747,000 below the Governor's request. This is \$1.2 million or 16 percent below available 2008/09 funding. In perspective, Senate appropriations in the bill are reduced 3.8% below the Governor's budget request and 9.8% from available 2008/09 funding.

SB 850 keeps all the program eliminations proposed by the Governor but increases the cut to the **Historical and Museum Commission's** (PHMC) general operating budget.

SB 850 cuts PHMC's administrative and museum maintenance appropriation by an additional \$4.46 million or 18.6% over the Governor's proposal. This number is \$6.28 million or 24.3% below the 2008/09 available fiscal year funding.

SB 850 eliminates funding for the **Latino Affairs Commission, African American Affairs Commission, and Asian Affairs Commission, the Commission for Women and the Council on the Arts**. Funding for **Grants to the Arts** also is eliminated.

SB 850 eliminates the \$360,000 in state funding for the **Motor Voter** program which enables citizens to easily register to vote. Pennsylvania adopted Motor Voter in 1995.

SB 850 reduces the Governor's proposed appropriation of \$11 million by \$1.1 million or 10 percent for the **Homeowners' Emergency Assistance Program** (HEMAP) in the **Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency**. Unless Federal funds are used, both the Governor's and the Senate Republican numbers are inadequate to fund the program for the budget year. If there are inadequate funds in HEMAP, then the program statutorily shuts down, banks may more swiftly foreclose on mortgages and are no longer obligated to notify homeowners about HEMAP.

SB 850 cuts funding from the governor's proposed \$2 million to \$1.5 million for **Pennsylvania Public Television Technology**.