



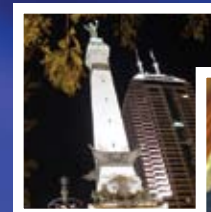
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Taxpayers are Winners in New State Budget

I believe the new state budget, based on solid common-sense principles, is a success for Hoosier taxpayers and public education.

Although the budget is a bipartisan compromise, with all 48 House Republicans voting for it, House Republican principles remained an important influence. It is a success, I believe, because:

- It contains no general tax increases.
- It maintains at least \$1 billion in state reserves.
- It uses one-time federal stimulus money responsibly, including statewide infrastructure and university construction projects.
- It does not deplete trust funds or other dedicated money for operating expenses.

Gov. Mitch Daniels, along with House and Senate Republicans, outlined those standards early in the process and did not waver. While many states are cutting overall education spending, raising taxes or both, this budget does neither. It even promises more support for education through additional funding. The "education trigger" would also allot 50 percent of state revenue to education if income exceeds revenue projections.

Statewide public education receives what I believe is solid support:

- K-12 education gained an average increase of 1.1 percent in calendar year 2010 and 0.3 percent in calendar year 2011. We were able to increase our investment in education during a time when year-over-year state revenues have declined by 7.4 percent.
- The budget fully funds K-12 anticipated enrollment increases at growing public schools.
- The Ivy Tech Community College network was given enhanced support, and bonding is authorized to fund 38 university capital projects throughout the state, including Indiana University Southeast, Purdue University and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.
- The state's higher education scholarship grants program receives increases of 6 percent in fiscal year 2010 and 3 percent in fiscal year 2011.

I believe this is the right budget for Indiana right now, and that's why I voted for it.



Rep. Clements discussing legislation with Rep. Doug Gutwein.



Rep. Bill Davis meeting with Rep. Clements on House floor.

Help for Howard County

One of the key reasons I supported the state budget was the possible assistance provided to Howard County. The budget contained a provision allowing taxing units, such as cities and towns, to apply for loans to cover budget shortfalls caused by large corporate bankruptcies, such as Chrysler's. The loan may be used only to pay the taxing unit's obligations that are approved by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. For example, cities and towns in Howard County affected by the Chrysler bankruptcy will be able to apply for Rainy Day Fund loans. This option will be critical to getting our area back on its feet as we move forward to diversify our local economy.

Breast Cancer Screenings

This bill increases the number of providers of Medicaid-covered screenings for cervical and breast cancer treatments. Breast cancer is among the most frequently diagnosed cancers in the country, and it kills almost 1,000 Hoosiers annually. The death rate for cervical cancer is also increasing.

Jury Duty Exemption

This law will relieve stress on our oldest Hoosiers who may worry about procedural obstacles when attempting to be excused from jury duty. Hoosiers at least 75 years old now may be exempted from jury duty at their request.

Providing Autism Training

Emergency first-responders will now be provided with autism training, which will better equip them to handle emergency situations involving people with autism. Autism is a developmental disability that affects a person's ability to interact with others. Because Indiana's autism rate is increasing, the state Department of Education will help train noncertified school employees about the early warning signs of autism.

Silver Alerts

The law creates a Silver Alert system to notify law enforcement and the public when an endangered adult is missing, similar to the Amber Alert system for children. When an endangered adult, such as an Alzheimer's patient, wanders from a residence, law-enforcement agencies have the authority to alert local media.



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