

Appropriations Committee 2026-27 Budget

- 2025-26 Budget: \$1,487,500,000
- Available Revenue for 2026-27 Budget: \$1,495,000,000
- 2026-27 Governor's Budget Request: \$1,946,300,000
 - Overspends by \$451,300,000
- Senate Budget Proposal \$1,492,100,000
 - Spending falls below Available Revenues, therefore putting \$2,900,000 into the Rainy Day Fund
- There is currently \$30,000,000 in the Rainy Day Fund

- A compromise will need to be made in order for the Budget Bill to pass both the Senate (Republican Majority) and the House (Democratic Majority) to send to the Governor to sign by the Constitutional Deadline of June 30. If a compromise is not made, the budget will be late, and essential services statewide will struggle to continue working while not receiving funds.

- If spending exceeds the Available Revenue for 2026-27, you will have to increase revenues coming into the General Fund, and/or pull from the Rainy Day Fund. The Senate will oppose pulling funds from the Rainy Day Fund and excessive overspending. The House and Governor will not settle without increasing spending.
 - Methods to bring in additional revenue:
 - Tax Games of Skill, which are currently unregulated and not taxed at all. Approximately 300,000 machines in Pennsylvania x \$500 per machine would generate \$150,000,000
 - Increase Sales Tax: 1% increase = \$25,000,000
 - Increase Personal Income Tax: 1% increase = \$50,000,000
 - Eliminating the Governor-imposed Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative will save \$15,000,000
 - The Governor will not accept this unless he receives at least one of the major increases in his proposed budget as a compromise (reference budget tracking spreadsheet)