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2013-2014 BUDGET FACT SHEET

A "JOBS FOR ALL" AGENDA

- The Governor's budget has **no tax increases on Pennsylvania working families**
- The Governor's budget helps to create an environment where PA employers can add to the **more than 110,000 private sector jobs that have been created.**
- The Governor's budget eliminates **the inheritance tax on small businesses.**
- The Governor is **funding the City Revitalization and Improvement Zone program** to spur new growth in larger third-class cities that have struggled to attract development.
- The Governor is **reinvigorating the commonwealth's marketing efforts to attract businesses to the state** and tourists to visit Pennsylvania and enjoy all that it has to offer.
- The Governor **increased funding by \$8.3 million for PA First - the commonwealth's top business attraction**, relocation and in-state expansion tool.
- The Governor is **implementing Job Gateway**, Pennsylvania's comprehensive job matching system, providing employment data, including current and projected job openings, and eventually help employers find qualified candidates for their open positions.
- The commonwealth **is creating recruitment hubs to connect business in need of workers** with the unemployed in their area.
- Pennsylvania is **continuing to combine PA CareerLink and the Employment Advancement and Retention Network**, eliminating duplication of services and better deliver employment and training services

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- Pennsylvania is **streamlining the workers' compensation system** by improving care for injured workers and reducing medical costs for employers.

HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION

- The Governor is **expanding funding for K-through-12 education**, including an **additional \$122.5 million in Basic Education Funding**,
- This funding increase is 2.27 percent over last year's record funding levels, for a total of \$5.5 billion, **the highest in state history**.
- The Governor is increasing funding for early childhood development by **\$5 million**
- The Governor is increasing funding for Head Start by **\$ 1.9 million** to help children in need.
- The Governor is **investing \$100 million in the Accountability Block Grant**, which provides for quality pre-kindergarten and full-day kindergarten.
- The Governor is preserving funding for higher education, **investing nearly \$1.6 billion**.

STANDING UP FOR PENNSYLVANIA

- The Governor fought for a **\$40 million increase in funding for programs that help people with intellectual and physical disabilities**.
- The Governor is investing more than \$455 million in total funds to **provide health insurance coverage for more than 200,000 children** through the Children's Health Insurance Program.
- The Governor is **investing \$4 million in the creation of the Community-Based Health Care Program** to bring health care to people who live in areas without easy access to hospitals and clinics.

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- The Governor increased funding for Pennsylvania's Domestic Violence Program **by almost \$1.4 million.**
- The Governor is helping **combat violence against women with a \$900,000 increase** to Pennsylvania's Rape Crisis Program.

PROTECTING OLDER PENNSYLVANIANS

- Pennsylvania has the fourth highest percentage of seniors in the United States.
- This Governor's budget **will add \$50 million for programs** for older Pennsylvanians including:
 - **Expanded care for 5,600 older Pennsylvanians** on home and community-based waiting lists and provide \$2 million to help modernize programs at centers.
 - **\$21 million will be dedicated to expanding services for 1,550 people** on the Medicaid Home and Community based Aging Waiver program.
 - **Financial assistance for prescription medications to almost 300,000 older Pennsylvanians**, with this year's total investment being more than \$227 million.

SAFEGUARDING AGRICULTURE

- To support agriculture activities in Pennsylvania, this budget includes:
 - **Nearly \$35 million to fund the nation's best farmland preservation program.**

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- **\$10 million to continue a system of tax credits for Resource Enhancement Protection Program** that rewards farmers for best environmental and management practices.
- Increased funding to **\$2.5 million for Pennsylvania's county fairs**.
- **More than \$17 million to fund the state Food Purchase Program** providing critical help to Pennsylvanians who are at risk of having too little to eat.
- **Funding for The PennVET program** at the University of Pennsylvania and agricultural research and extension service program at Penn State.

ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY

- This Governor is **enhancing public safety in Pennsylvania by** :
 - **Funding three new cadet classes for the Pennsylvania State Police** in the next fiscal year with a potential for 290 new state troopers.
 - **Hiring 90 new civilian dispatchers**, freeing our state troopers to get back out on the roads and into the communities where they are most needed.
 - **Investing \$5 million for juvenile justice intervention**, including academic and career training for delinquent youths, as well as strategies for delinquency and violence prevention.

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