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## Budget and Policy Center

### How Gov. Wolf's Proposed 2015-16 Budget Would Impact Sen. Robert Tomlinson's District

After four years of austerity budgets that made deep cuts to public services, public schools are struggling, property taxes are rising, and Pennsylvania remains near the bottom of state rankings in job growth since 2011. Gov. Wolf has proposed a budget that reinvests in our future by restoring funding for education from pre-K to college and delivering property tax relief to homeowners.

#### School Districts in Sen. Robert Tomlinson's Legislative District Would Receive

- \$9 million in new funding
- 357 new Pre-K slots
- \$3 million in savings from standardized payments to cyber charters

#### Meanwhile, Homeowners Would Receive Property Tax Relief

- The typical homeowner in the district will see a property tax reduction of \$1,109
- That's a reduction of 28%

#### A Drilling Tax Would Raise Millions in New Revenue for Schools and Other Needs

- \$21 million for the district
- \$1.08 billion statewide

#### Gov. Wolf's Proposed Minimum Wage Increase Would Raise the Wages of

- 19,662 workers in the district
- That's 16% of district workers

#### Colleges and Universities With Campuses in the District Would Also Receive New Funding

- \$1 million in new funding for Bucks County Community College

#### The Budget and Leveraged Federal Funds Would Also Support Investments in Human Services in the District<sup>1</sup>

- Human services funding increase of \$31,618<sup>2</sup>
- 2,379 individuals newly eligible under Medicaid
- 404 more children will receive health coverage under CHIP
- Increased funding for mental health services of \$549,302

Gov. Wolf has also proposed that residents of Sen. Robert Tomlinson's district subject to the Philadelphia wage tax will receive a portion of \$251 million in tax relief

*The back of this sheet has school-district specific data on school funding and property tax relief. Visit [www.pennbpc.org/OTA\\_Budget](http://www.pennbpc.org/OTA_Budget) find full details on the data sources and methodology used to generate these estimates, as well as some additional information.*

## How Governor Wolf's Budget Proposal Would Affect School Districts in Sen. Robert Tomlinson's Legislative District<sup>2</sup>

	Total Increase in School Funding	Decrease in Property Taxes for the Typical Homeowner	Percent Decrease in Property Taxes
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,437,721</b>	<b>\$1,109</b>	<b>28%</b>
Bensalem Township SD	\$1,913,741	\$1,201	36%
Bristol Borough SD	\$399,648	\$1,427	56%
Bristol Township SD	\$2,353,268	\$1,542	43%
Centennial SD	\$577,798	\$726	23%
Central Bucks SD	\$1,147,948	\$1,022	22%
Council Rock SD	\$544,329	\$1,094	25%
Neshaminy SD	\$1,264,636	\$1,123	28%
Pennsbury SD	\$1,236,353	\$1,128	27%

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### Notes.

<sup>1</sup>All the figures in this section represent the sum of county totals for any county covered in part or in whole by Sen. Robert Tomlinson's district.

<sup>2</sup>Human services is defined here as the sum of the funding increase for the human services development fund and homeless assistance.

<sup>3</sup>The total and percent reduction in property taxes for Sen. Robert Tomlinson's legislative district are a weighted average of the property tax reductions for each school district. The weights were determined by the number of homesteads in each school district.