



## **Pennsylvania's Budget Battle: What You Need to Know**

Yesterday, the Pennsylvania House advanced a \$50.6 billion budget proposal, a somewhat significant step forward in the ongoing budget negotiations for 2025. This proposal marks a reduction of approximately \$900 million from Governor Josh Shapiro's initial \$51.5 billion plan presented in February. Despite this progress, the proposal is far from final, as it now moves to the GOP-led Senate, where further negotiations are expected.

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### **Next Steps**

With the budget bill now in the Senate's hands, the next steps in the legislative process will involve continued negotiations between House and Senate leadership, and ultimately, both sides will need to find common ground on key issues, such as new revenue sources and spending priorities, to reach a final budget that addresses the state's needs.

Governor Shapiro has expressed optimism about the progress made so far but has acknowledged that the final agreement remains elusive, stating Monday that numbers are subject to change when the GOP-controlled Senate takes up the bill: “This vehicle that they're moving here does not represent an agreement between all the parties, so I'm not sure I read too much into that.”

The Senate has no session days scheduled until September, but leaders have indicated that they are actively engaged in discussions and could reconvene with 24 hours' notice.