



## Governor Rick Scott's "Fighting for Florida's Future" 2017-2018 Proposed Florida Budget

\$618 million in **tax cuts**, including:

- \$454 million - decreasing the tax on commercial leases
- \$98 million - sales tax holidays
  - \$72 million - 10 day back-to-school sales tax holiday (STH)
  - \$7 million - 9 day disaster preparedness STH
  - \$18.4 million - 3 day veteran's STH
  - \$500,000 - 1 day camping and fishing STH
- \$48 Million - 1 year sales tax exemption on college textbooks
- \$15 Million - exempt 22.5 percent more small businesses from the corporate income tax
- \$3 million - exempting school book fairs from sales taxes

\$8.1 million - **fee cuts** for Florida's seniors, teachers, veterans and businesses

\$36 million - increase in funding for **early child education and care**, including:

- \$11.3 million - VPK program
- \$25 million - School Readiness Program (all federal funds)

\$815 million - increase in **K-12 education**

- \$257 - State funding
- \$558 million - Local funding

\$879 million cut to **hospitals** providing charity care

- \$298 million - cut to non-profit hospitals for charity care they provide
- \$581 million - savings by "allowing Medicaid managed care plans to reimburse hospitals at more efficient rates compared to the traditional Medicaid program."

\$25 million - increase in **mental health and substance abuse** funding

\$12.6 million - increase for **Community Behavioral Health Services**

\$4.7 million - increase for the **Home Care for the Elderly** Program

\$3 million - increase for the **Alzheimer's Diseases Initiative** Program

\$ 4 million - increase for the **Community Care for the Elderly** Program



# Legislative Link

A legislative update provided by the United Way of Florida

## Miscellaneous

- \$360 million for **water quality projects**
- \$38 million in pay raises for **corrections officers**
- No **college tuition** increases
- \$85 million - in **economic incentive** programs for corporations
- \$76 million - for **Visit Florida** tourism marketing programs
- No across the board pay increase for **state employees** – Potential \$1,500 bonuses available
- \$5.8 million - to hire 46 counter-terrorism agents with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement

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