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FYI: PA Governor Proposed Budget

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Today, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf gave his FY2021-2022 budget address via a recorded video. You can find general information about his budget online.

The PA Governor proposed no changes to the total amount of EITC funding. However, the PA Governor is proposing to reduce the administration percentage a Scholarship Organization participating in the EITC program may take from 20% to 5%, messaging it as putting an additional \$36 million dollars into scholarships. He is also proposing, without specifics, requiring additional reporting requirements on scholarship organizations. These proposals are sure to face some opposition within the General Assembly.

These line items remain the same, meaning they did not receive an increase or decrease in the proposed funding allocation, at the following amounts:

- Nonpublic and Charter School Pupil Transportation - \$79,442,000
- Services to Nonpublic Schools - \$87,939,000
- Textbooks, Materials, and Equipment for Nonpublic Schools - \$26,751,000

Act 89 (auxiliary services) services are provided directly by the local Intermediate Unit to students enrolled in a nonprofit private school within the Intermediate Unit boundaries. The local Intermediate Unit makes the final determination regarding what services shall be provided after consulting with the nonpublic school to determine which general categories of children shall receive services, what services shall be provided, how and where the services shall be provided and how the services shall be evaluated.

Acts 195, 90 and 35 provide that Private and Nonpublic Schools (Kindergarten through Grade 12) which are licensed or registered with the Department of Education, excluding nursery schools, can participate in the Acts 195/90/35 Programs, which provides for the loan of textbooks, instructional materials and equipment to Pennsylvania students enrolled in private/nonpublic schools.

This budget is only a proposal and is subject to consideration and approval by both the House and the Senate prior to the June 30th budget deadline.

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