Back to the Future: Overview of Governor’s Proposed FY 2021 State Budget

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Governor’s FY 2021 Appropriated Budget

Special Fund: $1.51B
(Fees, Licenses, Permits, Earmarked Taxes)

General Fund: $4.59B
(Schools, Health/Human Services, Colleges, Corrections, 3 Branches, etc.)

State Road Fund: $1.36B
(Gas Taxes, DMV Fees, Federal $)

Federal Funds: $5.78B
(Medicaid/Block Grants /Other)

Lottery Funds: $468M
(Earmarked for Higher Ed, K-12, Seniors, General Fund, etc.)

Total = $13.7 Billion
Governor’s Proposed Base Budget Appropriations  
Fiscal Year 2021 = $5.053 Billion

Base Budget = General Revenue + Lottery Funds

- Public Education, 41.9%
- Health & Human Resources, 23.7%
- Higher Education, 9.9%
- Commerce, 1.9%
- Administration, 2.3%
- Senior Services, 1.4%
- Military Affairs & Public Safety, 8.8%
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Governor’s Proposed FY 2021 Budget
Governor’s Proposed Base Budget

Revenues

Fiscal Year 2021 = $5.028 Billion

Expressed in Millions

- Lottery, $501.1
- Personal Income, $2,156.2
- Severance, $253.8
- Sales & Use, $1,422.1
- Sin Taxes, $186.0
- Corporate Net Income, $144.5
- B&O, $126.9
- Other, $98.8
- Insurance, $131.8

+$173 million in Onetime Reductions (Mostly Medicaid Surplus)
Medicaid Surplus Revenue Funds

FY 2014-FY 2020

Expressed in Millions

- The Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) has grown from 71.09 in 2014 to 74.99 in 2020 (1:3.00), a savings of $117 million on $3 billion.
- 50,000 decline in Medicaid enrollment (552,000 to 502,000)
- Rx drug savings
- Managed Care (MCOs)
- One-time funds (surpluses, base building)

Source: West Virginia State Budget Office

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Governor’s Proposals for Medicaid Surplus Revenue Funds (FY 21)

Expressed in Millions

- Medicaid Families First Reserve Fund: $150.0
- General Revenue Backfill: $108.0
- I/DD Waiver: $19.8
- CHIP: $7.0
- Child Protective Services: $4.4
- Social Services: $14.9

Source: West Virginia State Budget Office
Governor’s
Base Budget
Proposals

Other FY 2021 Major
Base Budget Increases

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- State Rail Authority: $2.8
- State Trooper Retirement: $8.3
- Mountaineer Challenge Academy: $3.3
- Supreme Court: $11.2
- Institutional Facilities Operations/Capital Outlay: $11.7
- Professional Student Support Services: $21
- TRS: $11
- Tourism: $7

Expressed in Millions
Dramatic growth in foster care
Social Services has grown by $135 million since FY 2010
Base Budget Spending, FY 2010-FY 2021, Expressed in Millions
Large projected budget deficits next year and beyond

Projected Budget Gaps, FY 2022-FY 2025

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Expressed in Millions

Major Takeaways from Governor’s FY 2021 Budget

✓ Revenue projections from last year (FY 2020) projected $221 million more in general revenue fund collections for FY 2021. Severance forecast down $174.5 million from last year. In 2016 (FY17) estimated GRF collections were $460 million above this year’s estimate for FY 2021.

✓ Six-Year Financial Plan shows no additional money for Higher Education from FY21-FY24, but substantial growth in Medicaid in FY 2024 (+$106.7 million) and moderate growth in corrections, DHHR, and PEIA. No salary enhancements for two years (+$23m in FY 2023).

✓ State continues to significantly underfund higher education and needs to adequately fund agencies across the board to meet growing needs and pay gaps.

✓ Energy economy (property taxes), lottery and Medicaid surpluses, and declining school enrollment allowing state to fill budget holes. Between FY 2012 and FY2019, lottery funds had an average annual surplus of $68 million or 14%.

✓ West Virginia continues to have a structural budget deficit (spending > revenue) from major tax cuts enacted between 2006 and 2015. State needs to raise additional revenues to meet current needs and to invest in our people and communities to build a stronger economy.
West Virginia’s Lost Decade

Major Factors Impacting West Virginia’s Budget Changes Over the Last Decade

- **Great Recession:** Private sector payroll employment down 3,900 from December 2007 to November 2019, but up 22,400 from November 2017 (seasonally adjusted).
- **Population decline:** WV population declined by 63,076 from 2012 to 2019 (July 1).

Nonfarm payroll employment, annual average, in thousands

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West Virginia’s Economic Outlook is Weakening

WVU BBER Forecasted Average Annual Employment Growth

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School enrollment declined by 20,274 from 2008-09 to 2019-20

Only five counties experienced enrollment growth and 84% was in Berkeley and Monongalia County

Student enrollment declined by 20,274 from 2008 to 2021 while local property taxes (local share) have increased (23.7% to 27.9%). If enrollment was at 2008 levels and local share was 23.7%, State Aid to Schools would be an additional $154.6 million in GRF budget.

Source: West Virginia Department of Education
In-State Public College Enrollment Down over 12,000

WV Public Four-Year (HEPC) and Two-Year (CTCS) Fall Headcount, 2008-2018

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Higher Education Funding Down

$32 million reduction from FY13 to FY19, down $124 million from FY08 (today’s dollars)

Base Budget Spending, FY 2008-FY 2021, Expressed in Millions

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General Revenue Growth Slowed Dramatically After Major Tax Cuts

Annual Average Growth of General Revenue Fund Collections, FY 1990-2019

Before Major Tax Cuts: 1990-2005 = 5.6% - During Major Tax Cuts 2006-2016 = 1.5% - 2017-2024 = 2.7%

Source: WV State Budget Office

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Taxes are low and investments down
At 6.8%, FY 2019 GRF collections would be additional $368 million

General Revenue fund collections as a share of state personal income

Phased in tax reductions (CNIT, BFT, Food, and Other):
$425 million +

Source: WVCBP analysis of data from U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (revised quarterly income data) and WV State Budget Office (September 2019)
The Great Tax Shift from Corporations to Families in West Virginia, 2005 to 2019

- $188 million
  Grocery Tax Repeal (-$162)
  Family Tax Credit (-$18)
  Homestead Tax Cuts (-$8)

- $478 million
  BFT Repeal (-$150)
  Cut CNIT (-$69)
  Manufacturing (-$35)
  Repeal Charter (-$7)
  Repeal Inheritance (-$20)
  Timber Severance (-$4)
  Workers’ Comp (-$109)
  Steam Coal Sev. (-$64)
  Super Coal Credit (-$20)

+$331 million
  Tobacco (+$80)
  Online Sales (+$30)
  Motor Vehicle (+$147)
  Local Sales (+$74)

Progressive Tax Cuts
Regressive Tax Cuts
Regressive Tax Increases
West Virginia State and Local Taxes
Shares of Family Income for Non-Elderly Taxpayers, 2018

West Virginia has an upside-down tax system

Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, Who Pays?
Repeal of “Inventory” Tax
Phase out industrial inventory, machinery, and equipment property tax

$130 million tax cut mainly for manufacturers and coal producers (SJR11 – 2019)

- While 11 states tax inventory and M&E, 26 states tax M&E.
- There is no obvious relationship between manufacturing employment growth and/or industrial property tax rates or states that tax BPPT between 2011-2017 (e.g. Texas/South Carolina)
- Highly exportable tax (76% in MN).
- WV effective industrial property tax rates are near national average.
- Small cost of doing business and it pays for public goods manufacturers need (schools, public safety).
- Recent (2017) academic study found that removing the tax led to significant manufacturing jobs losses in Ohio.
- Could result in tax shift (households) and/or less funding for schools and other local budget priorities (fire, police, etc.)
Policies to Power Shared Prosperity

• **Create Better Jobs**: Raise state minimum wage, enact paid sick leave, create refundable state EITC, enact paid family & medical leave, enact fair scheduling, expand health and pension coverage, and expand overtime pay.

• **Invest in Education & Children**: Expand early child care and education, boost child assistance, and raise school and public employee pay, and make college tuition free.

• **Build a Stronger Future**: Fund the WV Future Fund, close corporate tax loopholes, raise taxes on the wealthy and natural gas extraction.
## U.S. States with Permanent Natural Resource Funds

Natural resource funds by size (in billions)

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<th>Fund Description</th>
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