

General Assembly reaches agreement on \$32B budget bill

BY LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

FRANKFORT — After months of deliberation, the Kentucky General Assembly gave final passage to the state's \$32 billion spending plan for the next two fiscal years.

Rep. Jason Petrie, R-Elkton, and Sen. Christian McDaniel, R-Ryland Heights, who chair the two Appropriations and Revenue committees, presented the final budget figures on their chamber floors.

Petrie told House members that House Bill 500, the executive branch budget, is focused on "disciplined fiscal management."

"After much discussion, I'm happy to report that we still have a shared commitment across both chambers of the General Assembly to a disciplined fiscal management, prioritizing needs over wants, making sure we live within our revenue means and focusing on core public needs," Petrie said.

House Bill 500 includes investments in public education, health care, infrastructure and public safety,

Petrie said. The legislation also calls for spending reductions across most state agencies to improve efficiency and curb excess, a move Petrie said demonstrates a commitment to maintaining a strong budget reserve trust fund.

The proposal includes \$6.2 billion in general fund spending for Medicaid over the biennium, along with an additional \$290 million set aside for future use if needed. It also increases contributions to public pension and retirement systems to reduce long-term liabilities and provides 2% salary increases for state employees in the 2026-27 and 2027-28 fiscal years.

The bill funds the Dolly Parton Imagination Library with a focus on children in foster care and increases the SEEK school funding formula to \$4,626 per pupil in the 2026-27 fiscal year and \$4,792 per pupil in 2027-28.

On the Senate floor, McDaniel described the budget process as lengthy and, at times, stressful.

"If there's one reason ... that this task can get done,

it is because of the phenomenal work of the staff here affiliated with it," he said.

In the House, lawmakers spent more than an hour raising questions and concerns about funding for health care, mental health, juvenile justice and foster care.

Rep. Lisa Willner, D-Louisville, said she appreciated funding for student mental health but noted it has not increased since 2020. She also said she would have liked to see funding for a juvenile justice facility for high-acuity youth in mental health crises.

"Many of these kids are essentially in solitary confinement in a juvenile justice facility," Willner said. "No hospital can take them

because they're too aggressive, too violent. And I really felt that having this facility in place was going to be very, very important for addressing some of the other challenges within juvenile justice. So it's disappointing we keep kicking that can down the road. Those costs are only going to continue to rise."


House Minority Floor

Leader Pamela Stevenson, D-Louisville, said the bill does not adequately fund Medicaid, despite available resources.

"We are marching towards getting rid of Medicaid," Stevenson said. "This budget has a known gap of \$400

million. We know it's a gap. We know people are going to go without ... This is not a situation where we don't have the money."

House Speaker Pro Tempore David Meade, R-Stanford, disagreed.



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