



## Inside the budget deal: Winners and losers

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### WINNERS

- **Education** -- \$200 million in new or increased funding for pre-kindergarten, full-day kindergarten and high school laptop computers
- **Roads and bridges** -- \$450 million for 2007-08 and more in succeeding years
- **Mass transit** -- \$300 million in 2007-08 and more in succeeding years
- **Turnpike Commission** -- defeated effort to lease turnpike to private firm and will double its authority once tolls are added to I-80 in 2010
- **Penguins and other arena tenants** -- slots fund created to help finance new Pittsburgh arena and expand Philadelphia convention center
- **Nurse practitioners/dental hygienists/midwives** -- getting expanded medical authority

### LOSERS

- **Jonas Salk Legacy Fund** -- action postponed until fall on proposed fund for building biomedical labs
- Proposed "energy tax" of \$5.40 a year is dead and action postponed until fall on governor's energy conservation proposal
- Proposed tax on oil company profits that might have raised gasoline prices is dead
- Higher cigarette tax and new tax on cigars and smokeless tobacco has been indefinitely postponed
- Proposed 3 percent payroll tax on firms that don't offer health insurance, which was put off until fall

## ■ Higher waste disposal fees not implemented

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