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DILLON PLAN PUTS YOUR HEALTH BENEFITS IN JEOPARDY

State Representative Andy Dillon (D-Redford Township) has unveiled a healthcare plan for all public employees and retirees that he claims saves \$700M. The problem is that most of these purported savings come from **concessions** from public employees, including having a severely limited number of health care options.

Dillon's plan only covers those that already have healthcare. His plan does absolutely nothing to expand coverage to those without.

Not only that, but public employee unions could no longer negotiate over which coverage works for them. The only options management and labor would have when negotiating would be which of a handful of plans they will be stuck with.

BUDGET CUTS SLASH EDUCATION

There's just no more room to cut. Public education is facing a crisis unlike any we've seen. Schools are closing, class size is increasing. Tuition is rising. And we know better than anyone that our students cannot afford further cuts to their education.

We need to look for revenue-generating policies, not tax cuts that will undercut our students' education. We elect Senators and Representatives to address our state's needs and move our state forward, and not to take the easy way out.

The budget must be done by September 30, so act **NOW** to tell your legislators we need a better solution.

Contact Your State Senator & State Rep. **TODAY.**

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