

FY 2017 Democrat Budget Fact Sheet

FACT: The Democrat budget cuts hospitals by \$43.4 million. This will result in federal funding being withheld, thereby cutting hospital funding by a total of \$130 million.

FACT: The Democrat budget cuts local education funding. It includes the following reductions.

- \$32.2 million cut to Education Cost Sharing
- \$23.3 million elimination of funding for transportation of school children
- \$4.3 million cut to Special Education

FACT: The Democrat budget includes special Education Cost Sharing earmarks for five specific towns.

FACT: The Democrat budget cuts municipal aid statutory grants. This includes the following reductions.

- \$16.9 million cut to state owned PILOT
- \$10.5 million cut to college and hospital PILOT

FACT: The Democrat budget changes a program which was supposed to cap all car taxes at a rate of 32 mills. This budget will increase the limit to 37 mills, resulting in 29 towns losing a promised car tax break.

FACT: The Democrat budget cuts from vulnerable populations. It includes the following reductions.

- \$8.7 million cut to grants for Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- \$3 million reduction to Open Choice Grants
- \$2.7 million cut to dental rates for Medicaid providers for kids
- \$2.2 million cut to assistance for the poor (TANF) by 1%
- 1% reduction to CT Home Care Funding

FACT: The Democrat budget does not include many long-term structural changes. It does not include the following Republican proposals.

- Requiring a vote on union contracts
- Spending cap
- Bonding cap
- Overtime Accountability
- Municipal Mandate Relief

FACT: The Democrat budget relies on giving the governor the authority to make an additional \$68.6 million in budget cuts to areas the administration alone will identify.

FACT: The Democrat budget relies on \$4.5 million in revenue attributed as a “target” for enhanced lottery collections.