

Senate Passes Budget with NO STATE TAX INCREASES for Berlin

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**“A new analysis shows
that the downsizing
of government will
dramatically lower
estimates of future
budget deficits.”**

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This year, I supported and helped pass a budget with no new taxes. The budget makes long-term spending cuts, consolidates government, institutes fiscal reforms and reduces state employee benefits.



**Nonpartisan analysts: CT budget
wipes away lots of red ink**

Increases Local Funding for Berlin

- **State aid to Berlin increased by \$806,000** for a total of \$8.4 million despite a budget deficit
- Continues a **strong level of local education funding** to ensure our education pipeline remains robust
- **Dedicates a new stream of state funding to every town** in the state in order to hold down property taxes

Spending Cuts & Structural Changes

- **\$1.5 billion from the state's budget has been cut** over the past year
- Significantly **cuts the government's payroll**
- Continues the plan to **fully fund past pension liabilities**

Sends a Strong Message to Businesses

- Does NOT raise income tax rates
- Does NOT raise sales tax rates
- Does NOT raise business or corporate tax rates

Leverages Our Bioscience Sector & Highly Educated Workforce

- **Maintains a strong level of investment in our community hospitals**, the drivers of local economies and our emerging bioscience sector
- **Continues to invest significantly in our colleges and universities**, which are hubs of innovation, ensuring we have a competitive, highly educated workforce