



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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THE GOVERNOR

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TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 762, Printer's Number 1999.

This bill is the school code bill, which implements aspects of the General Appropriations bill for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. As I vetoed the General Appropriations bill, I will also veto this implementation of it.

This bill contains many laudable items that I support. It provides for a Basic Education Funding Commission formula, which for the first time in recent years allows for student-focused funding that takes into account poverty, English Language Learning, size and concentration of the school district, and enrollment trends, as well as revamping the way the wealth of each district is determined under statute.

Unfortunately, this bill fails to restore the funding from the harmful education cuts imposed on each school district over the last four years, nor does it provide adequate resources to ensure Pennsylvanians have schools that teach our children. This bill only distributes an additional \$8 million into K-12 education, which is not appropriate classroom support for the children of this Commonwealth. In short, it fails to meet our constitutionally required obligation of providing a thorough and efficient system of education.

For the foregoing reasons, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 762, Printers Number 1999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wolf", with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the signature.

TOM WOLF
Governor