Spending Cap

The Revised FY 17 Budget is under the spending cap by \$635.3 million. Compared to the original FY 17 budget, it increases room under the spending cap by \$35 million in FY 16 and \$529.1 million in FY 17. Pursuant to Section 35 of PA 15-244, these calculations reflect a five-year personal income growth rate calculated on a calendar year rather than a fiscal year basis, and assume that appropriations for the unfunded liabilities of the State Employees' Retirement System, Judges, Family Support Magistrates and Compensation Commissioners' Retirement System, and Teachers' Retirement System are exempt from being counted as general budget expenditures under the spending cap.

Item	Revised FY 16 \$	Revised FY 17 \$
All Appropriated Funds - Prior Year	19,014.1	19,807.2
Less Birth to Three/Husky B - base adjustment	34.4	-
Extraordinary spending	-	-
Prior Year Appropriations	18,979.7	19,807.2
Less Prior Year "Non-Capped" Expenditures		
Debt Service	2,172.9	2,474.5
SERS/TRS/JRS unfunded liability	1,736.1	1,828.8
Statutory grants to distressed municipalities ¹	1,568.8	1,611.4
Prior Year "Non-Capped" Expenditures	5,477.9	5,914.7
Total "capped" expenditures	13,501.8	13,892.5
Times the 5-year average growth in personal income	3.2%	3.3%
= Allowable "capped" growth	438.1	461.2
Allowable Capped Expenditures	13,939.9	14,353.7
Plus Current Year "Non-Capped" Expenditures		
Debt service	2,474.5	2,626.1
SERS/TRS/JRS unfunded liability	1,828.8	1,890.0
Federal mandates and court orders (new funding)	42.9	7.9
Statutory grants to distressed municipalities	1,579.2	1,496.8
Current Year "Non-Capped" Expenditures	5,925.3	6,020.8
Expenditures Allowed Under the Cap	19,865.2	20,374.5
Appropriation for this year ²	19,807.2	19,739.2
TOTAL OVER/(UNDER) THE SPENDING CAP	(58.0)	(635.3)

Revised FY 16 - FY 17 Statutory Spending Cap Calculations (in millions)

¹FY 17 is adjusted to reflect new distressed grant percentages.

²FY 16 is adjusted to reflect the deficiency appropriations contained in PA 16-2 MSS.