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Arizona House of Representatives

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House Releases Budget Proposal for FY2021

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Regina Cobb (R-5), chair of the House Appropriations Committee, today released the House’s Fiscal Year 2021 Budget with the following statement:

“The House has been working diligently since last fall on the development of a budget with the Senate and the Governor, and spending countless hours reviewing agency requests, meeting with agency directors, and working with the budget staff. The result is a conservative, diversified, fiscally-responsible, and structurally-balanced budget that aligns with the [House Republican Majority Plan](#), prioritizes K-12 education with record investment, eliminates \$180 million of debt, and reduces taxes by \$150 million for Arizona’s hardworking taxpayers.”

Budget highlights include:

- **Continues and increases record investments in K-12 public schools that will now far exceed the constitutional threshold for growth in student population and the impact of inflation;**
- Fully restore district additional assistance ahead of schedule;
- Strengthens school safety;
- Funds to create open-source, free student text books for Arizona colleges and universities;
- Eliminates \$180 million in debt;
- Reduces taxes by \$150 million;
- Infrastructure to combat illegal human and drug trafficking;
- Additional 8% pay for State Correctional Officers;
- \$8 million for programs aimed at reducing recidivism;
- Prisoner reentry planning services for counties;
- Funding for prison locks and critical infrastructure.

A copy of the House Budget spreadsheet is available here
<https://www.azhouse.gov/alispdfs/FY21HouseBudgetSpreadsheet200123.pdf>:

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