

**Summary of Governor's 3/1/10 Mitigation Plan  
As It Affects Municipalities  
(CCM, 3/2/10)**

Mid-year (FY 09-10) Reductions

Suspend Home CT program	\$1,777,602
Neighborhood Youth Centers	\$1,139,391
School-based Health Clinics	\$1,044,064
Regional Planning Organizations	\$ 149,000

Reductions for Next Year – FY 10-11

\$45 million in unspecified cuts in municipal aid

Proposed Mandates Relief

*(Previously proposed in budget)*

- Posting of certain notices on the internet rather than newspapers
- Electronic transmittal of information to state agencies
- Eliminate responsibility to collect and store possessions of evicted tenants
- Delay in-school suspension mandate
- Eliminate treble damages penalty for ZEO enforcement
- Delay "raise the age" requirements
- Create a new municipal pension plan within MERF
- Prohibit new mandates without 2/3 vote of both chambers of the General Assembly

*(New proposals)*

- Allow municipalities/boards of education to petition state Board of Education to suspend mandates and regulations until 2014, with Board reporting then as to which should be eliminated
- Allow municipalities to petition OPM for relief from certain specified mandates, such as
  - Update of local plans of conservation and developments
  - Delay in wastewater treatment testing and removal requirements, such as phosphorous testing
  - Move to two-year public safety recertification training rather than annual
  - Modify stormwater testing and similar requirements
  - OPM to report by end of 2014 on whether these should be eliminated altogether
- Allow same charges by municipalities as by the State for certain records

- Allow municipalities to pool to purchase health insurance
- Eliminate requirement of “public notice registry” for P+Z actions
- Exempt school and municipal employees from unemployment coverage during vacations, holidays or if part-time employees
- Changes in binding arbitration:
  - If rejection by 2/3 vote of legislative body, back to negotiation (same as State)
  - Elimination of presumption by arbitrators to continue past practices or maintain contract provisions
  - Exclude future employees’ pension and retiree health insurance from arbitration process
  - Exclude consideration of fund balances below 15% from consideration of ‘ability to pay’
  - Require arbitrators to take into account current and future economic trends