



## Houston County

The budget cuts proposed by the Texas legislature will have devastating consequences for Houston county. Below are just some of the worst cuts to healthcare, public safety, education, and our local economy.

**HEALTH CARE:** *Medicaid provides health coverage for low income children, pregnant women, and our elderly in nursing homes. Rate and funding cuts will hurt doctors and patients.*

Residents enrolled in Medicaid, April 2011: **3,448**  
Proposed cut to Medicaid: **\$8,129,216**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** *Correctional officers, parole officers, and reentry programs help people turn their lives around and keep our communities safe.*

Proposed cut to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice: **\$3,878,450**

**EDUCATION:** *Education is the greatest tool we can give our children for future success. Fewer teachers and larger classes means we're starting our children off on the wrong foot.*

Total education funding lost: **\$2,522,690**  
Total education jobs lost: **63 jobs lost**

**LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT:** *The loss of public jobs hurts our local economies. Public workers like teachers, CPS investigators, and public safety officers buy goods and services from local businesses which can cause private sector job loss. Proposed state worker furloughs could also pull millions from the local economy.*

In Houston County the **1037** state employees bring **\$35,506,829** in salary to the local economy. A 30 day state worker furlough would cost Houston county **\$4,260,819** per year.

*Job Loss:*

Agency Job Loss from 3% lay off: **31**  
Agency Impact on Private Sector: **44**  
Proposed K-12 Public Ed. Job Loss: **63**  
Impact on Private Sector: **88**

**TOTAL POTENTIAL FINANCIAL LOSS: \$18,791,176**

**TOTAL POTENTIAL JOB LOSS: 226 jobs**