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Governor Punts on Tough Decisions

**** Statement from Michael Cassidy, President, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis, on Governor McDonnell's biennial budget ****

The Governor is trying to take the easy way out of a tough situation. Instead of making the investments to create jobs and help our economy grow over the long haul, he has chosen to punt.

- The Governor's budget ignores the costs of education and passes them down to localities.
- The budget ignores known health care costs and passes down Medicaid cuts to doctors, nurses, and hospitals that will make it harder for Virginians to get medical care.
- The budget opens even more costly tax loopholes that take resources away from education, public safety and other building blocks of a strong economy.

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