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Rendell: Progress Made On Budget, Except 20,000 Workers May Be Furloughed

At a press conference this week, Gov. Rendell said there was progress in a meeting with the four Caucus leaders where they laid out a schedule to get the state budget done almost on time.

But he also asked the legislative leaders to stay in Harrisburg continuously, starting June 21, until the state budget is finished.

At the same time, the Governor said if the federal government does not approve \$850 million in federal Medicaid funding by July 1, he would begin putting state funds in escrow to cover that budget need.

The funds, he said, would be gleaned from further budget cuts and the furlough of 20,000 state and local workers.