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Lawmakers found themselves with a sizable surplus, thanks to a mega-millions education lottery winner. Sadly, they saw fit to debate what to do with the money, even though the windfall came from the sale of an education lottery ticket. Ultimately – and even sadder – they chose to give taxpayers roughly \$50 apiece rather than put it into more meaningful pots – again, such as education.