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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL SPENDING CAP.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the General Assembly shall not authorize an increase in
2 general budget expenditures for any fiscal year above the amount of
3 general budget expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by
4 a percentage which exceeds the greater of the percentage increase in
5 personal income or the percentage increase in inflation, unless the
6 Governor declares an emergency or the existence of extraordinary
7 circumstances; that "increase in personal income" means the average of
8 the annual increase in personal income in the state for each of the
9 preceding five years, according to United States Bureau of Economic
10 Analysis data; "increase in inflation" means the increase in the
11 consumer price index for urban consumers during the preceding
12 twenty-four-month period ending December thirty-first of the calendar
13 year preceding the fiscal year to which the budget relates, according to
14 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics data; and "general budget

15 expenditures" means expenditures from appropriated funds
16 authorized by public or special act of the General Assembly, provided
17 (1) general budget expenditures shall not include expenditures for
18 payment of the principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other
19 evidences of indebtedness, expenditures pursuant to section 4-30a of
20 the general statutes, or current or increase expenditures for statutory
21 grants to distressed municipalities, and (2) expenditures for the
22 implementation of federal mandates or court orders shall not be
23 considered general budget expenditures for the first year in which
24 such expenditures are authorized, but shall be considered general
25 budget expenditures for such year for the ensuing fiscal year, except
26 that expenditures for implementation of a federal or state court order
27 pursuant to agreement, settlement, stipulation or consent decree shall
28 be considered general budget expenditures unless the General
29 Assembly approves their exclusion by a vote of at least two-thirds of
30 members of each house.

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Constitutional limitation on expenditures by the General Assembly.