



General Assembly

January Session, 2007

Proposed Bill No. 6720

LCO No. 856

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:

REP. DELGOBBO, 70th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE XXVIII
OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF
CONNECTICUT WITH RESPECT TO THE LIMITATION ON
EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

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

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

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

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Constitutional limitation on the amount of expenditures authorized by the General Assembly by enacting legislation defining the terms "increase in personal income", "increase in inflation" and "general budget expenditures", provided such legislation is enacted with the approval of three-fifths of the members of each house of the General Assembly, as provided in Article XXVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the state of Connecticut.