



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5059**

LCO No. 651

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:  
REP. DELGOBBO, 70th Dist.

**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 section 2-33a of the general statutes be amended to redefine  
2 "increase in inflation" to mean the increase in the consumer price index  
3 for urban consumers during the preceding twenty-four-month period  
4 ending December thirty-first of the calendar year preceding the fiscal  
5 year to which the budget relates, according to United States Bureau of  
6 Labor Statistics data, and "general budget expenditures" to mean  
7 expenditures from appropriated funds authorized by public or special  
8 act of the General Assembly, provided (1) general budget expenditures  
9 shall not include expenditures for payment of the principal of and  
10 interest on bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness,  
11 expenditures pursuant to section 4-30a of the general statutes, or  
12 current or increase expenditures for statutory grants to distressed  
13 municipalities, and (2) expenditures for the implementation of federal  
14 mandates or court orders shall not be considered general budget  
15 expenditures for the first year in which such expenditures are  
16 authorized, but shall be considered general budget expenditures for

17 such year for the ensuing fiscal year, except that expenditures for  
18 implementation of a federal or state court order pursuant to  
19 agreement, settlement, stipulation or consent decree shall be  
20 considered general budget expenditures unless the General Assembly  
21 approves their exclusion by a vote of at least two-thirds of the  
22 members of each house.

***Statement of Purpose:***

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