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"AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS OTHER THAN THE GENERAL FUND."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 2-36b of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) No later than November thirtieth each year, the joint standing
6 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

7 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and
8 finance, revenue and bonding shall meet with the Secretary of the
9 Office of Policy and Management, the director of the legislative Office
10 of Fiscal Analysis, and such other persons as they deem appropriate, to
11 consider the items submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

12 (b) On or before November fifteenth, annually, the Secretary of the
13 Office of Policy and Management and the director of the legislative
14 Office of Fiscal Analysis shall each submit the following to the joint
15 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
16 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
17 and finance, revenue and bonding: (1) [An] A consensus estimate of
18 state revenues [,] developed in accordance with subsection (a) of
19 section 2 of this act, an estimate of expenditures and ending balance for
20 each fund, for the current biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal
21 years, and the assumptions on which such estimates are based; (2) the
22 projected tax credits to be used in the current biennium and the next
23 ensuing three fiscal years, and the assumptions on which such
24 projections are based; (3) a summary of any estimated deficiencies in
25 the current fiscal year, the reasons for such deficiencies, and the
26 assumptions upon which such estimates are based; (4) the projected
27 balance in the Budget Reserve Fund at the end of each uncompleted
28 fiscal year of the current biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal
29 years; (5) the projected bond authorizations, allocations and issuances
30 in each of the next ensuing five fiscal years and their impact on the
31 debt service of the major funds of the state; (6) an analysis of revenue
32 and expenditure trends and of the major cost drivers affecting state
33 spending, including identification of any areas of concern and efforts
34 undertaken to address such areas, including, but not limited to, efforts
35 to obtain federal funds; and (7) an analysis of possible uses of surplus
36 funds, including, but not limited to, the Budget Reserve Fund, debt
37 retirement and funding of pension liabilities.

38 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October
39 fifteenth annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
40 Management and the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal

41 Analysis shall issue the consensus revenue estimate for the current
42 biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal years. If no agreement on a
43 revenue estimate is reached by October fifteenth, (1) the Secretary of
44 the Office of Policy and Management and the director of the Office of
45 Fiscal Analysis shall each issue an estimate of state revenues for the
46 current biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal years, and (2) the
47 Comptroller shall, not later than October twenty-fifth, issue the
48 consensus revenue estimate for the current biennium and the next
49 ensuing three fiscal years. In issuing the consensus revenue estimate
50 required by this subsection, the Comptroller shall consider such
51 revenue estimates provided by the Office of Policy and Management
52 and the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, and shall issue the
53 consensus revenue estimate based on such revenue estimates, in an
54 amount that is equal to or between such revenue estimates.

55 (b) Not later than January fifteenth annually and April thirtieth
56 annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and
57 the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall issue
58 revisions to the consensus revenue estimate developed pursuant to
59 subsection (a) of this section, or a statement that no revisions are
60 necessary. If no agreement on revisions to the consensus revenue
61 estimate revenue estimate is reached by the required date, (1) the
62 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the director of
63 the Office of Fiscal Analysis shall each issue a revised estimate of state
64 revenues for the current biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal
65 years, and (2) the Comptroller shall, not later than five days after the
66 failure to issue revisions to the consensus revenue estimate, issue the
67 revised consensus revenue estimate. In issuing the revised consensus
68 revenue estimate required by this subsection, the Comptroller shall
69 consider such revised revenue estimates provided by the Office of
70 Policy and Management and the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis,
71 and shall issue the revised consensus revenue estimate based on such
72 revised revenue estimates, in an amount that is equal to or between
73 such revised revenue estimates.

74 (c) If (1) a revised consensus revenue estimate pursuant to

75 subsection (b) of this section is issued in January or April of any fiscal
76 year, (2) such revised consensus revenue estimate has changed from
77 the previous consensus revenue estimate or revised consensus revenue
78 estimate to forecast a deficit or an increase in a deficit either of which is
79 greater than one per cent of the total of General Fund appropriations
80 for the current year, (3) a budget for the prospective fiscal year has not
81 become law, and (4) the General Assembly is in session, then the
82 General Assembly and the Governor shall take such action as provided
83 in subsection (d) of this section.

84 (d) (1) The joint standing committees of the General Assembly
85 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and finance,
86 revenue and bonding shall, on or before the tenth business day after a
87 revised consensus revenue estimate is issued in April pursuant to
88 subsection (c) of this section, prepare and vote on adjusted
89 appropriation and revenue plans, if necessary to address such revised
90 consensus revenue estimate.

91 (2) The Governor shall provide the General Assembly with a budget
92 document, prepared in accordance with the requirements of section 4-
93 74 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, if necessary to
94 address the most recent consensus revenue estimate or revised
95 consensus revenue estimate issued pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of
96 this section. The budget document required by this subdivision shall
97 be issued not later than twenty-five calendar days after a revised
98 consensus revenue estimate is issued in January, and not later than ten
99 calendar days after a revised consensus revenue estimate is issued in
100 April.

101 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) If no budget for the biennium
102 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, has become law by
103 the effective date of this section, then not later than five days after the
104 effective date of this section, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
105 Management and the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal
106 Analysis shall issue the consensus revenue estimate for said biennium.
107 If no agreement on a revenue estimate can be reached by such fifth

108 day, (1) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the
109 director of the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall each issue a
110 revised estimate of state revenues, and (2) the Comptroller shall,
111 immediately thereafter, issue the consensus revenue estimate for said
112 biennium. In issuing the consensus revenue estimate required by this
113 subsection, the Comptroller shall consider such revenue estimates
114 provided by the Office of Policy and Management and the legislative
115 Office of Fiscal Analysis, and shall issue the consensus revenue
116 estimate based on such revenue estimates, in an amount that is equal
117 to or between such revenue estimates.

118 (b) If no budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
119 June 30, 2011, has become law by the effective date of this section, then
120 not later than ten days after the effective date of this section, the joint
121 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
122 matters relating to appropriations and finance, revenue and bonding,
123 shall prepare and vote on adjusted appropriation and revenue plans, if
124 necessary to address the consensus revenue estimate prepared
125 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and the Governor shall
126 provide a budget document, prepared in accordance with the
127 requirements of section 4-74 of the general statutes, as amended by this
128 act, if necessary to address to such consensus revenue estimate.

129 Sec. 4. Section 2-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the
130 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

131 (a) All bills carrying or requiring appropriations and favorably
132 reported by any other committee, except for payment of claims against
133 the state, shall, before passage, be referred to the joint standing
134 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
135 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, unless
136 such reference is dispensed with by a vote of at least two-thirds of each
137 house of the General Assembly. Resolutions paying the contingent
138 expenses of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be referred
139 to said committee. Said committee may originate and report any bill
140 which it deems necessary and shall, in each odd-numbered year,

141 report such appropriation bills as it deems necessary for carrying on
142 the departments of the state government and for providing for such
143 institutions or persons as are proper subjects for state aid under the
144 provisions of the statutes, for the ensuing biennium. In each even-
145 numbered year, the committee shall originate and report at least one
146 bill which adjusts expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year in such
147 manner as it deems appropriate. Each appropriation bill shall specify
148 the particular purpose for which appropriation is made and shall be
149 itemized as far as practicable. The state budget act may contain any
150 legislation necessary to implement its appropriations provisions,
151 provided no other general legislation shall be made a part of such act.

152 (b) The state budget act passed by the legislature for funding the
153 expenses of operations of the state government in the ensuing
154 biennium shall contain a statement of estimated revenue, based upon
155 the most recent consensus revenue estimate or the revised consensus
156 revenue estimate issued pursuant to section 2 of this act, itemized by
157 major source, for each appropriated fund. The statement of estimated
158 revenue applicable to each such fund shall include, for any fiscal year,
159 an estimate of total revenue with respect to such fund, which amount
160 shall be reduced by (1) an estimate of total refunds of taxes to be paid
161 from such revenue in accordance with the authorization in section 12-
162 39f, and (2) an estimate of total refunds of payments to be paid from
163 such revenue in accordance with the provisions of section 4-37. Such
164 statement of estimated revenue, including the estimated refunds of
165 taxes to be offset against such revenue, shall be supplied by the joint
166 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
167 matters relating to state finance, revenue and bonding. The total
168 estimated revenue for each fund, as adjusted in accordance with this
169 section, shall not be less than the total net appropriations made from
170 each fund. On or before July first of each fiscal year said committee
171 shall, if any revisions in such estimates are required by virtue of
172 legislative amendments to the revenue measures proposed by said
173 committee, changes in conditions or receipt of new information since
174 the original estimate was supplied, meet and revise such estimates

175 and, through its cochairpersons, report to the Comptroller any such
176 revisions.

177 Sec. 5. Section 4-74 of the general statutes is repealed and the
178 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

179 Part III of the budget document shall be based upon the consensus
180 revenue estimate or revised consensus revenue estimate issued
181 pursuant to section 2 of this act, and shall consist of a draft or drafts of
182 appropriation and revenue bills to carry out the recommendations of
183 the Governor to be included in parts I and II of the budget document.
184 Such appropriation bills shall indicate the funds, general or special,
185 from which such appropriations shall be paid, but such appropriations
186 need not be in greater detail than to indicate the total appropriation to
187 be made to each budgeted agency and each independently organized
188 division thereof for each major function or program, equipment, land
189 and buildings and improvements."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-36b
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	2-35
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	4-74