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Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURE CAP.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2-33a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 The General Assembly shall not authorize an increase in general
4 budget expenditures for any fiscal year above the amount of general
5 budget expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by a
6 percentage which exceeds the greater of the percentage increase in
7 personal income or the percentage increase in inflation, unless the
8 Governor declares an emergency or the existence of extraordinary
9 circumstances and at least three-fifths of the members of each house of
10 the General Assembly vote to exceed such limit for the purposes of
11 such emergency or extraordinary circumstances. Any such declaration
12 shall specify the nature of such emergency or circumstances and may

13 provide that such proposed additional expenditures shall not be
14 considered general budget expenditures for the current fiscal year for
15 the purposes of determining general budget expenditures for the
16 ensuing fiscal year and any act of the General Assembly authorizing
17 such expenditures may contain such provision. As used in this section,
18 (1) "increase in personal income" means the average of the annual
19 increase in personal income in the state for each of the preceding five
20 years, according to United States Bureau of Economic Analysis data;
21 (2) "increase in inflation" means the increase in the consumer price
22 index for urban consumers during the preceding twelve-month period,
23 according to United States Bureau of Labor Statistics data; [and] (3)
24 "general budget expenditures" means expenditures from appropriated
25 funds authorized by public or special act of the General Assembly,
26 provided [(1)] (A) general budget expenditures shall not include
27 expenditures for payment of the principal of and interest on bonds,
28 notes or other evidences of indebtedness, expenditures pursuant to
29 section 4-30a, or current or increased expenditures for statutory grants
30 to distressed municipalities, provided such grants are in effect on July
31 1, 1991, and [(2)] (B) expenditures for the implementation of federal
32 mandates, [or] court orders or federal programs that are one hundred
33 per cent funded by the federal government shall not be considered
34 general budget expenditures for the first fiscal year in which such
35 expenditures are authorized, but shall be considered general budget
36 expenditures for such year for the purposes of determining general
37 budget expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year; [. As used in this
38 section,] (4) "federal mandates" means those programs or services in
39 which the state must participate, or in which the state participated on
40 July 1, 1991, and in which the state must meet federal entitlement and
41 eligibility criteria in order to receive federal reimbursement, provided
42 expenditures for program or service components which are optional
43 under federal law or regulation shall be considered general budget
44 expenditures; and (5) "evidences of indebtedness" shall include
45 expenditures for payment of the annual required contribution for the
46 unfunded accrued liability portion of the teachers' retirement system

47 and the annual required contribution for the unfunded accrued
48 liability portion of the state employees retirement system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	2-33a

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]