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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE, DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX FAIRNESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 2-33a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

48 amount shall not be considered general budget expenditures for the
49 purpose of calculating the allowable increase in general budget
50 expenditures that may be authorized for any subsequent fiscal year."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	2-33a