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To: House Bill No. 7061

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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

"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 Strike section 35 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
2 and internal references accordingly

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) For the purpose of
6 determining the increase in general budget expenditures that may be
7 authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year

8 thereafter, general budget expenditures shall include, but not be
9 limited to, all funds appropriated for the Medicaid program, including
10 federal funds appropriated through the budgetary process for the
11 Medicaid program.

12 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) For the purpose of
13 determining the increase in general budget expenditures that may be
14 authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year
15 thereafter, general budget expenditures shall include those types of
16 expenditures that have been included in such determination prior to
17 July 1, 2015, and no type of expenditure that has been so included may
18 be excluded from such determination without a vote by three-fifths of
19 the members of each house of the General Assembly.

20 Sec. 503. Section 2-33a of the general statutes is repealed and the
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

22 The General Assembly shall not authorize an increase in general
23 budget expenditures for any fiscal year above the amount of general
24 budget expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by a
25 percentage which exceeds the greater of the percentage increase in
26 personal income or the percentage increase in inflation, unless the
27 Governor declares an emergency or the existence of extraordinary
28 circumstances and at least three-fifths of the members of each house of
29 the General Assembly vote to exceed such limit for the purposes of
30 such emergency or extraordinary circumstances. Any such declaration
31 shall specify the nature of such emergency or circumstances and may
32 provide that such proposed additional expenditures shall not be
33 considered general budget expenditures for the current fiscal year for
34 the purposes of determining general budget expenditures for the
35 ensuing fiscal year and any act of the General Assembly authorizing
36 such expenditures may contain such provision. As used in this section,
37 "increase in personal income" means the average of the annual increase
38 in personal income in the state for each of the preceding five years,
39 according to United States Bureau of Economic Analysis data;
40 "increase in inflation" means the increase in the consumer price index

41 for urban consumers during the preceding twelve-month period
 42 ending June thirtieth of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year to
 43 which the budget relates, according to United States Bureau of Labor
 44 Statistics data; and "general budget expenditures" means expenditures
 45 from appropriated funds authorized by public or special act of the
 46 General Assembly, provided [(1)] general budget expenditures shall
 47 not include expenditures for payment of the principal of and interest
 48 on bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness [,] or expenditures
 49 pursuant to section 4-30a. [, or current or increased expenditures for
 50 statutory grants to distressed municipalities, provided such grants are
 51 in effect on July 1, 1991, and (2) expenditures for the implementation of
 52 federal mandates or court orders shall not be considered general
 53 budget expenditures for the first fiscal year in which such
 54 expenditures are authorized, but shall be considered general budget
 55 expenditures for such year for the purposes of determining general
 56 budget expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. As used in this section,
 57 "federal mandates" means those programs or services in which the
 58 state must participate, or in which the state participated on July 1,
 59 1991, and in which the state must meet federal entitlement and
 60 eligibility criteria in order to receive federal reimbursement, provided
 61 expenditures for program or service components which are optional
 62 under federal law or regulation shall be considered general budget
 63 expenditures.] If the allowable increase in general budget expenditures
 64 that may be authorized for any fiscal year is exceeded, such excess
 65 amount shall not be considered general budget expenditures for the
 66 purpose of calculating the allowable increase in general budget
 67 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	July 1, 2015	New section
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Sec. 503	from passage	2-33a