



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 268***

LCO No. 1884



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:  
(APP)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS STATE BUDGET PROJECTIONS, TRENDS, AREAS OF GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EFFICIENCY, FEDERAL BUDGET ACTIVITY AND SPENDING CONTROL OPTIONS AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED THERETO.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There shall be established a  
2 working group to discuss state budget projections, trends, areas of  
3 growth and opportunities for efficiency, federal budget activity and  
4 spending control options. The working group shall develop  
5 recommendations in each of said areas for consideration in the  
6 preparation of the state budget and state budgetary policy.
- 7 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:
- 8 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
10 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, or the  
11 chairpersons' or ranking members' designees;

12 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
13 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
14 relating to finance, revenue and bonding, or the chairpersons' or  
15 ranking members' designees;

16 (3) One person appointed by the speaker of the House of  
17 Representatives;

18 (4) One person appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
19 Senate;

20 (5) One person appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
21 Representatives; and

22 (6) One person appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

23 (c) Each member of the working group appointed under subdivision  
24 (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section shall be a member of  
25 the private sector with specialized knowledge in budgeting.

26 (d) All appointments to the working group shall be made not later  
27 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
28 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

29 (e) The chairpersons of the working group shall be selected by the  
30 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of  
31 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
32 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and finance, revenue  
33 and bonding. Such chairpersons of the working group shall schedule  
34 the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later  
35 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

36 (f) On or before November 1, 2016, the working group shall submit  
37 its recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
38 4a of the general statutes, concerning the matters specified in  
39 subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committees of the  
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

41 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and finance, revenue  
42 and bonding. The working group shall terminate on the date that it  
43 submits such recommendations or November 1, 2016, whichever is  
44 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a working group to discuss certain budget-related matters and develop recommendations related to such matters.

*[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.]*