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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM
ENDING JUNE 30, 2017."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
4 and Management shall, within available appropriations, conduct a
5 study of the impact of requiring all state employees to work a forty-
6 hour work week. On or before October 1, 2016, the secretary shall
7 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
8 statutes, the findings of such study to the joint standing committees of
9 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
10 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and labor and public
11 employees. Such report shall include a summary of the potential

12 positive and negative impacts, including any financial impacts,
13 implementing such forty-hour work week may have on the state.

14 Sec. 502. Subsection (d) of section 3-20 of the 2016 supplement to the
15 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
16 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

17 (d) (1) All bonds of the state, authorized by the State Bond
18 Commission acting prior to July 1, 1972, pursuant to any bond act
19 taking effect prior to such date, shall be issued in accordance with such
20 bond act or this section.

21 (2) All bonds of the state authorized to be issued by the State Bond
22 Commission acting on or after July 1, 1972, pursuant to any bond act
23 taking effect before, on or after such date shall be authorized and shall
24 be issued in accordance with this section, except that all bonds of the
25 state authorized to be issued by the State Bond Commission (A) acting
26 on or after July 1, 2016, and prior to July 1, 2017, pursuant to any bond
27 act taking effect before, on or after July 1, 2016, shall not exceed in the
28 aggregate one billion nine hundred million dollars in such fiscal year,
29 (B) acting on or after July 1, 2017, and prior to July 1, 2018, pursuant to
30 any bond act taking effect before, on or after July 1, 2017, shall not
31 exceed in the aggregate one billion seven hundred million dollars in
32 any fiscal year, (C) acting on or after July 1, 2018, and prior to July 1,
33 2019, pursuant to any bond act taking effect before, on or after July 1,
34 2018, shall not exceed in the aggregate one billion five hundred million
35 dollars in any fiscal year, and (D) acting on or after July 1, 2019,
36 pursuant to any bond act taking effect before, on or after July 1, 2019,
37 shall not exceed in the aggregate one billion three hundred million
38 dollars in any fiscal year.

39 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) The joint standing committee of the
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
41 government administration shall review the number of legislative
42 committees and make recommendations to consolidate such
43 committees into not more than sixteen committees, including, but not

44 limited to, a joint standing committee on ways and means. Not later
45 than January 1, 2017, the joint standing committee of the General
46 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
47 administration shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions
48 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Joint Committee on
49 Legislative Management that details such recommendations for
50 consolidation.

51 Sec. 504. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) Whenever the State Auditors
52 of Public Accounts identify concerns and make recommendations
53 regarding the operations of a state agency, the joint standing
54 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
55 relating to such agency shall conduct a public hearing concerning such
56 concerns and recommendations and the efforts that such state agency
57 is undertaking to address such concerns. Such public hearing shall be
58 conducted not later than six months following the issuance of the
59 report of the State Auditors of Public Accounts that contains such
60 concerns and recommendations. The commissioner of such agency
61 shall attend such public hearing and testify in response to such
62 concerns and recommendations and any other inquiries made by
63 members of such joint standing committee.

64 Sec. 505. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There shall be established
65 a long-term fiscal planning working group to discuss state budget
66 projections, trends, areas of growth and opportunities for efficiency,
67 federal budget activity and spending control options. The working
68 group shall develop recommendations in each of said areas for
69 consideration in the preparation of the state budget and state
70 budgetary policy.

71 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

72 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
73 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
74 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, or the
75 chairpersons' or ranking members' designees;

76 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
77 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
78 relating to finance, revenue and bonding, or the chairpersons' or
79 ranking members' designees;

80 (3) One person appointed by the speaker of the House of
81 Representatives;

82 (4) One person appointed by the president pro tempore of the
83 Senate;

84 (5) One person appointed by the minority leader of the House of
85 Representatives; and

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

87 (c) Each member of the working group appointed under subdivision
88 (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section shall be a member of
89 the private sector with specialized knowledge in budgeting.

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

93 (e) The chairpersons of the working group shall be selected by the
94 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of
95 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
96 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and finance, revenue
97 and bonding. Such chairpersons of the working group shall schedule
98 the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later
99 than sixty days after the effective date of this section. The working
100 group shall meet at least biannually thereafter. The Office of Fiscal
101 Analysis shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

102 (f) On or before November 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the
103 working group shall submit its recommendations, in accordance with
104 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the
105 matters specified in subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing

106 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
107 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and
108 finance, revenue and bonding.

109 Sec. 506. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) Notwithstanding any other
110 provision of the general statutes, any retirement plan offered to any (1)
111 new state employees and officials exempt from classified service, and
112 (2) state employees included in any collective bargaining agreement
113 negotiated after the effective date of this section shall be limited to a
114 defined contribution plan.

115 Sec. 507. Subsection (b) of section 5-278 of the general statutes is
116 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
117 *passage*):

118 (b) Any agreement reached by the negotiators shall be reduced to
119 writing. The agreement, together with a request for funds necessary to
120 fully implement such agreement and for approval of any provisions of
121 the agreement which are in conflict with any statute or any regulation
122 of any state agency, and any arbitration award, issued in accordance
123 with section 5-276a, together with a statement setting forth the amount
124 of funds necessary to implement such award, shall be filed by the
125 bargaining representative of the employer with the clerks of the House
126 of Representatives and the Senate [within] not later than ten days after
127 the date on which such agreement is reached or such award is
128 distributed. Any such agreement shall be referred to the collective
129 bargaining subcommittee of the joint standing committee of the
130 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
131 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies for review of the
132 entire contract. Said subcommittee shall provide a recommendation for
133 approval or disapproval of such agreement to said committee within
134 the applicable time frame set forth in the joint rules of the House of
135 Representatives and the Senate concerning the procedure for collective
136 bargaining agreements. The General Assembly may approve any such
137 agreement as a whole by a majority vote of each house or may reject
138 such agreement as a whole by a majority vote of either house. The

139 General Assembly may reject any such award as a whole by a two-
140 thirds vote of either house if it determines that there are insufficient
141 funds for full implementation of the award. If rejected, or if either
142 chamber fails to act on the agreement or award within the time periods
143 required under this subsection, the matter shall be returned to the
144 parties for further bargaining. Once approved by the General
145 Assembly, any provision of an agreement or award need not be
146 resubmitted by the parties to such agreement or award as part of a
147 future contract approval process unless changes in the language of
148 such provision are negotiated by such parties. Any supplemental
149 understanding reached between such parties containing provisions
150 which would supersede any provision of the general statutes or any
151 regulation of any state agency or would require additional state
152 funding shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approval in
153 the same manner as agreements and awards. If the General Assembly
154 is in session, it shall vote to approve or reject such agreement or award
155 [within] not later than thirty days after the date of filing. If the General
156 Assembly is not in session when such agreement or award is filed, it
157 shall be submitted to the General Assembly [within] not later than
158 days of the first day of the next regular session or special session called
159 for such purpose. The agreement or award shall [be deemed approved
160 if the General Assembly fails to vote to approve or reject such
161 agreement or award within thirty days after such filing or submission]
162 not be effective unless approved by the General Assembly in
163 accordance with this subsection. The thirty-day period shall not begin
164 or expire unless the General Assembly is in regular session. For the
165 purpose of this subsection, any agreement or award filed with the
166 clerks within thirty days before the commencement of a regular
167 session of the General Assembly shall be deemed to be filed on the first
168 day of such session.

169 Sec. 508. Subsection (d) of section 5-278 of the general statutes is
170 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
171 *passage*):

172 (d) No provision of any general statute or special act shall prevent

173 negotiations between an employer and an employee organization
174 which has been designated as the exclusive representative of
175 employees in an appropriate unit, from continuing after the final date
176 for setting the state budget. An agreement between an employer and
177 an employee organization shall be valid and in force under its terms
178 when entered into in accordance with the provisions of this chapter
179 and signed by the chief executive officer or administrator as a
180 ministerial act. Such terms may not make any such agreement effective
181 on a date prior to the date on which the agreement is entered. No
182 publication thereof shall be required to make it effective. The
183 procedure for the making of an agreement between the employer and
184 an employee organization provided by sections 5-270 to 5-280,
185 inclusive, shall be the exclusive method for making a valid agreement
186 for employees represented by an employee organization, and any
187 provisions in any general statute or special act to the contrary shall not
188 apply to such an agreement.

189 Sec. 509. Subsection (f) of section 5-278 of the general statutes is
190 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
191 *passage*):

192 (f) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
193 collective bargaining negotiations concerning changes to the state
194 employees retirement system to be effective on and after July 1, 1988,
195 and collective bargaining negotiations concerning health and welfare
196 benefits to be effective on and after July 1, 1994, shall be conducted
197 between the employer and a coalition committee which represents all
198 state employees who are members of any designated employee
199 organization. On and after July 1, 2016, no collective bargaining
200 agreement entered into pursuant to negotiations concerning changes to
201 the state employees retirement system or concerning health and
202 welfare benefits shall be effective unless the General Assembly
203 approves such agreement by a majority vote of each house. (2) The
204 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be construed
205 to prevent the employer and any designated employee organization
206 from bargaining directly with each other on matters related to the state

207 employees retirement system and health and welfare benefits
 208 whenever the parties jointly agree that such matters are unique to the
 209 particular bargaining unit. (3) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this
 210 subsection shall not be construed to prevent the employer and
 211 representatives of employee organizations from dealing with any
 212 state-wide issue using the procedure established in said subdivision.

213 Sec. 510. (*Effective from passage*) If the General Assembly has failed to
 214 adopt definitions implementing the constitutional spending cap by the
 215 required three-fifths vote on or before March 1, 2017, the following
 216 salary and other reductions in legislative benefits shall apply and shall
 217 remain in effect until such time as such definitions have been adopted
 218 by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor:

219 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2-9 of the general
 220 statutes, the members and officers of the General Assembly shall
 221 receive salaries that are ten per cent less than the salaries specified in
 222 said section;

223 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2-15 of the general
 224 statutes, no member of the General Assembly shall receive any
 225 transportation allowance;

226 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2-15a of the general
 227 statutes, no member of the General Assembly shall be entitled to any
 228 unsolicited mailings at the expense of the state; and

229 (4) No member of the General Assembly or legislative employee
 230 shall receive payment from the state for any expenses associated with
 231 or resulting from attendance at any conference or other meeting in this
 232 state or another state or for any other travel related expense."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	3-20(d)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 504	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 505	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 506	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 507	<i>from passage</i>	5-278(b)
Sec. 508	<i>from passage</i>	5-278(d)
Sec. 509	<i>from passage</i>	5-278(f)
Sec. 510	<i>from passage</i>	New section