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To: Senate Bill No. **501**

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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

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

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- 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15 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  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, 2016*) 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, 2016</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