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Proposed Bill No. 5700

LCO No. 1483



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Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:
REP. DAVIS C., 57th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING TERMS PERTAINING TO THE
CONSTITUTIONAL SPENDING CAP.**

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

1 That section 2-33a of the general statutes be amended, by three-
2 fifths of the members of each house of the General Assembly, to define
3 "increase in personal income" as the compound annual growth rate of
4 personal income in the state over the preceding five calendar years,
5 according to United States Bureau of Economic Analysis data;
6 "increase in inflation" as the increase in the consumer price index for
7 urban consumers, all items less food and energy, during the preceding
8 calendar year, calculated on a December over December basis,
9 according to United States Bureau of Labor Statistics data; "general
10 budget expenditures" as expenditures from appropriated funds
11 authorized by public or special act of the General Assembly, including,
12 but not limited to, contributions to any retirement system or
13 alternative retirement program administered by the State Employees
14 Retirement Commission, or the teachers' retirement system, provided
15 (1) general budget expenditures for any fiscal year shall not exceed
16 those authorized during the previous fiscal year by a percentage which
17 shall be determined by the greater of the percentage increase in

18 personal income or the percentage increase in inflation, and (2) general
19 budget expenditures shall not include (A) expenditures for payment of
20 the principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other evidences of
21 indebtedness, (B) expenditures pursuant to section 4-30a of the general
22 statutes, (C) expenditures of any federal funds granted to the state or
23 its agencies, and (D) expenditures for the implementation of federal
24 mandates or court orders shall not be considered general budget
25 expenditures for the first fiscal year in which such expenditures are
26 authorized, but shall be considered general budget expenditures for
27 such year for the purposes of determining general budget
28 expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year; and "federal mandates" as
29 those programs or services in which the state must participate, and in
30 which the state must meet federal entitlement and eligibility criteria in
31 order to receive federal reimbursement, provided expenditures for
32 program or service components which are optional under federal law
33 or regulation shall be considered general budget expenditures.

Statement of Purpose:

To implement a real and working spending cap.