



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5434

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUNDING.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-28b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes:

4 (1) (A) If, during any fiscal year, the state receives federal block grant
5 funds, the Governor shall submit recommended allocations of such
6 funds to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
7 pro tempore of the Senate. Within five days of receipt of the
8 recommendations, the speaker and the president pro tempore shall
9 submit the recommended allocations to the joint standing committee of
10 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
11 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and to the joint
12 standing committee or committees of the General Assembly having
13 cognizance of the subject matter relating to such recommended

14 allocations, as determined by the speaker and the president pro
15 tempore. Within thirty days of their receipt of the Governor's
16 recommended allocations, the committee having cognizance of matters
17 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in
18 concurrence with the committee or committees of cognizance, shall
19 advise the Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of such
20 recommended allocations.

21 (B) If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee
22 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be
23 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At
24 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member of
25 the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall be
26 made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the report.
27 The report of the committee on conference may not be amended. If a
28 joint standing committee rejects the report of the committee on
29 conference, the Governor's recommended allocations shall be deemed
30 approved. If the joint standing committees accept the report, the
31 committee having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
32 the budgets of state agencies shall advise the Governor of their approval
33 or modifications, if any, of such recommended allocations, provided if
34 the committees do not act within thirty days, the recommended
35 allocations shall be deemed approved.

36 (C) Disbursement of such funds shall be in accordance with the
37 Governor's recommended allocations as approved or modified by the
38 committees. After such recommended allocations have been so
39 approved or modified, any proposed transfer to or from any specific
40 allocation of a sum or sums of over fifty thousand dollars or ten per cent
41 of any such specific allocation, whichever is less, shall be submitted by
42 the Governor to the speaker and the president pro tempore and
43 approved, modified or rejected by the committees in accordance with
44 the procedures set forth in this subdivision. Notification of all transfers
45 made shall be sent to the joint standing committee of the General
46 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
47 the budgets of state agencies and to the committee or committees of

48 cognizance, through the Office of Fiscal Analysis;

49 (2) [if] If, during any fiscal year, federal funding for programs
50 financed by state appropriations with federal reimbursements is
51 reduced below the amounts estimated under the provisions of section
52 2-35, the Governor shall submit recommendations to the joint standing
53 committee having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
54 the budgets of state agencies and to the committee of cognizance, for
55 legislation necessary to modify funding for such programs consistent
56 with such reductions in federal funding; [.]

57 (3) If during any fiscal year, the state receives federal block grant
58 funds in an amount greater than ten thousand dollars that is in addition
59 to those funds that were the subject of the recommended allocations
60 brought before the committees for approval or modification in
61 accordance with subdivision (1) of this section, the Governor shall
62 submit recommended allocations of such funds to the speaker of the
63 House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate
64 and the speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the
65 recommended allocations to the joint standing committee of the General
66 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
67 the budgets of state agencies and to the joint standing committee or
68 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of the subject
69 matter relating to such recommended allocations, as determined by the
70 speaker and the president pro tempore, for the committees' approval or
71 modification in accordance with the procedures set forth in subdivision
72 (1) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	4-28b

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires legislative committee approval for changes in federal block grant allocations when the state receives \$10,000 or more than assumed in the allocation plan, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OFA Bill Analysis**HB 5434*****AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUNDING.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires legislative committee approval or modification of federal block grant allocations in instances when the state receives \$10,000 or more than assumed in the allocation plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

BACKGROUND***Federal Block Grant Allocations***

Current law requires proposed transfers over fifty thousand dollars or ten per cent of a specific allocation (whichever is less) to be submitted by the Governor to the speaker and the president pro tempore and approved, modified or rejected by the relevant committees.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 50 Nay 0 (04/07/2022)