



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5434**

LCO No. 2959



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:  
(APP)

**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 Section 4-28b of the general statutes is repealed and the  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: (1) (A) If,  
4 during any fiscal year, the state receives federal block grant funds, the  
5 Governor shall submit recommended allocations of such funds to the  
6 speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore  
7 of the Senate. Within five days of receipt of the recommendations, the  
8 speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the recommended  
9 allocations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
10 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets  
11 of state agencies and to the joint standing committee or committees of  
12 the General Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating  
13 to such recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the  
14 president pro tempore. Within thirty days of their receipt of the  
15 Governor's recommended allocations, the committee having cognizance

16 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,  
17 in concurrence with the committee or committees of cognizance, shall  
18 advise the Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of such  
19 recommended allocations.

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

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

48 (2) [if] If, during any fiscal year, federal funding for programs

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

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

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require legislative review and approval when state agencies receive additional block grant funding.

*[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.]*