
OLR BILL ANALYSIS

HB 5015 (LCO 311)

AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012.

SUMMARY:

This bill:

1. provides \$7.6 million in FY 12 deficiency appropriations to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Teacher's Retirement Board, and Public Defender Services Commission;
2. reduces by \$7.6 million the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) FY 12 budget;
3. appropriates \$1.8 million to the state comptroller for employee retirement contributions from the Special Transportation Fund and reduces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) rail operations account appropriation by this amount; and
4. limits the period during which unexpended funds related to collective bargaining agreements can be carried forward.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

§ 1—APPROPRIATIONS TO MEET DEFICIENCIES

The bill appropriates \$7.6 million from the General Fund for various purposes in FY 12:

<i>General Fund Account</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>
DEEP	Environmental conservation	\$600,000
Teachers' Retirement Board	Retirees health service costs	2,400,000

Public Defender Services Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Public Defenders – Non-contractual • Contracted attorneys 	<p style="text-align: right;">500,000</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2,000,000</p>
State Comptroller – Miscellaneous	Adjudicated claims	2,100,000
Total – General Fund		7,600,000

§ 2—REDUCTION IN DCF BUDGET

The bill reduces DCF’s FY 12 Personal Services budget by \$7.6 million.

§§ 3 & 4—TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

The bill transfers \$1.8 million from the Special Transportation Fund’s DOT Rail Operations Account to the state comptroller’s fringe benefit account for the Employee Retirement Contribution.

§ 5—LIMITING CARRY-FORWARD OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FUNDS

The bill limits the carry forward period for unexpended funds appropriated in 2009 for collective bargaining agreements and related costs. Currently, the funds can be carried over and continue to be available for this purpose during FYs 12 and 13. The bill limits it to FY 12 only.