

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1940

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE DEAN

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 22, by striking out the period after

2 "estimates" and inserting

3 and providing for duties of General Assembly.

4 The General Assembly finds and declares that it is the duty
5 of the General Assembly to, pursuant to section 13 of Article
6 VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, pass a balanced
7 operating budget each year.

8 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 10 and 11

9 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

10 Section 618.2. Duties of General Assembly.--(a) The General
11 Assembly shall pass bills raising sufficient revenue necessary
12 to balance the operating budget when the General Assembly passes
13 the general appropriation bill, other appropriation bills,
14 nonpreferred appropriation bills, statutory authorizations and
15 implementation bills. If by the first day of the fiscal year the
16 General Assembly has not enacted a balanced operating budget,
17 including bills that raise sufficient revenue as provided under
18 this subsection, members of the General Assembly shall not be
19 entitled to receive salary or reimbursement for expenses until
20 the balanced operating budget is enacted into law.

21 (b) The following shall apply:

22 (1) The balanced operating budget passed by the General
23 Assembly, consisting of the general appropriation bill, other
24 appropriation bills, nonpreferred appropriation bills, statutory
25 authorizations and implementation bills, shall be supported by
26 revenues which recur annually.

27 (2) If the balanced operating budget proposes to use
28 nonrecurring revenues to pay for recurring costs, the balanced
29 operating budget shall contain a plan to replace the
30 nonrecurring revenues with recurring revenues and shall outline
31 in detail reductions to expenditures necessary to bring future
32 budgets into balance.

33 (3) The balanced operating budget submitted to the Governor
34 by the General Assembly shall include sufficient appropriations
35 and authorizations for:

36 (i) The continuation of service required under current law.

37 (ii) Federal mandates.

- 1 (iii) Existing contracts and multiyear commitments,
2 including collective bargaining agreements.
3 (iv) Sufficient resources to pay for increases in the cost
4 of services which are legally mandated.
5 (v) Sufficient resources to account for increased costs due
6 to changes in workload, caseload or enrollment in legally
7 mandated programs.

8 Amend Bill, page 3, line 11, by striking out "2" and
9 inserting

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11 Amend Bill, page 3, line 13, by striking out "3" and
12 inserting

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