

House Bill 509

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Governor, so as to provide for program budgeting; to provide for definitions; to change
3 certain provisions regarding budget estimates; to change certain provisions regarding
4 required reserve of certain appropriations; to provide for the comprehensive revision of
5 provisions regarding the revenue shortfall reserve; to change certain provisions regarding the
6 promotion of state development; to change certain provisions regarding policy documents
7 with respect to strategic state planning; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Governor,
12 is amended by striking Code Section 45-12-71, relating to definitions regarding budgetary
13 and financial affairs, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 45-12-71 to read as
14 follows:

15 "45-12-71.

16 As used in this part, the term:

17 (1) 'Annual operating budget' means the operating budget for each budget unit which
18 details the appropriations passed by the General Assembly for that budget unit.

19 (2) 'Appropriation' means an authorization by the General Assembly to a budget unit to
20 expend, from public funds, a sum of money not in excess of the sum specified, for the
21 purposes specified in the authorization and under the procedure described in this part.

22 (3) 'Appropriation Act' means an Act of the General Assembly which authorizes the
23 expenditure of state money.

24 (4) 'Budget' means the complete financial plan for the fiscal year as proposed in the
25 budget report and modified and adopted by appropriation and revenue Acts.

1 (5) 'Budget allotment' means a process of authorizing the withdrawal of state funds from
 2 the treasury based on a determination that the budget allotment request is consistent with
 3 an approved work program.

4 (6) 'Budget class' means one of the kinds of expenditures denoting a class of service or
 5 commodities purchased or properties acquired as specified in the classification of
 6 expenditures provided for in this part for use in expenditure accounting, in the making
 7 of budget estimates, and in the budget reports and budgets.

8 (7) 'Budget estimate' means the statement with accompanying explanations, as provided
 9 in this part, in which a budget unit states its financial requirements and requests
 10 appropriations.

11 (8) 'Budget message' means the required statement by the Governor to the General
 12 Assembly after its convening which gives a summary description of the Governor's
 13 proposed financial policies and plans contained in the budget report, together with
 14 recommendations for additional revenues, if any.

15 (9) 'Budget report' ~~means~~ and 'program budget report' mean recommendations of the
 16 Governor to the General Assembly as to financial plans and expenditures to be
 17 authorized; and agency program information, with the accompanying statements and
 18 explanations provided for in this part.

19 (10) 'Budget unit' means a department, institution, agency, or other unit of organization
 20 for which separate appropriations are made.

21 (11) 'Core businesses' means broad policy areas that a budget unit was created to
 22 address. These are fundamental activities or groups of activities critical to the
 23 organization's overall mission.

24 (12) 'Outcome measure' means quantitative and qualitative indicators by which the
 25 performance of a program can be assessed against adopted goals and objectives.

26 (13) 'Program' means a discrete set of activities undertaken to carry out an agency's core
 27 businesses.

28 ~~(12)~~(14) 'Strategic planning' means the process through which a preferred future
 29 direction and organizational mission are established and periodically updated in light of
 30 changing trends and issues and goals, objectives, and strategies are adopted and
 31 implemented to guide an organization toward that preferred future direction."

32 SECTION 2.

33 Said chapter is further amended by striking paragraph (2) of Code Section 45-12-73, relating
 34 to powers and duties of the Office of Planning and Budget, and inserting in its place a new
 35 paragraph (2) to read as follows:

1 (c) For each existing fiscal year, the General Assembly may appropriate from the Revenue
 2 Shortfall Reserve an amount up to 1 percent of the net revenue collections of the preceding
 3 fiscal year for funding increased K-12 enrollment and then for other midterm educational
 4 needs.

5 (d) At any time, the Governor may release for appropriation by the General Assembly a
 6 stated amount from funds in the Revenue Shortfall Reserve that are in excess of 4 percent
 7 of the net revenue of the preceding fiscal year.

8 (e) As of the end of each fiscal year, an amount shall be released from the Revenue
 9 Shortfall Reserve to the general fund to cover any deficit by which total expenditures and
 10 contractual obligations of state funds authorized by appropriation exceed net revenue and
 11 other amounts in state funds made available for appropriation.

12 (f) The combined Revenue Shortfall Reserve and the Midyear Adjustment Reserve
 13 existing on the effective date of this subsection shall become the Revenue Shortfall
 14 Reserve provided for in this Code section.

15 (g) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, the General Assembly is authorized to
 16 appropriate \$ 7 million for State Fiscal Year 2005 from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve."

17 **SECTION 6.**

18 Said chapter is further amended by striking subsection (d) of Code Section 45-12-173,
 19 relating to promotion of state development, and inserting in its place a new subsection (d)
 20 to read as follows:

21 "(d) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly a development
 22 program for the consideration and review of the General Assembly. A program budget
 23 report shall satisfy this requirement. The development program shall be submitted within
 24 five days after the organization of the General Assembly for review with the budget
 25 document."

26 **SECTION 7.**

27 Said chapter is further amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 45-12-177,
 28 relating to review and establishment of certain goals and policies, and inserting in its place
 29 a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

30 "(b) The Governor, through the Office of Planning and Budget, shall prepare an annual
 31 policy document to reflect the state strategic plan and address state-wide goals, objectives,
 32 and opportunities. A program budget report shall satisfy this requirement. Such policy
 33 document shall be transmitted to the General Assembly at the beginning of each legislative
 34 session beginning with the ~~1994~~ 2006 session."

1 **SECTION 8.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 9.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.