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CORRECTIONS

INMATES

Department of Correction - Funding for Additional Beds

ACT 1 (HB1001) and ACT 5 (SB1) are identical and amend the fiscal year 2015 revenue stabilization allocation in Category “A” to add an additional six million two hundred seven thousand two hundred forty-nine dollars (\$6,207,249) to the Department of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account. The Joint Budget Committee also approved a request by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to reduce the deduction for the State Central Services Fund by one-tenth of one percent (.1%) to fund the increased allocation for the Department of Correction without affecting other revenue stabilization allocations. The acts declare an emergency and are effective on and after July 3, 2014.

INSURANCE

COVERAGE AND BENEFITS

Public School Employees

ACT 2 (HB1003) and Act 7 (SB4) are identical and require a public school employee to perform his or her duties at least thirty (30) hours per week to be eligible for participation in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program beginning in the 2015 plan year. The acts declare an emergency and are effective on and after July 3, 2014.

State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program

ACT 3 (HB1004) and ACT 6 (SB3) are identical and (1) modify the membership of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board and the board’s Benefits Subcommittee and Drug Utilization and Evaluation Subcommittee; (2) require a participant in a consumer-driven health insurance plan option to establish a health savings account; (3) require verification of dependent eligibility; (4) provide for implementation of a policy to identify funds not required for federal taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and to use the funds for premium assistance; (5) remove the requirement that a school district use funds allocated for public school employee health insurance through the matrix to support public school employee health insurance premiums; (6) define “dependent” to exclude a participant’s spouse if the spouse has access to healthcare coverage through the spouse’s employer or if the spouses are legally separated or divorced; (7) define “participant” as an individual or an individual’s dependent who is enrolled in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program and who continues to be eligible to participate in the program; (8) define “rural school district”; (9) limit the annual cost of coverage for the Pilot Program for morbid obesity diagnosis and treatment to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for each state and public school employee health benefit plan; and (10) allow the board to suspend the Pilot Program for morbid obesity diagnosis and treatment to ensure financial soundness of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

LOTTERY

LOTTERY COMMISSION

Lottery Games – Multidraw Screen-based Games

ACT 4 (HB1005) and ACT 8 (SB5) are identical and (1) define “multidraw screen-based lottery game” and (2) restrict the lottery from implementing multidraw screen-based lottery games. The prohibition on multidraw screen-based lottery games expires on March 13, 2015. The acts declare an emergency and are effective on and after July 3, 2014.

PUBLIC FINANCE

REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW

State Central Services Fund - Reduction

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES
AND EFFECTIVE DATES SINCE 1969

General Assembly	Year	Dates in Session	Effective date without emergency clause/AG Opin. No.
67 th	1969	January 13 – May 8	8/7/69*
67 th – FES	1970	March 2 – March 7	6/6/70*
68 th	1971	January 11 – April 19	7/19/71*
68 th – FES	1972	February 7 – February 16	5/17/72*
69 th	1973	January 8 – January 14, 1974	7/24/73: #73-120
69 th – FES	1974	June 24 – August 1	10/31/74*
70 th	1975	January 13 – April 9	7/9/75**
70 th – Exten	1976	January 12 – January 28	4/28/76: #76-50
70 th – FES	1976	September 8 – September 10	NA
71 st	1977	January 10 – August 14	7/6/77: #77-57
71 st – FES	1977	August 2 – August 5	11/4/77**
72 nd	1979	January 8 – April 20	7/20/79: #79-88
72 nd – EXT.	1980	January 7 – January 17	(No legislation passed)
72 nd – FES	1980	January 17 – January 24	4/24/80: #80-42
72 nd – SES	1980	April 15 – April 18	NA
73 rd	1981	January 12 – March 18	6/17/81: #81-76
73 rd – FES	1981	November 16 – November 25	2/24/82**
74 th	1983	January 10 – April 4	7/4/83: #83-74
74 th – FES	1983	October 4 – November 10	2/9/84: #83-228
75 th	1985	January 14 – March 29	6/28/85: #85-108
75 th – FES	1985	June 17 – June 21	9/20/85**
75 th – SES	1986	April 28 – May 1	7/31/86: #86-337
76 th	1987	January 12 – April 20	7/20/87: #87-156
76 th – FES	1987	June 2 – June 5	9/4/87**

General Assembly	Year	Dates in Session	Effective date without emergency clause/AG Opin. No.
76 th – SES	1987	October 6 – October 9	1/8/88**
76 th – TES	1988	January 26 – February 5	5/6/88**
76 th – 4 th ES	1988	July 11 – July 14	10/13/88**
77 th	1989	January 9 – April 3	7/3/89: #89-078
77 th – FES	1989	June 20 – June 23	9/22/89**
77 th – SES	1989	July 25 – July 27	10/26/89**
77 th – TES	1989	October 23 – November 3	2/2/90**
78 th	1991	January 14 – April 15	7/15/91: #91-119
78 th – FES	1992	February 24 – March 4	6/3/92: #92-114A & #93-025A
78 th – SES	1992	December 14 – December 18	3/19/93: #93-025A
79 th	1993	January 11 – May 14	8/13/93: #93-149A
79 th – FES	1994	February 28 – March 2	6/1/94: #94-076
79 th – SES	1994	August 15 – August 24	11/23/94: #94-273
80 th	1995	January 9 – April 28	7/28/95: #95-119
80 th – FES	1995	October 17 – October 20	1/19/96*
81 st	1997	January 13 – May 2	8/1/97: #97-144
82 nd	1999	January 11 – April 30	7/30/99: #99-120
82 nd – FES	2000	April 3 – April 7	NA
82 nd – SES	2000	December 13 – December 15	NA
83 rd	2001	January 8 – May 14	8/13/01: #2001-138
83 rd – FES	2002	June 10 – June 12	NA
84 th	2003	January 13 – April 16	7/16/03: #2003-119
84 th – FES	2003	May 5 – May 9	NA
84 th – SES	2003	Dec. 8, 2003 – June 9, 2004	6/3/04: #2004-186
85 th	2005	January 10 – May 13	8/12/05: #2005-110
85 th – FES	2006	April 3 – April 21	7/21/06: #2006-080

General Assembly	Year	Dates in Session	Effective date without emergency clause/AG Opin. No.
86 th	2007	January 8 – May 1	7/31/07: #2007-164
86 th – FES	2008	March 31 – April 2	NA
87 th	2009	January 12 – May 1	7/31/09: #2009-090
87 th – Fiscal	2010	February 8 – March 4	6/3/10: #2010-031
88 th	2011	January 10 – April 27	7/27/11: #2011-056
88 th – Fiscal	2012	February 13 – March 9	6/8/12*
89 th	2013	January 14 – May 17	8/16/13: #2013-049
89 th – FES	2013	October 17 – October 19	1/18/14*
89 th – Fiscal	2014	February 10 – March 19	6/18/14*
89 th – SES	2014	June 30 – July 2	10/1/14*

* Bureau Calculation

** Bureau Calculation, confirmed by Secretary of State