

Revised Special Rules for the Joint Budget Committee Regular and Fiscal Session as Adopted January 9, 2018

16. Emergency Action.

(a) State Agency or Institution Request for Emergency Action.

Whenever a matter that requires Joint Budget Committee review, approval or advice is filed with the Bureau of Legislative Research for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Joint Budget Committee, or the subcommittee to which the matter is normally referred, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State states, in writing, that the matter requires immediate action, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Budget Committee may institute "Emergency Action Procedures" for the consideration of the matter, if they determine that it is in the best interest of the agency or institution, or that immediate action is essential to enable the agency or institution to perform essential services.

(b) "Emergency Action Procedures" shall consist of:

(1) The Co-Chairs of the Joint Budget Committee determining that there is sufficient justification to consider the matter by Emergency Action Procedures;

(2) Consideration of the matter by the Co-Chairs of the Joint Budget Committee, and the co-chairs of the subcommittee to which the matter is normally presented for review; and

(3) The co-chairs of the affected subcommittee and the Co-Chairs of the Joint Budget Committee are unanimous in their evaluation that emergency review, approval, or advice is advisable, then the House of Representatives Co-Chair and Senate Co-Chair may act on behalf of the Joint Budget Committee in regard thereto.

(c)(1) Upon determination by the Co-Chairs of Joint Budget Committee and the co-chairs of the affected subcommittee to take emergency action, the emergency action report shall be sent electronically to the members of the Joint Budget.

(2) Either chair of the Joint Budget Committee or a majority of the members of the Joint Budget Committee may call a meeting of the Joint Budget Committee to be held within one (1) business day after the determination to take emergency action is made. The Joint Budget Committee will have the authority at that meeting to override the determination of the Co-Chairs regarding emergency action.

(3) Unless the Joint Budget Committee acts to override the determination to take emergency action, the emergency review, approval or advice will be effective upon conclusion of the time frame for the Joint Budget Committee to call a meeting, which date and time will be stated in the Emergency Action report.

(d) All matters considered under the emergency procedures shall be reported in writing to the Joint Budget Committee at its next regular meeting.