

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT

Senate Bill 744

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moves to amend the bill on page 18, lines 45-46 by inserting between those lines the following:

"FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN BUDGETING

SECTION 6.11.(a) G.S. 143C-5-3 reads as rewritten:

'§ 143C-5-3. Availability statement Statements of revenue, expenses, and statutory compliance required.

- (a) In Act. The Current Operations Appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly shall state the General Fund, Highway Fund, and Highway Trust Fund availability used as basis for appropriations from those funds set out all of the following information:
 - (1) The availability used as a basis for appropriations from the General Fund, the Highway Fund, and the Highway Trust Fund.
 - (2) The amount of nonrecurring revenue the act appropriates from the General Fund, the Highway Fund, and the Highway Trust Fund for recurring expenses and the recurring source of revenue that is expected to support the recurring expenses in the next five fiscal years.
 - (3) The amount required by G.S. 143C-4-2 to be reserved to the Savings Reserve Account, the difference in the amount the statute requires and the act reserves, and the target amount set by statute for the Account.
 - (4) The amount required by G.S. 143C-4-3 to be reserved to the Repairs and Renovations Reserve, the difference in the amount the statute requires and the act reserves, the amount needed to meet the repair and renovations requirements for that year as identified in the most recent six-year capital improvement plan submitted by the Director under G.S. 143C-8-5, and the amount equal to one percent (1%) of the valuation of State buildings supported by the Reserve.
- (b) In Committee Report. The committee report that accompanies the Current Operations Appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly shall include a budget outlook that forecasts the anticipated revenue and expenses of the General Fund, the Highway Fund, and the Highway Trust Fund for the upcoming five-year period. The forecast shall state the assumptions on which it is based and shall separately identify the expenses of any new program or program that is expanded by more than ten percent (10%). Anticipated expenses include all of the following:



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1	(1)	Those required to be included in a continuation budget.		
2	(2)	Those considered necessary by the Controller to provide a realistic forecast.		
3	(3)	A step increase in pay for each year for teachers and State employees paid		
4		on a stepped salary schedule that are eligible for an experience-based step		
5		and a pay increase of at least one percent (1%) for all State employees not		
6		paid on a stepped salary schedule.'		
7	SE	CTION 6.11.(b) G.S. 143C-3-5 reads as rewritten:		
8	'§ 143C-3-5. Budget recommendations and budget message.			
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10	(e) Av	ailability Estimates. Revenue Information The recommended Current		
11		propriations Act shall contain a statement showing the estimates of General Fund		
12	availability, Highway Fund availability, and Highway Trust Fund availability upon which the			
13	Recommended State Budget is based the information on revenue and expenses required by			
14	G.S. 143C-5-3(a).			
15		lget Message The Governor's budget recommendations shall be accompanied		
16	by a written budget message that does all of the following:			
17	(1)	Explains the goals embodied in the recommended budget.		
18	(2)	Explains important features of the activities anticipated in the budget.		
19	(3)	Explains the assumptions underlying the statement of revenue availability.		
20	(4)	Sets forth the reasons for changes from the previous biennium or fiscal year,		
21		as appropriate, in terms of programs, program goals, appropriation levels,		
		and revenue yields.		
22	(5)	Identifies anticipated sources of funding for major spending initiatives.		
24	(6)	Prepares a fiscal analysis that addresses the Provides a forecast of the State's		
25		budget outlook for the upcoming five-year period, period that includes the		
26		information required in G.S. 143C-5-3. This fiscal analysis shall include		
27		detailed estimates for five years for any proposals to create new or		
28		significantly expand programs and for proposals to create new or change		
29		existing law.		
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31	SEC	CTION 6.11.(c) G.S. 120-36.7(a) reads as rewritten:		
32	'(a) Budget Outlook; Proposed Legislation. – Every fiscal analysis or forecast of the			
3		utlook shall encompass the upcoming five-year period. Every fiscal analysis of		

the impact of proposed legislation on the State budget shall estimate the impact for the first five

fiscal years the legislation would be in effect."

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