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HOUSE BILL 1208

Short Title: Budget Information.

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Sponsors: Representative Bowman.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR APPROPRIATION REQUESTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143-6 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-6. Information from departments and agencies asking State aid.

(a) On or before the first day of September ~~biennially~~, in the even-numbered years, each of the departments, bureaus, divisions, officers, boards, commissions, institutions, and other State agencies and undertakings receiving or asking financial aid from the State, or receiving or collecting funds under the authority of any general law of the State, shall furnish the Director all the information, data and estimates which he may request with reference to past, present and future appropriations and expenditures, receipts, revenue, and income. The Director shall request and the State entities covered by this section shall provide, (i) information on how much of the funds expended by each such entity are State funds and how much are federal funds, and (ii) written justification for each such entity's request for continuation funds from the State to support State-operated programs established by statute or State appropriation, including salary and salary-related items for employees in State-operated programs. Justification required under this subsection is not required for building maintenance and related costs. Justification for continued State support for State-operated programs shall include information on the extent of the public benefit being derived from the State-operated program.

(b) Any department, bureau, division, officer, board, commission, institution, or other State agency or undertaking desiring to request financial aid from the State for the

1 purpose of constructing or renovating any State building, utility, or other property  
2 development (except a railroad, highway, or bridge structure) shall, before making any  
3 such request for State financial aid, submit to the Department of Administration a  
4 statement of its needs in terms of space and other physical requirements, and shall  
5 furnish the Department with such additional information as it may request. The  
6 Department of Administration shall then prepare preliminary studies and cost estimates  
7 for the use of the requesting department, bureau, division, officer, board, commission,  
8 institution, or other State agency or undertaking in presenting its request to the Director  
9 of the Budget.

10 (c) On or before the first day of September in the even-numbered years, each of  
11 the departments, bureaus, divisions, officers, boards, commissions, institutions, and  
12 other State agencies receiving or asking financial aid or support from the State, any part  
13 or all of which is being requested for disbursement to non-State entities under the  
14 authority of any general law of the State, shall furnish the Director with the following  
15 information:

16 (1) The name of each non-State entity for which continuation funds are  
17 being requested, the amount of State funds disbursed to the entity in  
18 the immediately preceding two fiscal years and the purpose for which  
19 the funds were disbursed and used, the amount being requested as  
20 continuation funds for the upcoming fiscal year for the non-State  
21 entity, and the justification for continued State support for the non-  
22 State entity;

23 (2) Justification for continued State support for each non-State entity shall  
24 include information on the extent of the public benefit being derived  
25 from State support of the non-State entity.

26 This subsection shall not apply to grants-in-aid made by the General Assembly to State  
27 and non-State entities in current operations or expansion budget acts.

28 (d) The Office of State Budget and Management and the Director of the Budget  
29 shall prepare the State budget in a format that adequately and fairly reflects the  
30 information required in this section."

31 Sec. 2. There is appropriated to the Office of State Budget and Management  
32 the sum of \$25,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$25,000 for the 1992-93  
33 fiscal year to accomplish the changes in budget preparation necessitated by this act.

34 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.