

SB2470



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SB2470

Introduced 2/15/2008, by Sen. Matt Murphy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 20/50-25 new

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the use of zero-based budgeting in the formation of the State budget for fiscal year 2011. Establishes a legislative task force to implement use of the zero-based budgeting method for crafting State budgets. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative
5 Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section 50-25 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 20/50-25 new)

7 Sec. 50-25. Zero-based budgeting.

8 (a) Legislative findings.

9 (1) Zero-based budgeting is a method of budgeting that
10 is designed with the purpose of justifying every
11 expenditure within the State budget, regardless of whether
12 the expenditure was included in previous budgets.

13 (2) Zero-based budgeting stands in distinct contrast
14 to the traditional form of budgeting, which projects a
15 spending level based on the previous year's expenditures
16 plus anticipated growth in resources.

17 (3) Zero-based budgeting is a method of budgeting that
18 has been embraced and pursued in a bipartisan manner as a
19 means of controlling government spending.

20 (4) President Jimmy Carter proposed to use zero-based
21 budgeting at the federal level in the late 1970s.

22 (5) Many state legislatures (California, Texas, and
23 Georgia) have investigated the use of zero-based budgeting

1 as a means for crafting a state's budget.

2 (b) Zero-based Budget Implementation Task Force.

3 (1) There is created a Zero-based Budget
4 Implementation Task Force that is assigned the task of
5 transforming the State's budget process from its current
6 form to a zero-based budget system.

7 (2) For the purposes of this Section, zero-based
8 budgeting is defined as a means by which a budget is
9 created that requires any State agency that spends State
10 resources to justify all requested expenditures rather
11 than simply justifying amounts requested in excess of the
12 previous fiscal year.

13 (3) The Zero-based Budget Implementation Task Force
14 shall be composed of 12 legislators, with 3 from each
15 legislative caucus. The Senate President shall appoint 3
16 members, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
17 appoint 3 members, the Senate Minority Leader shall appoint
18 3 members, and the House Minority Leader shall appoint 3
19 members.

20 (4) A chairperson for the Zero-based Budget
21 Implementation Task Force shall be elected by a simple
22 majority vote of the appointed members.

23 (5) The Zero-based Budget Implementation Task Force
24 shall meet at least once every 3 months until December 31,
25 2010.

26 (6) The Task Force shall have the following duties and

1 obligations:

2 (i) Investigate and identify the necessary
3 steps to implement a zero-based budget approach
4 before the introduction of the budget for State
5 fiscal year 2011.

6 (ii) In cooperation with the Governor's Office
7 of Management and Budget, create a timeline for the
8 transformation of the State budgeting method from
9 traditional budgeting to zero-based budgeting to
10 be completed before the introduction of the State
11 fiscal year 2011 budget.

12 (iii) Take all actions necessary and submit
13 any legislation necessary to implement zero-based
14 budgeting before the introduction of the State
15 fiscal year 2011 budget.

16 (iv) Conduct an exercise in the last 3 months
17 of calendar year 2009 that will simulate
18 zero-based budgeting for the State fiscal year
19 2010 budget.

20 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the
21 State shall use zero-based budgeting for crafting the State
22 fiscal year 2011 budget.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.