

**SB1679**



**96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2009 and 2010**

**SB1679**

Introduced 2/19/2009, 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 2012. 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 2011.

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 2012.

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 2012 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 2010 that will simulate  
18                   zero-based budgeting for the State fiscal year  
19                   2011 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 2012 budget.

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