

REFERENCE TITLE: state budget; appropriation limitation; hearing

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# HB 2285

Introduced by  
Representatives Smith, Stevens

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 10, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1277.01; RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 7, article 10, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 41-1277.01, to read:

4 41-1277.01. Truth in spending; hearing; notice; roll call vote

5 A. BEGINNING IN 2014, ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE JOINT  
6 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL COMPUTE AND TRANSMIT TRUTH IN SPENDING  
7 ESTIMATES FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR TO:

8 1. THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
9 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

10 2. THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE OF  
11 REPRESENTATIVES WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

12 B. TRUTH IN SPENDING ESTIMATES CONSIST OF THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND  
13 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL  
14 APPROPRIATIONS FROM ALL SOURCES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, EACH ADJUSTED BY  
15 THE SUM OF THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES:

16 1. THE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE PERCENTAGE CHANGE FOR THE MOST RECENT  
17 AVAILABLE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE JOINT  
18 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE THE POPULATION OF THIS STATE BY  
19 USING ONLY THE MOST RECENT DATA FROM THE UNITED STATES DECENNIAL CENSUS OR  
20 ONLY THE AVERAGE OF THE ANNUAL REVISIONS OF POPULATION DATA BY THE DEPARTMENT  
21 OF ECONOMIC SECURITY AND DEMOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS OF STATE UNIVERSITIES.

22 2. THE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE COST OF LIVING  
23 FOR THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
24 PARAGRAPH, THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE THE COST OF  
25 LIVING BY USING ONLY THE GDP PRICE DEFLATOR, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 41-563.  
26 THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE MAY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MINOR TECHNICAL  
27 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE GDP PRICE DEFLATOR THAT ARE MADE OCCASIONALLY BY THE  
28 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

29 C. BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, IF THE LEGISLATURE PROPOSES  
30 EITHER GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OR TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS THAT EXCEED THE  
31 TRUTH IN SPENDING ESTIMATES, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROPRIATIONS  
32 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD A JOINT TRUTH IN  
33 SPENDING HEARING AND SHALL DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

34 1. ISSUE A PRESS RELEASE CONTAINING THE TRUTH IN SPENDING HEARING  
35 NOTICE.

36 2. PUBLISH A NOTICE ON THE LEGISLATURE'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE AT LEAST  
37 FOURTEEN BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE HEARING. THE  
38 NOTICE SHALL BE IN THE FOLLOWING FORM, WITH THE HEADLINE IN AT LEAST  
39 EIGHTEEN-POINT TYPE AND WITH THE PERCENTAGE FIGURES ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST  
40 ONE-TENTH OF A PER CENT:

41 TRUTH IN SPENDING HEARING  
42 NOTICE OF SPENDING INCREASE ABOVE POPULATION PLUS INFLATION  
43 IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 41-1277.01, ARIZONA REVISED  
44 STATUTES, THE STATE LEGISLATURE IS NOTIFYING TAXPAYERS IN  
45 ARIZONA OF THE LEGISLATURE'S INTENTION TO INCREASE SPENDING OVER

1 THIS YEAR'S LEVEL FASTER THAN THE COMBINED RATE OF INCREASE IN  
2 STATE POPULATION AND INFLATION.

3 THE PROPOSED SPENDING INCREASE WILL CAUSE STATE GENERAL  
4 FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO INCREASE BY \_\_\_\_ PER CENT OVER THIS  
5 YEAR'S LEVEL AND CAUSE TOTAL STATE APPROPRIATIONS TO INCREASE BY  
6 \_\_\_\_ PER CENT OVER THIS YEAR'S LEVEL. THE COMBINED RATE OF  
7 INCREASE OF POPULATION AND INFLATION IS \_\_\_\_ PER CENT.

8 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PUBLIC  
9 HEARING ON THE SPENDING INCREASE THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD  
10 [DATE AND TIME] AT [LOCATION].

11 D. A JOINT HEARING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE  
12 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION MUST  
13 INCLUDE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON ANY MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE PROPOSED SPENDING  
14 LEVELS TO THE FULL LEGISLATURE.