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HOUSE BILL NO. 2709

Offered January 17, 2001

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-399 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Governor's budget bill.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 2.1-399 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-399. Budget bill.

A. On or before December 20 of the year immediately prior to the beginning of each regular session held in an even-numbered year of the General Assembly, the Governor also shall submit to the presiding officer of each house of the General Assembly, at the same time he submits his budget, copies of a tentative bill for all proposed appropriations of the budget, for each year in the ensuing biennial appropriation period, which shall be known as "The Budget Bill." "The Budget Bill" shall be organized by function, primary agency, and proposed appropriation item and shall include an identification of, and authorization for, common programs and the appropriation of funds according to programs. Except as expressly provided in an appropriation act, whenever the amounts in a schedule for a single appropriation item are shown in two or more lines, the portions of the total amount shown on separate lines are for information purposes only and are not limiting. No such bill shall contain any appropriation the expenditure of which is contingent upon the receipt of revenues in excess of funds unconditionally appropriated. The salary proposed for payment for the position of each cabinet secretary and administrative head of each agency of the executive branch of state government shall be specified in "The Budget Bill."

B. On or before December 20 of the year immediately prior to the beginning of each regular session held in an odd-numbered year of the General Assembly, the Governor shall submit to the presiding officer of each house printed copies of all gubernatorial amendments proposed to the general appropriation act adopted in the immediately preceding even-numbered year session.

C. If the Budget Bill submitted pursuant to subsection A or the amendments submitted pursuant to subsection B propose an increase in state expenditures above the amount of state expenditures for the prior fiscal year by a percentage that is greater than the total of the rates of increase in cost of living and population over the same period, then such budget bill or amendments shall state such at the outset and specify in a segregated list all of the new expenditures and increases in expenditures from the prior fiscal year. For purposes of this section (i) "cost of living" means the Consumer Price Index of all items for the United States, or any comparable index, as computed by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics for a twelve-month period, and (ii) "population" means the number of people residing in the Commonwealth, excluding members of the armed forces stationed overseas, as determined by the federal Bureau of the Census.

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