

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB110

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Purkey

3. Committee Committee Referral Pending

4. Title Automatic reduction in general fund appropriations.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Requires the Governor, whenever general fund revenue collections and net lottery profits for a period of six months or more show that year-to-date revenue growth is in excess of one percent below the official estimate upon which the appropriation act is based for such fiscal year, to institute an across-the-board percentage reduction in general fund appropriations to all executive branch agencies, which shall equal at least one-half of the revenue shortfall. Such action shall be communicated to the chairmen of the money committees within five days of its adoption.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates depend upon an actual revenue shortfall in a given future year and cannot be estimated at this time.

7. Budget amendment necessary:

No.

8. Fiscal implications:

The bill requires the Governor to institute an across-the-board percentage reduction upon all executive branch agencies, to equal at least one-half of the revenue shortfall. No executive agency shall be exempt unless the Governor certifies that the reduction would affect the public safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth. These provisions would not apply to legislative, judicial and independent agencies. The Governor must report such reductions to the chairmen of the money committees within five days.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

All executive branch agencies.

10. Technical amendment necessary:

No.

11. Other comments:

None.

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