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HOUSE BILL NO. 352

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-398 and 2.1-399 of the Code of Virginia, relating to submission of budget to the General Assembly; debt issues.

Patrons—Thomas, Clement, Cranwell, Diamonstein, Dickinson, Hall and Woodrum

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 2.1-398 and 2.1-399 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-398. Submission of budget to General Assembly.

On or before December 20 in the year immediately prior to the beginning of each regular session held in an even-numbered year of the General Assembly, the Governor shall submit to the presiding officer of each house printed copies of a budget, *and any proposed legislation involving bonded indebtedness of the Commonwealth which relies, in whole or in part, on appropriations contained in such budget. The budget shall be based on his the Governor's own conclusions and judgment, containing the following:*

1. A statement of historical and projected trends which influence development, natural and human resources, and general economic conditions in the Commonwealth, and projections pertaining to population, transportation, commerce, agriculture, and urbanization. In addition to utilizing such statement in the preparation of his budget, the Governor shall use such statement for the purpose of coordinating programs of planning district commissions, regional development authorities, and local governments with those of state agencies.

2. A statement of the Governor's proposed goals, objectives, and policies in the areas of:

- (a) Administration of justice;
- (b) Education, including intellectual and cultural development;
- (c) Individual and family services;
- (d) Resources and economic development, including specific references to economic development and management of natural resources;
- (e) Transportation; and
- (f) General government, including therein or as separate categories areas of multiple impact, such as telecommunications, energy, and urban development.

3. A statement organized by function, primary agency, and proposed appropriation item which sets forth:

- (a) Identification of common programs and services;
- (b) Service attainments or lack of attainments and service terminations or reductions for the biennium;
- (c) Major goals and objectives for programs;
- (d) Program measures to be used in monitoring and evaluating services as specified in the general appropriations act; and
- (e) The amount of each primary agency's budget that is direct aid to localities.

4. An "executive salary plan" recommending levels into which the position of each cabinet secretary and administrative head of each agency and institution of the executive branch of state government should be placed for salary purposes, salary ranges for each of those recommended levels, and the basis for the recommendations contained in the plan.

5. A statement of proposed capital appropriations organized by the primary agency that sets forth the program need for the project and the proposed source of funding.

§ 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

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60 the expenditure of which is contingent upon the receipt of revenues in excess of funds unconditionally
61 appropriated. The salary proposed for payment for the position of each cabinet secretary and
62 administrative head of each agency of the executive branch of state government shall be specified in
63 "The Budget Bill."

64 B. On or before December 20 of the year immediately prior to the beginning of each regular session
65 held in an odd-numbered year of the General Assembly, the Governor shall submit to the presiding
66 officer of each house printed copies of all gubernatorial amendments proposed to the general
67 appropriation act adopted in the immediately preceding even-numbered year session. *The Governor shall*
68 *also submit any proposed legislation involving bonded indebtedness of the Commonwealth which relies,*
69 *in whole or in part on appropriations contained in the budget or the amendments thereto.*