



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4614

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 20/50-11 new
30 ILCS 105/13.6 new

Amends the State Budget Law and the State Finance Act. Provides that, beginning with fiscal year 2009, the General Assembly must make appropriations in each fiscal year sufficient to fund legislative member initiatives. Each member is entitled to designate initiatives totaling up to 1/177th of 1% of the total appropriations for the fiscal year. Designations must be made in writing and filed on or before May 1 immediately before the beginning of the fiscal year with the Speaker by Representatives and with the President by Senators. Requires the Governor to include an amount sufficient for these purposes in the budget submitted by the Governor. Makes a continuing appropriation if the General Assembly fails to make sufficient appropriations. Defines a "legislative member initiative". Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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 50-11 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 20/50-11 new)

7 Sec. 50-11. Legislative member initiatives. Beginning with
8 fiscal year 2009, the budget submitted by the Governor must
9 include amounts sufficient to fund legislative member
10 initiatives under Section 13.6 of the State Finance Act.

11 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
12 Section 13.6 as follows:

13 (30 ILCS 105/13.6 new)

14 Sec. 13.6. Legislative member initiatives.

15 (a) Beginning with fiscal year 2009, the General Assembly
16 must make appropriations in each fiscal year sufficient to fund
17 legislative member initiatives. Each member is entitled to
18 designate legislative member initiatives totaling up to
19 1/177th of 1% of the total appropriations for that fiscal year.
20 Designations must be made in writing and filed on or before May
21 1 immediately before the beginning of the fiscal year.

1 Representatives must file designations with the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives, and Senators must file designations
3 with the President of the Senate. The Speaker and the President
4 may each prescribe the form and required contents of
5 designations filed with him or her.

6 (b) The Governor must include an amount sufficient for the
7 purposes of this Section in the budget submitted by the
8 Governor under the State Budget Law.

9 (c) If the General Assembly fails to make appropriations in
10 fiscal year 2009 or in any fiscal year thereafter sufficient to
11 fund legislative member initiatives designated as provided in
12 subsection (a), then this Section constitutes an irrevocable
13 and continuing appropriation from the General Revenue Fund of
14 all amounts necessary for those purposes.

15 (d) "Legislative member initiative" means an appropriation
16 for a grant or distribution to a specific unit of local
17 government, specific school district, specific not-for-profit
18 organization, or specific non-governmental entity for
19 infrastructure improvements or operating expenses.
20 Appropriations that are part of a statewide program and are
21 based on generally applicable standards of eligibility are not
22 legislative member initiatives. "Infrastructure improvements"
23 include, without limitation, capital improvements, capital
24 projects, planning, construction, reconstruction, equipment,
25 utilities, vehicles, and all costs associated with economic
26 development, community programs, educational programs, public

1 health, and public safety.

2 (e) This Section must be liberally construed and
3 mandatorily applied to effectuate its purpose.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.