

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 HB3496

Introduced 2/24/2011, by Rep. David Harris - Kay Hatcher - Chris Nybo - Thomas Morrison - Joe Sosnowski, et al.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the 72-Hour Budget Review Act. Sets forth time requirements for which certain appropriation or revenue legislation must be made publicly available before passage. Provides that the time requirements may be waived by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the full committee or chamber considering the legislation. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 3

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
- 5 72-Hour Budget Review Act.
- Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act: 6
- 7 "Appropriation bill" means any bill authorizing
- 8 appropriation of funds for State operating, capital, or
- 9 transportation expenses.
- 10 "Revenue bill" means any bill that raises revenue for
- 11 operating, capital, or transportation expenses.
- 12 "Amendment" means any proposed change to a bill.
- "Striking amendment" means any amendment removing and 13
- 14 replacing everything after the enacting clause of a bill.
- "Publicly available" means available for viewing on the 15
- 16 General Assembly's Internet website and published in a bill
- 17 report, committee report, or conference-committee report.
- 18 Section 10. Hearing or votes prohibited for 72 hours. A
- 19 hearing or vote on any appropriation bill or revenue bill is
- 20 prohibited for at least 72 hours after the bill is made
- 21 publicly available. This 72-hour period excludes Saturdays,
- 22 Sundays, and holidays unless the chamber considering the bill

- 1 is in session on that day.
- 2 Section 15. Adoption of amendments and striking 3 amendments.
- 4 (a) A vote on an amendment to an appropriation bill or a
 5 revenue bill is not in order unless that amendment is made
 6 publicly available at least 24 hours prior to the vote. This
 7 24-hour period excludes Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays
 8 unless the chamber considering the bill is in session on that
 9 day.
- 10 (b) A vote on a striking amendment to an appropriation bill
 11 or a revenue bill is not in order unless that amendment is made
 12 publicly available at least 48 hours prior to the vote. This
 13 48-hour period excludes Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays
 14 unless the chamber considering the bill is in session on that
 15 day.
- 16 20. Application to multiple stages Section 17 consideration. The time limitations in this Act apply each time a new version of an appropriation bill or a revenue bill is 18 considered. 19 This includes consideration of 20 conference-committee recommendations.
- Section 25. Exceptions. The time limitation of this Act may be waived by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the full committee or chamber considering the legislation. For any such

- legislation, the following statement with respect to the
- 2 legislation must be included in any bill report and on the
- 3 General Assembly's Internet website:
- 4 The (insert the chamber or committee) has waived the
- 5 People's right for a detailed review of this legislation,
- 6 as required under the 72-Hour Budget Review Act.
- 7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 8 becoming law.