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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the limitation on general fund expenditures
2 during a fiscal year and requiring the governor's budget not
3 to be in excess of that limit, and providing an applicability
4 date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 2.110 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE
2 LIMIT.

3 1. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 1992,
4 total expenditures from the general fund of the state during a
5 fiscal year shall not exceed the sum of the latest estimated
6 general fund revenue for the previous fiscal year as made by
7 the revenue estimating conference prior to January 1 of that
8 previous fiscal year. The limitation provided in this
9 subsection shall only be exceeded in a fiscal year by passage
10 by a two-thirds vote of each house and approval by the
11 governor, of a joint resolution that provides that the
12 limitation shall not apply for the ensuing fiscal year only.

13 2. Unless a joint resolution has been passed and approved
14 which authorizes exceeding the limitation on general fund
15 expenditures as provided in subsection 1, before the general
16 assembly shall adjourn the year's session, the department of
17 management shall certify that the expenditure limit in
18 subsection 1 has not been exceeded. If the department of
19 management certifies that the limitation has been exceeded,
20 the general assembly shall pass a bill reducing appropriations
21 made previously in enacted appropriations bills so that the
22 limitation is not exceeded.

23 Sec. 2. Section 8.22, part II, Code 1991, is amended by
24 adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

25 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. For fiscal years beginning on or
26 after July 1, 1992, the sum of the governor's recommendations
27 for appropriations from the general fund of the state plus all
28 standing appropriations from the general fund of the state for
29 the ensuing fiscal year shall not exceed the latest estimated
30 general fund revenue for the year in progress as made by the
31 revenue estimating conference prior to January 1 of that year
32 in progress.

33 EXPLANATION

34 The bill provides that beginning with the fiscal year
35 beginning July 1, 1992, general fund expenditures are to be

1 limited during each fiscal year to the general fund revenue
2 for the previous fiscal year as estimated by the revenue
3 estimating conference prior to January 1 of that previous
4 fiscal year. The bill provides for a two-thirds vote of each
5 house and approval of the governor before the limit can be
6 exceeded for a fiscal year. The bill requires before the
7 general assembly can adjourn the year's session a
8 certification by the department of management that the limit
9 has not been exceeded. If the department certifies that it
10 has been exceeded, then the general assembly must enact a
11 reduction in appropriations to prevent exceeding this limit.

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