

8.56 Cash reserve fund.

1. A cash reserve fund is created in the state treasury. The cash reserve fund shall be separate from the general fund of the state and shall not be considered part of the general fund of the state except in determining the cash position of the state as provided in subsection 3. The moneys in the cash reserve fund are not subject to section 8.33 and shall not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered except as provided in this section. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the cash reserve fund shall be credited to the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund created in section 8.57. Moneys in the cash reserve fund may be used for cash flow purposes during a fiscal year provided that any moneys so allocated are returned to the cash reserve fund by the end of that fiscal year.

2. The maximum balance of the cash reserve fund is the amount equal to the cash reserve goal percentage, as defined in section 8.57, multiplied by the adjusted revenue estimate for the general fund of the state for the current fiscal year.

3. The moneys in the cash reserve fund shall only be used pursuant to an appropriation made by the general assembly. An appropriation shall be made in accordance with subsection 4 only for the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made. The moneys shall only be appropriated by the general assembly for nonrecurring emergency expenditures and shall not be appropriated for payment of any collective bargaining agreement or arbitrator's decision negotiated or awarded under chapter 20. Except as provided in section 8.58, the cash reserve fund shall be considered a special account for the purposes of section 8.53 in determining the cash position of the general fund of the state for the payment of state obligations.

4. *a.* Except as provided in subsection 1, an appropriation shall not be made from the cash reserve fund unless the appropriation is in accordance with all of the following:

(1) The appropriation is contained in a bill or joint resolution in which the appropriation is the only subject matter of the bill or joint resolution.

(2) The bill or joint resolution states the reasons the appropriation is necessary.

b. In addition to the requirements of paragraph "a", an appropriation shall not be made from the cash reserve fund which would cause the fund's balance to be less than three and three-fourths percent of the adjusted revenue estimate for the year for which the appropriation is made unless the bill or joint resolution is approved by vote of at least three-fifths of the members of both chambers of the general assembly and is signed by the governor.

92 Acts, ch 1227, §6; 94 Acts, ch 1181, §9; 95 Acts, ch 214, §14; 2001 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 6, §29 - 31; 2002 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1001, §27, 33; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §40