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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 259

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act fixing a compensatory penalty for failure to enact a
2 statute establishing the state percent of growth for a budget
3 year within thirty days of the submission in the base year of
4 the governor's budget.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 1, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. STATE PERCENT OF GROWTH. The state percent of growth
4 for a budget year shall be established by statute which shall
5 be enacted within thirty days of the submission in the base
6 year of the governor's budget under section 8.21. The
7 establishment of the state percent of growth for a budget year
8 shall be the only subject matter of the bill which enacts the
9 state percent of growth for a budget year. Notwithstanding
10 section 2.10, or any other provision to the contrary, if on
11 the thirtieth day after the submission of the governor's
12 budget, the general assembly fails to enact the statute as
13 provided in this subsection, the members of the general
14 assembly shall forfeit salary, per diem, and expenses earned
15 or to which they are entitled as legislators. The department
16 of revenue and finance, in cooperation with the secretary of
17 the senate and the chief clerk of the house of
18 representatives, shall reduce each member's salary payment for
19 each day for which the general assembly fails to enact the
20 statute as provided in this subsection, by an amount equal to
21 the member's annual salary divided by three hundred sixty-
22 five. Payment of per diem and expenses to members of the
23 general assembly shall resume on the date on which the statute
24 provided for in this subsection is enacted.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill provides that members of the general assembly
27 will forfeit salary, per diem, and expense payments if the
28 deadline for enactment of the allowable growth statute is not
29 met.

30 Current law provides that the general assembly must enact a
31 statute establishing the state percent of growth for a budget
32 year within 30 days of the submission in the base year of the
33 governor's budget. The bill directs the department of revenue
34 and finance, in consultation with the secretary of the senate
35 and the chief clerk of the house, to reduce each member's

1 salary payment for each day for which the general assembly
2 fails to enact the statute, by an amount equal to the member's
3 annual salary divided by 365. Payment of per diem and
4 expenses to members of the general assembly shall resume on
5 the date on which the statute provided for in this subsection
6 is enacted.

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