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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to state general fund expenditure limitation  
2 requirements for transmission of the state budget by the  
3 governor and passage of the state budget by the general  
4 assembly.

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

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APPROPRIATIONS

1 Section 1. Section 8.54, subsections 7 and 8, Code 2001,  
2 are amended by striking the subsections and inserting in lieu  
3 thereof the following:

4 7. The governor shall transmit to the general assembly, in  
5 accordance with section 8.21, a budget which does not exceed  
6 the state general fund expenditure limitation. The general  
7 assembly shall pass a budget which does not exceed the state  
8 general fund expenditure limitation. The governor shall not  
9 transmit a budget with recommended appropriations in excess of  
10 the state general fund expenditure limitation and the general  
11 assembly shall not pass a budget with appropriations in excess  
12 of the state general fund expenditure limitation. In  
13 complying with the requirements of this subsection, the  
14 governor and the general assembly shall not rely on any  
15 anticipated reversion of appropriations or other funds in  
16 order to meet the state general fund expenditure limitation.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill amends Code section 8.54, relating to the budget  
19 transmission and passage provision of the state general fund  
20 expenditure limitation.

21 The bill strikes and rewrites two subsections. In doing  
22 so, the bill eliminates a requirement that the governor in  
23 submitting a budget under Code section 8.21, and the general  
24 assembly in passing a budget, not have recurring expenditures  
25 in excess of recurring revenues. Rather the bill requires  
26 that the budgets transmitted by the governor and passed by the  
27 general assembly do not exceed the state general fund  
28 expenditure limitation.

29 The bill also prohibits the governor from transmitting a  
30 budget with recommended appropriations in excess of the state  
31 general fund expenditure limitation and the general assembly  
32 from passing a budget with appropriations in excess of the  
33 limitation. The bill provides, in applying the expenditure  
34 limitation requirements, that the governor and the general  
35 assembly shall not rely on any anticipated reversion of

1 appropriations or other funds in order to meet the expenditure  
2 limitation.

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