

Revenue Estimating and Transfer Authority Act House File 148

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Final Action

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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to state expenditure requirements involving the revenue estimating conference and appropriation transfers and including effective date provisions.

**Fiscal Services Division
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NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES

- Changes the required number of annual meetings of the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) from quarterly to three times per year. Page 1, Line 1

Maintains the current requirement that the REC provide an estimate for the current fiscal year in progress as well as the following fiscal year. Reiterates that the estimate for the following fiscal year be used for purposes of calculating the General Fund expenditure limitation used by the Governor and General Assembly for establishing the following year's budget.

Allows the REC to adopt estimates for other fiscal years, but requires that these estimates be preliminary and not used for establishing a General Fund expenditure limitation.

- Provides additional restrictions on the Governor's appropriation transfer authority for both intradepartmental and interdepartmental transfers. Page 1, Line 19

The new requirement stipulates that a transfer amount cannot exceed one-tenth of 1.0% of the total of all appropriations made from the funding source of the transferred appropriation. For FY 2012, a single appropriation transfer from the General Fund cannot exceed \$6.0 million.

The new provision also requires that appropriation transfers can only be made within the same funding source and within the same fiscal year.

- Places a limit on the aggregate amount of intradepartmental and interdepartmental General Fund transfers in a single fiscal year to not more than five-tenths of 1.0% of the total of all General Fund appropriations. For FY 2012, the total General Fund appropriation transfers cannot exceed \$30.0 million. Page 2, Line 27

EFFECTIVE AND ENACTMENT DATES

- This Act was approved by the General Assembly on June 27, 2011, and signed by the Governor on June 30, 2011. This Act takes effect on enactment. Page 3, Line 3