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HOUSE BILL 471

Short Title: Budget Deadlines Enhanced.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Walend.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE DEADLINES FOR PASSAGE OF BUDGET ITEMS
3 RELATING TO CRITICAL MATTERS SUCH AS EDUCATION AND ITEMS
4 THAT IMPACT LOCAL BUDGETS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-15.1 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 143-15.1. Current Operations Appropriations Act; General Fund Financial**
8 **Model.**

9 (a) The General Assembly shall enact the Current Operations Appropriations Act
10 by June 15 of odd-numbered years and by June 30 of even-numbered years in which a
11 Current Operations Appropriations Act is enacted. The Current Operations
12 Appropriations Act shall state the amount of General Fund appropriations availability
13 upon which the General Fund budget is based. The statement of availability shall list
14 separately the beginning General Fund credit balance, General Fund revenues, and any
15 other components of the availability amount.

16 (a1) The General Assembly shall enact prior to June 1 of each calendar year
17 legislation appropriating funds for time sensitive budget issues related to fiscal year
18 funding, such as pay increases, school enrollment, and funding which impacts local
19 government budgets, as well as appropriations to meet federal matching fund
20 requirements. Budget conferees shall give priority to these items. If necessary to meet
21 time sensitive deadlines, such funding may be included in separate budget bills.

22 The General Fund operating budget appropriations, including appropriations for
23 local tax reimbursements and local tax sharing, for the second year in a Current
24 Operations Appropriations Act that contains a biennial budget shall not be more than
25 two percent (2%) greater than the General Fund operating budget appropriations for the
26 first year of the biennial budget.

27 (b) The General Assembly shall review the results of the General Fund Financial
28 model, a computer-based financial model used to project long-term expenditure and
29 revenue trends under various simulations, in its budget deliberations. The model shall be

1 maintained and, from time to time, updated by the Fiscal Research Division of the
2 General Assembly."

3 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.