

SENATE FILE NO. SF0141

State budget development.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Nicholas, P., Bebout, Perkins and  
Ross and Representative(s) Berger, Brown,  
Harshman and Stubson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;  
2 specifying accounts from which state budget recommendations  
3 may be directed; specifying statutory budget reserve  
4 amounts apply to supplemental and emergency budgets;  
5 specifying that agency budget requests shall be utilized to  
6 interpret and implement provisions of the appropriations  
7 bill as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-1012(e), 9-2-1013(d)(ii) and  
12 28-1-113(a), (c) and by creating a new subsection (d) are  
13 amended to read:

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1           **9-2-1012. Duties of budget division; transmittal of**  
2 **standard budget and manual; return of completed exception**  
3 **and expanded budgets; submission to governor; disposition**  
4 **of excess general fund appropriations; submission of**  
5 **selected budget information to joint appropriations interim**  
6 **committee.**

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8           (e) In preparing the overall state budget for  
9 distribution to the legislature, including any supplemental  
10 or emergency changes to the budget, the governor shall  
11 recommend to the legislature that not less than five  
12 percent (5%) of estimated general fund receipts for the  
13 next biennial budget period shall be appropriated from the  
14 general fund to the budget reserve account within the  
15 earmarked fund. This appropriation shall be in addition to  
16 any fund balance within the budget reserve account. At the  
17 end of each biennial budget period, general fund  
18 appropriations for the biennium in excess of expenditures  
19 including encumbrances during the biennium, as identified  
20 by the state auditor in accordance with the provisions of  
21 W.S. 9-2-1008 and 9-4-207, shall be transferred into the  
22 budget reserve account. All funds in the budget reserve  
23 account shall be invested by the state treasurer and

1 earnings therefrom shall be credited into the general fund.  
2 Appropriations to the account shall not lapse at the end of  
3 any fiscal period. Expenditures from the budget reserve  
4 account shall be by legislative appropriation only.

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6 **9-2-1013. State budget; distribution of copies to**  
7 **legislators; copies and reports of authorizations.**

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9 (d) In addition to the items contained in subsection  
10 (a) of this section and notwithstanding any other  
11 recommendations made by the governor, the state budget  
12 shall also include the governor's recommendations for  
13 appropriations for the ensuing two (2) years, or if a  
14 supplemental budget request, the remainder of the budget  
15 period, subject to the following:

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17 (ii) The total recommended appropriations under  
18 this subsection for any two (2) fiscal year budget period  
19 shall not exceed the total estimated revenues for that two  
20 (2) year period. The total estimated revenues computed  
21 under this paragraph shall not include increases in  
22 existing revenue sources which would be available to the  
23 state only after enactment of legislation in addition to

1 existing law, but shall include the unencumbered balances  
2 in all other accounts in all other expendable funds subject  
3 to this section, and as further provided herein, as those  
4 funds are identified in accordance with standards  
5 promulgated by the governmental accounting standards board,  
6 but specifically excluding pension funds, nonexpendable  
7 trust funds, debt service funds and intragovernmental  
8 funds, that would be available for that budget period.  
9 Funds within the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund  
10 reserve account created under W.S. 9-4-719(b), the common  
11 school permanent fund reserve account created under W.S.  
12 9-4-719(f) or funds within five percent (5%) of estimated  
13 general fund receipts for the next biennium to be  
14 appropriated to the budget reserve account as required by  
15 W.S. 9-2-1012(e) shall not be included in total estimated  
16 revenues computed under this paragraph;

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18 **28-1-113. Joint meetings of legislative standing**  
19 **committees; introduction and passage of budget bill.**

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21 (a) The joint appropriations interim committee shall  
22 sit in open sessions while considering the budget and shall  
23 begin meetings not less than twenty (20) days prior to the

1 convening of the budget session. The joint committee may  
2 cause the attendance of the heads or responsible  
3 representatives of the departments, institutions and all  
4 other agencies of the state to furnish information and  
5 answer questions as the joint committee requires.

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7 (c) The joint committee shall cause the general  
8 appropriation bill or bills known as budget bills, to be  
9 introduced in whole or in part in the house of  
10 representatives or the senate, or both. When a budget bill  
11 has passed the house of origin, the bill shall be referred  
12 to the standing appropriations committee of the opposite  
13 house which shall meet and consider those amendments to the  
14 budget bill which were adopted by the house of origin and  
15 shall not propose other amendments to any original joint  
16 appropriations interim committee budget bill.

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18 (d) To the extent not inconsistent with any enacted  
19 law, each agency's budget request as recommended by the  
20 governor to the joint appropriations interim committee and  
21 any other budgetary explanatory material submitted to the  
22 joint appropriations interim committee by the governor  
23 shall guide the interpretation and implementation of

1 appropriations contained within the general appropriations  
2 bill or bills appropriating funds to be expended for the  
3 operation of a state agency, including programs, purposes  
4 and number of employees specified within each agency.

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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