

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 and other resources
6 shall be utilized to interpret and implement provisions of
7 the appropriations bill as specified; and providing for an
8 effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-1012(e), 9-2-1013(d)(ii) and
13 28-1-113 by creating a new subsection (d) are amended to
14 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 (d) To the extent not inconsistent with any enacted
22 law, each agency's budget request as recommended by the
23 governor to the joint appropriations interim committee, any

1 other budgetary explanatory material submitted to the joint
2 appropriations interim committee by the governor and the
3 budget hearings before the joint appropriations interim
4 committee shall guide the interpretation and implementation
5 of appropriations contained within the general
6 appropriations bill or bills appropriating funds to be
7 expended for the operation of a state agency, including
8 programs, purposes and number of employees specified within
9 each agency.

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

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