



House Bill No. 8003

November Special Session, Special Act No. 25-1

**AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
BUDGET RESERVE FUND AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO
ADDRESS REDUCTIONS IN FEDERAL FUNDING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) After the amount in the Budget Reserve Fund is equal to eighteen per cent of the net General Fund appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the Treasurer shall transfer the sum of five hundred million dollars of the funds that have been deemed appropriated under subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 4-30a of the general statutes or subsection (d) of said section, but have not yet been expended for such purposes as of the effective date of this section, to the Budget Reserve Fund and such funds shall no longer be deemed appropriated for the purposes set forth in subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 4-30a or subsection (d) of said section. After the transfer is made pursuant to this subsection, no further transfers shall be made to the Budget Reserve Fund unless and until the amount in said fund is less than eighteen per cent of net General Fund appropriations for said fiscal year.

(b) In accordance with subsection (e) of section 4-30a of the general statutes, on June 30, 2026, any amount in the Budget Reserve Fund that exceeds eighteen per cent of the net General Fund appropriations for the

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fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, shall be deemed appropriated and transferred for the purposes of making additional payments toward unfunded past service liability of the state employees retirement system or the teachers' retirement system, as determined by the Treasurer to be in the best interests of the state.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding subsection (f) of section 4-30a of the general statutes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the sum of five hundred million dollars is appropriated from the Budget Reserve Fund to the Office of Policy and Management to be expended for the purposes of responding to and mitigating any action, or inaction, by the federal government that results in a reduction in funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, health care, school meals, child care assistance or housing assistance in the state.

(b) Any unencumbered balance of the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall be returned to the Budget Reserve Fund on February 4, 2026, and lapse on said date.

Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may transfer amounts appropriated in section 2 of this act to any agency in any appropriated fund to give effect to the intent of such appropriation. Any unencumbered balance of an amount transferred to another appropriated fund pursuant to this section shall be returned to the Budget Reserve Fund on February 4, 2026, and lapse on said date.

Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Prior to expending any funds in accordance with section 2 of this act or transferring any funds in accordance with section 3 of this act, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall provide electronic notice of the amount and purpose of each such expenditure or transfer to the president pro

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tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the majority and minority leaders of both houses of the General Assembly. Any such expenditure or transfer may be disapproved, by majority vote of a committee consisting of said members of the General Assembly, not later than twenty-four hours after the time the secretary provides notice pursuant to this section. Any meeting may be conducted on a virtual platform that can be viewed by the public. The secretary shall not make any such expenditure or transfer before the expiration of such twenty-four-hour period.

Governor's Action:

Approved November 18, 2025