SB 233-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL 233-FN-A

AN ACT relative to state revenue and expenditures for fiscal year 2015.

SPONSORS: Sen. Woodburn, Dist 1; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20

COMMITTEE: Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the reduction in or transfer of certain operating budget expenditures for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The bill also reduces the amount of the state self-insured health plan reserve.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

AN ACT relative to state revenue and expenditures for fiscal year 2015.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 Operating Budget; Lapse; Legislative Branch. Notwithstanding 2013, 143, the legislative branch shall lapse an additional \$788,001 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The reductions required by this section shall be in addition to the lapse required pursuant to 2013, 143:12.
- 2 Operating Budget; Lapse; Judicial Branch. Notwithstanding 2013, 143, the judicial branch shall lapse an additional \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The reductions required by this paragraph shall be in addition to the lapse required pursuant to 2013, 143:9.
- 3 Return of Transfer to Fish and Game Fund. The state treasurer shall transfer fish and game funds received from the general fund under 2013, 144:119, in the amount of \$75,606 to unrestricted general fund revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.
- 4 Reduction in State Self-insured Health Plan Reserve. Amend RSA 21-I:30-b, I(a) to read as follows:
- (a) [Five] *Three* percent of estimated annual claims and administrative costs of the health plan; and
- 5 Fiscal Year 2015; Funds Transferred.
 - I. Notwithstanding RSA 263:34-e, I, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 the commissioner of the department of safety shall transfer \$90,000 from the motorcycle rider safety fund to the detective bureau account 02-23-23-234010-5412, agency income, line 009.
 - II. Notwithstanding RSA 270-E:6-a, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 the commissioner of the department of safety shall transfer \$210,000 from the navigation safety fund to the detective bureau account 02-23-234010-5412, agency income, line 009.
 - III. Any remaining shortfall in revenue in the anticipated detective bureau account agency income for fiscal year 2015 after the transfers in paragraphs I and II shall be funded by a transfer by the commissioner of the department of safety from the inventory fund for reflectorized motor vehicle plates in RSA 228:25 to the detective bureau account 02-23-23-234010-5412, agency income, line 009.
 - 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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SB 233-FN-A - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Branch, Fish and Game Department, Department of Administrative Services, and Department of Safety state this bill, <u>as introduced</u>, will decrease state expenditures by \$5,074,407, and increase state general fund revenue by \$1,363,607 in FY 2015. There will be no fiscal impact on county and local revenue or expenditures.

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is awaiting information from the Judicial Branch on the potential fiscal impact of this bill. The Branch was contacted on 01/10/15 to provide the information.

METHODOLOGY:

The Legislative Branch states section 1 of the bill will require the Branch to lapse an additional \$788,001 in FY 2015. The Branch states in order to meet the additional lapse requirement, the Branch would need to reduce expenditures by the same amount. Since the bill requires the lapse of funds rather than a reduction of appropriations, this section would increase state general fund revenue.

Section 2 of the bill will require the Judicial Branch to lapse an additional \$500,000 in FY 2015. Since the bill requires the lapse of funds rather than a reduction of appropriations, this section would increase state general fund revenue.

The Fish and Game Department states section 3 of the bill will require the Department to transfer \$75,606 of fish and game funds as unrestricted revenue to the state general fund thereby increasing state general fund revenue by the same amount.

The Department of Administrative Services states section 4 of the bill will reduce the state self-insured health plan reserve requirement from 5% of estimated annual claims and administrative costs of the plan to 3%. The Department states the reduction in the required reserve amount will decrease total state expenditures by \$5,074,407 in FY 2015, of which the state general fund portion would be \$1,623,810 (32%).

The Department of Safety states section 5 of the bill allows the Department to transfer funds from the motorcycle rider safety fund (estimated at \$90,000), the navigation safety fund (estimated at \$210,000), and the inventory fund for reflectorized motor vehicle plates (indeterminable) to cover shortfalls in agency income supporting the Department's Detective Bureau. The Department states these transfers will have no impact on the Department's total revenues or expenditures.