

**An Act Concerning the Governor's Rescission Authority**

Section 1. Section 4-85 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: (a) Before an appropriation becomes available for expenditure, each budgeted agency shall submit to the Governor through the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, not less than twenty days before the beginning of the fiscal year for which such appropriation was made, a requisition for the allotment of the amount estimated to be necessary to carry out the purposes of such appropriation during each quarter of such fiscal year. Appropriations for capital outlays may be allotted in any manner the Governor deems advisable. Such requisition shall contain any further information required by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. The Governor shall approve such requisitions, subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Any allotment requisition and any allotment in force shall be subject to the following: (1) If the Governor determines that due to a change in circumstances since the budget was adopted certain reductions should be made in allotment requisitions or allotments in force or that estimated budget resources during the fiscal year will be insufficient to finance all appropriations in full, the Governor may modify such allotment requisitions or allotments in force to the extent the Governor deems necessary. Before such modifications are effected the Governor shall file a report with the joint standing committee having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and the joint standing committee having cognizance of matters relating to state finance, revenue and bonding describing the change in circumstances which makes it necessary that certain reductions should be made or the basis for his determination that estimated budget resources will be insufficient to finance all appropriations in full. (2) If the cumulative monthly financial statement issued by the Comptroller pursuant to section 3-115 includes a projected General Fund deficit greater than one per cent of the total of General Fund appropriations, the Governor, within thirty days following the issuance of such statement, shall file a report with such joint standing committees, including a plan which he shall implement to modify such allotments to the extent necessary to prevent a deficit. No modification

of an allotment requisition or an allotment in force made by the Governor pursuant to this subsection shall result in a reduction of more than three per cent of the total appropriation from any fund or more than five per cent of any appropriation, except such limitations shall not apply in time of war, invasion or emergency caused by natural disaster. 3) If the cumulative monthly financial statement issued by the Comptroller pursuant to section 3-115 includes a projected General Fund deficit greater than three per cent of the total of General Fund appropriations, the Governor, within thirty days following the issuance of such statement, shall file a report with such joint standing committees, including a plan which he shall implement to modify such allotments to the extent necessary to prevent a deficit. No modification of an allotment requisition or an allotment in force made by the Governor pursuant to this subsection shall result in a reduction of more than six per cent of the total appropriation from any fund or more than ten per cent of any appropriation, except such limitations shall not apply in time of war, invasion or emergency caused by natural disaster. 4) If the cumulative monthly financial statement issued by the Comptroller pursuant to section 3-115 includes a projected General Fund deficit greater than five per cent of the total of General Fund appropriations, the Governor, within thirty days following the issuance of such statement, shall file a report with such joint standing committees, including a plan which he shall implement to modify such allotments to the extent necessary to prevent a deficit. No modification of an allotment requisition or an allotment in force made by the Governor pursuant to this subsection shall result in a reduction of more than ten per cent of the total appropriation from any fund or more than fifteen per cent of any appropriation, except such limitations shall not apply in time of war, invasion or emergency caused by natural disaster.

(c) (1) If a plan submitted in accordance with subsection (b) of this section indicates that a reduction of more than three per cent of the total appropriation from any fund or more than five per cent of any appropriation is required to prevent a deficit, the Governor may request that the Finance Advisory Committee approve any such reduction, provided any modification which would result in a reduction of more than five per cent of total appropriations shall require the approval of the General Assembly. (1) If the cumulative monthly financial

statement issued by the Comptroller pursuant to section 3-115 includes a projected General Fund deficit greater than three per cent of the total of General Fund appropriations, and the plan submitted in accordance with subsection (b) of this section indicates that a reduction of more than three per cent of the total appropriation from any fund or more than five per cent of any appropriation is required to prevent a deficit, the Governor may request that the Finance Advisory Committee approve any such reduction, provided any modification which would result in a reduction of more than five per cent of total appropriations shall require the approval of the General Assembly, and provided further that if the General Assembly shall fail to act upon any such modification contained in the plan within thirty days of submittal of the plan, such modification shall be deemed to have been approved by the General Assembly.

(d) The secretary shall submit copies of allotment requisitions thus approved or modified or allotments in force thus modified, with the reasons for any modifications, to the administrative heads of the budgeted agencies concerned, to the Comptroller and to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of appropriations and matters relating to the budgets of state agencies, through the Office of Fiscal Analysis. The Comptroller shall set up such allotments on the Comptroller's books and be governed thereby in the control of expenditures of budgeted agencies.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize the Governor to reduce allotment requisitions or allotments in force concerning aid to municipalities.