

**IOWA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

***LEGISLATIVE UPDATE***

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**De-appropriations Process Moves Forward**

This week, the House and Senate advanced legislation that will de-appropriate funds to various areas of government. This move is necessary because the state is facing a $117 million shortfall in revenues to maintain the spending levels approved by the 2016 Legislature. Since the legislature adjourned last year, revenue has dropped. To fix this problem, the 2017 Legislature needs to reduce spending levels so they do not exceed revenue. This is the fourth consecutive year where actual revenue to the state will not meet the official forecast from the Revenue Estimating Conference.

Senate File 130/HF 118 increase revenue to the General Fund by $25.1 million and reduce net General Fund appropriations by $88.2 million, resulting in a total FY 2017 General Fund budget adjustment of $113.3 million.

The Bills transfers a total of $25.1 million of revenues from non-General Fund sources to the General Fund for FY 2017. The transfers include:

* $6.1 million from the Iowa Cultural Trust Fund
* $1.0 million from the Strategic Investment Fund
* $2.0 million from the Innovation and Commercialization Development Fund
* $2.0 million from the Economic Development Energy Projects Fund
* $12.0 million from the Grow Iowa Values Fund
* $2.0 million from the Federal Economic Stimulus and Jobs Holding Fund

SF 130/HF 118 provide net supplemental appropriations from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) federal block grant for FY 2017 of $10.3 million. This includes supplemental appropriations totaling $16.0 million to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to offset General Fund deappropriations from certain programs. These include: $10.0 million for the Family Investment Program $3.0 million for DHS Field Offices $3.0 million for the State Child Care Assistance Program

The Bill also includes a deappropriation of $5.7 million from a TANF appropriation for the Family Investment Program Eligibility System.

***Changes to Prior Appropriations***

SF 130/HF 118 also deappropriate $48.4 million from FY 2017 General Fund appropriations to 27 State departments, agencies, and entities and the Judicial Branch and require certain transfers of use. The bills:

* Provide a General Fund FY 2017 supplemental appropriation to the Office of the State Public Defender in the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) for the Indigent Defense Fund in the amount of $4.3 million.
* Require that $1.0 million from the Open Spaces Account of the Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund (REAP) be used to fund maintenance at State parks for the remainder of FY 2017.
* Transfer $350,000 from the FY 2016 General Fund carryforward balance of the Iowa Veterans Home to the College Student Aid Commission for purposes of funding the National Guard Educational Assistance Program for FY 2017.
* Deappropriate $12.1 million from the estimated FY 2017 General Fund appropriation for the Family Investment Program. Of this amount, $10.0 million is replaced by a supplemental TANF appropriation for the Program.
* Deappropriate $13.9 million from the estimated FY 2017 General Fund appropriation for Medicaid.
* Deappropriate $3.0 million from the estimated FY 2017 General Fund appropriation for Child Care Assistance. This amount is replaced with a $3,000,000 TANF appropriation for Child Care Assistance.
* Deappropriate $3.0 million from the estimated FY 2017 General Fund appropriation for DHS Field Operations. This amount is replaced with a $3.0 million TANF appropriation for Field Operations.
* Transfer $1,100,000 from the Autism Support Fund to the Independence Mental Health Institute for FY 2017.
* Reduce Executive Branch departments’ FY 2017 General Fund operating appropriations by $11.5 million. Requires the Department of Management (DOM) to apply the reductions in consultation with each department.

***Studies and Intent***

The Department of Management (DOM) is required to submit a report to the General Assembly and the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) within 15 days of the effective date of the Bill, listing how the $48.4 million in appropriation reductions (specified in Section 1 of the Bill) were applied to State agencies budgets.

DOM is also required to submit a report to the General Assembly and the LSA within 30 days of the effective date of the Bill listing how the $11.5 million in appropriation reductions (specified in Section 18 of the Bill) were applied to State agencies budgets.

Once passed and signed, the legislation will take effect upon enactment.

**Bills of Interest**

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| [HF 83](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF83&ga=87) | A bill for an act relating to the passing of bicycles by motor vehicles, and making a penalty applicable. |
| [HF 77](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF77&ga=87) | A bill for an act requiring certain peace officers, including tribal law enforcement officers, to wear and use a body camera and providing remedies. |
| [HSB 32](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HSB32&ga=87) | A bill for an act relating to peace officer personal information under the control of local officials and including effective date provisions. |
| [SSB 1019](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SSB1019&ga=87) | A bill for an act prohibiting the use of automated traffic law enforcement systems by the department of transportation and regulating the use of other automated traffic law enforcement systems. |
| [SF 123](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SF123&ga=87) | A bill for an act relating to the enforcement of traffic laws, including authorizing peace officers employed by the department of transportation to make arrests for certain violations, prohibiting the use of automated or remote traffic law enforcement systems, and requiring the removal of existing systems, and including effective date provisions. |
| [SF 125](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SF125&ga=87) | A bill for an act relating to the display of registration plates on motor vehicles thirty model years old or older. |
| [HF 96](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF96&ga=87) | A bill for an act relating to a reporting requirement for property seized for forfeiture or forfeited in this state, and including applicability provisions. |
| [SSB 1019](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SSB1019&ga=87) | A bill for an act prohibiting the use of automated traffic law enforcement systems by the department of transportation and regulating the use of other automated traffic law enforcement systems. |