

Session 118 - (2009-2010)

H 4232 General Bill, By Haley and T.R. Young

Summary: Taxpayer Protection Act

A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT" BY AMENDING THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-415 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE LIMIT ON GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR A FISCAL YEAR IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE ESTIMATE AS OF FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011, INCREASED ANNUALLY AND CUMULATIVELY BY A PERCENTAGE DETERMINED BY POPULATION INCREASES AND INCREASES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIMITATION TO BE SUSPENDED FOR A FISCAL YEAR FOR A SPECIFIC AMOUNT UPON A DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR AND UPON A SPECIAL VOTE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DEFINE THIS SPECIAL VOTE, TO ESTABLISH THE SPENDING LIMIT RESERVE FUND TO WHICH ALL SURPLUS GENERAL FUND REVENUES MUST BE CREDITED AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL REVENUES IN THE FUND MUST BE REFUNDED TO TAXPAYERS BY MEANS OF TEMPORARY TAX CUTS; BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-75 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET TO EMPLOY A ZERO-BASED BUDGET PROCESS IN BOTH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED STATE BUDGET AND IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE BUDGET; AND BY ADDING SECTION 2-7-125 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE MOST RECENT ITERATION OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S WEBSITE AT LEAST THREE STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE DAYS BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE DAY THE FINAL VOTE IS TAKEN ON THE BILL.

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