

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the state is required to retain a General Fund balance equal to 7.25 percent of General Fund appropriations at the end of each fiscal year. This bill decreases the reserve requirement to 3.07 percent of appropriations for the current FY 2019-20 and 3.84 percent of appropriations for FY 2020-21. For FY 2021-22 and subsequent years, the reserve requirement remains unchanged at 7.25 percent.

State Expenditures

This bill does not directly increase state expenditures, but increases the amount of money available for appropriation at the discretion of the General Assembly during the 2020 and 2021 legislative sessions. The reserve requirement calculated using the percentages in the bill will depend on actual appropriations for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21, which have not yet been finalized by the General Assembly. Based on the General Fund overview used by the Joint Budget Committee for budget balancing as of May 22, 2020, the bill requires an estimated reserve of \$361.8 million for FY 2019-20 and \$437.5 million for FY 2020-21. Therefore, reducing the reserve requirement is expected to increase the amount available for appropriation by approximately \$490 million in the current FY 2019-20 and by approximately \$390 million in FY 2020-21.

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Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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