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CHAPTER 553

AN ACT to amend 16.47 (1) and 16.50 (1) and (2) of the statutes, relating to the development of program budgeting.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 16.47 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.47 (1) The executive budget bills shall incorporate the governor's recommendations for appropriations for the succeeding biennium. One bill shall cover each of the following operating funds: the general fund, the highway fund and the conservation fund. Each appropriation in each bill except those for highway construction and aids to local units may be divided into 3 allotments * * * : personal services, other operating expenses * * * and capital outlay or other meaningful classifications, or appropriations may be made in total for all expense. The appropriation method shall in no way affect the amount of detail or manner of presentation which may be requested by the joint committee on finance. Appropriation requests * * * may be divided into 3 allotments * * * : personal services, other operating expenses and capital outlay or such other meaningful classifications as may be approved by the joint committee on finance. Immediately after the delivery of the budget message, the bills shall be introduced without change into either house by the joint finance committee and when introduced shall be referred to that committee.

SECTION 2. 16.50 (1) and (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.50 (1) Each department except the legislature and the courts shall prepare and submit to the director an estimate by quarters of the amount of money which it proposes to expend upon each of its divisions, activities * * * , functions and programs. The director may waive the submission of estimates of other than administrative expenditures from such funds as he * * * determines. Estimates shall be prepared in such form and at such times as the director * * * requires. Revised and supplemental estimates may be presented at any time under rules to be prescribed by the director.

(2) The director shall examine each such estimate to determine whether appropriations are available therefor and can be made without incurring danger of exhausting such appropriations before the end of the appropriation period and whether there will be sufficient revenue to meet such contemplated expenditures. *The director also shall examine each estimate to assure as nearly as possible that the proposed plan of program execution reflects the intentions of the joint committee on finance, legislature and governor, as expressed by them in the budget determinations.* If satisfied that such estimate meets these tests, he shall approve the same; otherwise he shall disapprove the same, in whole or in part, as the facts * * * require. If the director is satisfied that an estimate for any period is more than sufficient for the execution of the normal functions of a department, he may modify or withhold such estimates. *It is the intent of the Legislature that this section be strictly construed by the director to the end that such budget determinations and policy decisions reflected by such determinations be implemented to the fullest extent possible within the concepts of proper management.*

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