

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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At your request I added the phrase “state finances... for the 2007–09 fiscal biennium” to the bill’s relating clause. A phrase similar to this is typically used in the relating clause of the executive budget bill. Note that use of the phrase in this bill may not serve to avoid the requirement of s. 16.47 (2), stats., which precludes the passage in either house of certain fiscal bills before enactment of the budget bill. When s. 16.47, stats., is read in its entirety, I think it becomes clear that the “budget bill” referred to in s. 16.47 (2), stats., is the “executive budget bill” referred to in s. 16.47 (1), stats. Moreover, if one could avoid the requirement in s. 16.47 (2), stats., by simply adding the phrase “state finances...” to the relating clause of an appropriation bill, the requirement would be meaningless. Presumably, that was not the legislature’s intent.

If you have questions or need more information, please let me know.

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