

1 SENATE BILL NO. 37

2 INTRODUCED BY GEBHARDT

3 BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE
6 BUDGET FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CONSOLIDATED TO THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM
7 PLANNING; AMENDING SECTION 17-7-112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 17-7-112, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"17-7-112. Submission deadlines -- budgeting schedule.** The following is the schedule for the
13 preparation of a state budget for submission to the legislature convening in the following year:

14 (1) By August 1, forms necessary for preparation of budget estimates must be distributed pursuant to
15 17-7-111(2).

16 (2) (a) (i) By Except as provided in subsection (2)(a)(ii), by September 1, each agency shall submit the
17 information required under 17-7-111 to the budget director. The department of justice shall submit information
18 received from counties concerning the state's share of county attorney salaries.

19 (ii) By SEPTEMBER 15, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CONSOLIDATED SHALL SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THE
20 INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER 17-7-111 TO THE BUDGET DIRECTOR. By October 15, the legislative branch
21 consolidated shall submit the information required under 17-7-111 IN FINAL FORM to the budget director.

22 (b) As provided in 7-4-2502(2)(a), the department of justice is not obligated to provide more than one-half
23 of the salary of a county attorney based on the amount included in the department's budget and appropriated for
24 that purpose.

25 (3) By September 1, the budget director shall submit each state agency's budget request, except the
26 budget request for the legislative branch consolidated, required under 17-7-111(3) to the legislative fiscal analyst.
27 The transfer of budget information must be done on a schedule mutually agreed to by the budget director and
28 the legislative fiscal analyst in a manner that facilitates an even transfer of budget information that allows each
29 office to maintain a reasonable staff workflow.

30 (4) By October 10, the budget director shall furnish the legislative fiscal analyst with a preliminary budget

1 reflecting the base budget, for agencies other than the legislative branch consolidated, in a format agreed upon
2 by both the office of budget and program planning and the legislative fiscal analyst.

3 (5) By October 30, a budget request must be prepared by the budget director and submitted to the
4 legislative fiscal analyst on behalf of any agency that did not present the information required by this section. The
5 budget request must be based upon the budget director's studies of the operations, plans, and needs of the
6 institution, university unit, or agency.

7 (6) By November 1, the budget director shall furnish the legislative fiscal analyst with a present law base
8 for each agency and a copy of the documents that reflect the anticipated receipts and other means of financing
9 the base budget and present law base for each fiscal year of the ensuing biennium. The material must be in a
10 format agreed upon by both the office of budget and program planning and the legislative fiscal analyst.

11 (7) By November 12, the budget director shall furnish the legislative fiscal analyst with the documents,
12 in a format agreed upon by both the office of budget and program planning and the legislative fiscal analyst, that
13 reflect expenditures to the second level, as provided in 17-1-102(3), by funding source and detailed by accounting
14 entity.

15 (8) By November 15, the proposed pay plan schedule and the information technology summary required
16 by 17-7-111(4), a preliminary budget that meets the statutory requirements for submission of the budget to the
17 legislature, and a summary of the preliminary budget designed for distribution to members and members-elect
18 of the legislature must be submitted to the legislative fiscal analyst.

19 (9) By December 15, the budget director shall submit a preliminary budget to the governor and to the
20 governor-elect, if there is one, as provided in 17-7-121, and shall furnish the legislative fiscal analyst with all
21 amendments to the preliminary budget.

22 (10) By January 7, recommended changes proposed by a governor-elect must be transmitted to the
23 legislative fiscal analyst and the legislature as provided in 17-7-121."

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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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