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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Director of Budget and Management to ensure that community improvement projects included in the capital budget are divided proportionally among each of the state's 19 public works integrating committee districts.
- Provides that the proportional allocation is measured over a six-year period, and is based upon population, unemployment, and poverty factors.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Division of community improvement projects in the capital budget

Under current law, the Director of Budget and Management must biennially prepare a capital plan and, with the concurrence of the Governor, submit it to the General Assembly. The capital plan must contain recommendations as to the acquisition of real estate and the construction of public improvements. The capital plan must extend through a period of at least six years in the future and must identify the projects which should be undertaken in each biennium of the period through which the plan extends. Further, at the request and with the concurrence of the Governor, the Director must prepare and recommend to the General Assembly a biennial capital budget. The budget must include the Director's recommendations concerning capital improvement projects to be undertaken or revised during the fiscal biennium following the latest biennium for which a capital appropriations act was enacted. The capital budget is required to include all projects that the Director considers to be necessary and feasible, whether originally proposed by the Director or by a state agency. (Sec. 126.03(A).)

The bill provides that if community improvement projects are included in the capital budget, the Director of Budget and Management must ensure that each

of the 19 public works integrating committee districts into which the state is divided under the Public Works Commission Law receives in each six-year period its approximately proportional share of the dollar amount of all such projects included in the budget. "Community improvement projects" are defined by the bill to mean rural areas community improvements, community theatre renovations, and all other capital improvement projects that the Director of Budget and Management determines to be primarily of community benefit and not related to the provision of facilities for the state government or for the performance of a function of state government that is statewide or regional in nature (sec. 126.03(C) and (D)(1)).

The proportional share of each public works district is required to be computed as follows:

(1) One-third on the basis of the district's share of the entire state's population;

(2) One-third on the basis of the number of unemployed people in the district as compared to the number of unemployed people in the entire state;

(3) One-third on the basis of the number of families living below the federal poverty guidelines in the district as compared to the number of families living below the federal poverty guidelines in the entire state. Under the bill, "federal poverty guidelines" means the poverty guidelines defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget and revised by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services in accordance with federal law (sec. 126.03(C) and (D)(2)).

The population, unemployment, and federal poverty guidelines data used must be the most recent estimates available to the Director of Development, who must certify them to the Director of Budget and Management when requested to do so (sec. 126.03(C)).

HISTORY

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