

HB 1687 -- BUDGET PLANNING INCENTIVE FUND

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This bill creates the Budget Planning Incentive Fund to incentivize savings in infrastructure and equipment spending by allowing eighty percent return of savings to general revenue and twenty percent of cost savings to be used for state agency employee bonuses.

Each state agency shall form a "Budget Planning Commission" that may recommend and implement budget withholding on a quarterly basis in order to provide funds for the fund. A commission shall consist of five members, all of whom shall be full-time employees of such state agency who have different titles and levels of compensation. Specified funds may be diverted to the budget planning incentive fund by majority vote, but no more than ten percent of an agency's total funding subject to reversion to the general revenue fund shall be diverted in any particular fiscal year.

The commission for each state agency shall periodically disburse funds in the form of one-time bonuses to its full-time employees at such time as disbursements are warranted by the amount available in such agencies' accounts. State agencies may form commissions under this section by rule, order, or policy and may, but need not, promulgate rules governing such commissions.

For purposes of budget reporting and consensus revenue estimates, the Governor and the budget committees of the House and Senate shall refer only to the aggregate savings and deposit amounts for the fund and shall not request separate state agency information for the purpose of adjusting individual state agency budgets.