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### **Sectional Analysis**

### **Senate Bill 221**

### **\*Proposed CS – Version I\***

### **\*Senate State Affairs Committee\***

#### **Section 1 – Governor May Call Special Session in Less than 30 Days**

Section 1 provides an express exception to allow the governor to call a special session in less than 30 days to address appropriations of additional federal receipts in excess of those accounted for under the amendments of this legislation.

#### **Section 2 – Amending the RPL Process**

Section 2 amends the revised program legislative (RPL) process to provide that, for the State to expend additional funds it receives above the appropriations made in an appropriation bill, the funds may only be federal funds and may only be spent in accordance with the following procedure:

In an appropriation bill, the legislature may provide for an amount that is a specific maximum increase of an appropriation item above the amount actually appropriated by the appropriation bill; the specific maximum increase may be provided as a percentage of an appropriation item, and

- (1) The governor may submit a proposal for spending the additional federal funds via a “revised program” to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee for review;
- (2) The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee reviews the governor’s revised program proposal and may recommend alternative funding amounts or distributions among multiple items, not to exceed any specific maximum increases previously provided by an appropriation bill;
- (3) The governor may submit a corrected or changed revised program proposal to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee for review;

- (4) Once the governor submits a final revised program proposal, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee confirms the proposal does not exceed any specific maximum increases previously provided by an appropriation bill; and
- (5) Revised program amounts confirmed by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee may be expended after 45 days, unless the committee recommends an earlier date of the expenditures.

### **Section 3 – Calling a Special Session to Spend Amounts Above Permissible RPL Subjects**

To expend amounts exceeding those permissible under the RPL process, including applying funds to other items not previously addressed with a specific maximum increase in an appropriation bill, the governor must call a special session.

### **Section 4 – Limiting Applicability of the Effective Date of the Bill**

This section establishes that the new RPL process would not apply to items funded under the previous RPL provisions as they read and were applicable before the effective date of the act.