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## **SB 1231**

Introduced by

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 35, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING  
SECTION 35-125; RELATING TO STATE REVENUE EXPENDITURES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 35, chapter 1, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 35-125, to read:

4 35-125. Authorized annual state general fund revenues  
5 expenditure amount; calculation and report;  
6 requirements for exceeding limit

7 A. BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013, THE LEGISLATURE MAY  
8 APPROPRIATE AN AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUES UP TO THE AMOUNT OF  
9 STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS  
10 SUBSECTION IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, ADJUSTED BY THE SUM OF THE FOLLOWING  
11 PERCENTAGES:

12 1. THE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE PERCENTAGE CHANGE FOR THE MOST RECENT  
13 AVAILABLE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD IN THE POPULATION OF THIS STATE. FOR THE  
14 PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL  
15 DETERMINE THE POPULATION OF THIS STATE BY USING ONLY THE MOST RECENT DATA  
16 FROM THE UNITED STATES DECENNIAL CENSUS OR ONLY THE AVERAGE OF THE ANNUAL  
17 REVISIONS OF POPULATION DATA BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OR ITS SUCCESSOR  
18 AGENCY, AND DEMOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS OF STATE UNIVERSITIES.

19 2. THE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE PERCENTAGE CHANGE FOR THE MOST RECENT  
20 AVAILABLE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD IN THE COST OF LIVING. FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
21 THIS PARAGRAPH, THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE THE  
22 COST OF LIVING BY USING ONLY THE GDP PRICE DEFLATOR, AS DEFINED BY SECTION  
23 41-563, OR THE GROSS STATE PRODUCT FOR ARIZONA, WHICHEVER INDEX IS GREATER,  
24 OR A SUCCESSOR INDEX, AS REPORTED BY THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCY OF THE UNITED  
25 STATES GOVERNMENT. THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE MAY TAKE INTO  
26 ACCOUNT MINOR TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE INDEX THAT ARE MADE OCCASIONALLY  
27 BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

28 B. THE LIMITATION AND CALCULATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS  
29 SECTION DO NOT INCLUDE EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

30 1. ANY AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR DEBT SERVICE ON OBLIGATIONS OF THIS  
31 STATE OR OF ANY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE, AGENCY, COMMISSION, BOARD OR OTHER  
32 INSTRUMENTALITY OF THIS STATE OUTSTANDING ON JUNE 30, 2011.

33 2. ANY AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO RESTORE PAYMENTS DEFERRED FROM FISCAL  
34 YEAR 2010-2011 INTO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

35 C. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 20 OF EACH YEAR, THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET  
36 COMMITTEE SHALL:

37 1. DETERMINE AND PUBLISH AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL STATE GENERAL FUND  
38 REVENUES FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR.

39 2. DETERMINE AND PUBLISH THE AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUES  
40 THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
41 A OF THIS SECTION.

42 D. IF THE LEGISLATURE ENACTS A BUDGET FOR A FISCAL YEAR THAT EXCEEDS  
43 THE AMOUNT REPORTED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE UNDER  
44 SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, THE LEGISLATURE MUST SIMULTANEOUSLY ENACT A  
45 SEPARATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE LIMIT UNDER SUBSECTION C  
46 OF THIS SECTION AND EXPRESSES THE INTENT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF  
47 STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THAT AMOUNT.