

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 950

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE BERNSTINE

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by striking out "workers' rights"
2 and inserting
3 spending limitations

4 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 7 through 16; page 2, lines 1
5 through 4; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
6 inserting

7 That Article VIII be amended by adding a section to read:
8 § 18. Spending limitations.

9 (a) Total spending by the Commonwealth shall not exceed the
10 spending limit in any fiscal year. The spending limit for any
11 fiscal year shall be equal to the spending during the
12 immediately prior fiscal year, adjusted by the sum of:

13 (i) The average of the percentage change in the annual
14 United States Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-
15 U), as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau
16 of Labor Statistics, for each of the immediately preceding three
17 calendar years.

18 (ii) The average of the percentage change in the resident
19 population in this Commonwealth, as reported by the United
20 States Census Bureau for July 1 of each year, for the
21 immediately preceding three calendar years.

22 (b) The percentage of the rate of change calculated under
23 subsection (a) used in any fiscal year to adjust the spending
24 limit may be increased for that fiscal year by the affirmative
25 vote of three-fourths of the members elected to each House of
26 the General Assembly. The Commonwealth's spending limit
27 calculated under subsection (a) may be changed by the procedure
28 outlined in section 1(a) of Article XI.

29 (c) Total spending by the Commonwealth means all
30 appropriations and authorizations from the General Fund and
31 shall exclude refunds and the spending of Federal funds, gifts
32 or receipts restricted by laws in effect as of January 1 of the
33 year when this section is ratified and approved by the qualified
34 electors of this Commonwealth. This section shall not be
35 circumvented by transferring spending from the General Fund to

1 special funds or restricted receipt accounts.

2 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting after line 20

3 Section 3. The addition of section 18(a) of Article VIII of
4 the Constitution of Pennsylvania shall become effective
5 beginning with the first fiscal year commencing more than six
6 months following approval of section 18 of Article VIII of the
7 Constitution of Pennsylvania by the electorate.