

75-6704. Percentage reduction in expenditures and demand transfers from state general fund, executive order of governor; guidelines, exceptions and effect; state finance council approval. (a) The director of the budget shall continuously monitor the status of the state general fund with regard to estimated and actual revenues and approved and actual expenditures and demand transfers. Periodically, the director of the budget shall estimate the amount of the unencumbered ending balance of moneys in the state general fund for the current fiscal year and the total amount of anticipated expenditures, demand transfers and encumbrances of moneys in the state general fund for the current fiscal year. If the amount of such unencumbered ending balance in the state general fund is less than \$100,000,000, the director of the budget shall certify to the governor the difference between \$100,000,000 and the amount of such unencumbered ending balance in the state general fund, after adjusting the estimates of the amounts of such demand transfers with regard to new estimates of revenues to the state general fund, where appropriate. When estimating the amount of the unencumbered ending balance of moneys in the state general fund for the purposes of such certification, the director of the budget shall not take into consideration the balance in the budget stabilization fund.

(b) Upon receipt of any such certification and subject to approval of the state finance council acting on this matter which is hereby declared to be a matter of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed by K.S.A. 75-371 c(c), and amendments thereto, the governor may issue an executive order reducing, by applying a percentage reduction determined by the governor in accordance with this section: (1) The amount authorized to be expended from each appropriation from the state general fund for the current fiscal year, other than any item of appropriation for debt service for payments pursuant to contractual bond obligations or any item of appropriation for employer contributions for the employers who are eligible employers as specified in K.S.A. 74-4931(1), (2) and (3), and amendments thereto, under the Kansas public employees retirement system pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4939, and amendments thereto, or for payments made from the juvenile justice improvement fund for the development and implementation of evidence-based community programs and practices for juvenile offender and their families; and (2) the amount of each demand transfer from the state general fund for the current fiscal year, other than any demand transfer to the school district capital improvements fund for distribution to school districts pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2319, and amendments thereto.

(c) The reduction imposed by an executive order issued under this section shall be determined by the governor and may be equal to or less than the amount certified under subsection (a). Except as otherwise specifically provided by this section, the percentage reduction applied under subsection (b) shall be the same for each item of appropriation and each demand transfer and shall be imposed equally on all such items of appropriation and demand transfers without exception. No such percentage reduction and no provisions of any such executive order under this section shall apply or be construed to reduce any item of appropriation for debt service for payments pursuant to contractual bond obligations or any item of appropriation for employer contributions for the employers who are eligible employers as specified in K.S.A. 74-4931(1), (2) and (3), and amendments thereto, under the Kansas public employees retirement system pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4939, and amendments thereto, or any demand transfer to the school district capital improvements fund for distribution to school districts pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2319, and amendments thereto. The provisions of such executive order shall be effective for all state agencies of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government.

(d) If the governor issues an executive order under this section, the director of accounts and reports shall not issue any warrant for the payment of moneys in the state general fund or make any demand transfer of moneys in the state general fund for any state agency unless such warrant or demand transfer is in accordance with such executive order and such warrant or demand transfer does not exceed the amount of money permitted to be expended or transferred from the state general fund.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to: (1) Require the governor to issue an executive order under this section upon receipt of any such certification by the director of the budget; or (2) restrict the number of times that the director of the budget may make a certification under this section or that the governor may issue an executive order under this section.

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