

1 *Senate* BILL NO. 333  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Shirley Thiessen, Martha*  
 3 *Fasbender*

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FISCAL  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 20, 1975

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 333

Be amended in the third reading copy as follows:

1. Amend title, page 1, line 5.

Following: "GOVERNMENT"

Strike: "BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR"

Insert: "; CREATING A LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND  
SPECIFYING ITS POWER AND DUTIES; CREATING THE OFFICE  
OF LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST AND SPECIFYING DUTIES"

2. Amend page 1, following line 9.

Strike: the remainder of the bill in its entirety.

Insert: "Section 1. Title and purpose of act. This act  
may be

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cited as "The Legislative Finance Act". Because the legislature is responsible for appropriating public funds, it must provide for fiscal analysis of state government to accumulate, compile, analyze, and furnish such information bearing upon the financial matters of the state that is relevant to issues of policy and questions of statewide importance.

Section 2. Definitions. In this act:

(1) "State agency" means all offices, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, universities, colleges, and any other person or any other administrative unit of state government that spends or encumbers public moneys by virtue of an appropriation from the legislature, or that handles money on behalf of the state, or that holds any trust or agency moneys from any source.

(2) "Committee" means the legislative finance committee created by this act.

(3) "Budget director" means the budget director appointed pursuant to section 79-1012, R.C.M. 1947.

Section 3. Legislative finance committee and office of legislative fiscal analyst created. There is created a legislative finance committee which shall be a permanent joint committee of the legislature. There is created the office of legislative fiscal analyst. The legislative fiscal analyst shall direct the office in carrying out the provisions of this act.

Section 4. Legislative finance committee--appointment and term of members--officers. The legislative finance committee consists of four (4) members of the senate finance and claims committee and four (4) members of the house of representatives appropriations committee appointed before the end of the first regular session of the biennium by the respective chairmen of the respective committees. No more than two (2) of



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the appointees of each house may be members of the same political party.

A vacancy on the committee occurring when the legislature is not in session shall be filled by the selection of a member of the appropriate political party and appropriate committee as provided in this section by the remaining members of the committee to complete the unexpired term. Appointments are for two (2) years and a member of the committee shall serve until his term of office as a legislator ends or until his successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. The committee shall elect one of its members as chairman and such other officers as it considers necessary. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for expenses and paid compensation as provided by law for interim standing committees.

Section 5. Powers and duties of the committee. The committee may:

(1) Organize, adopt rules to govern its proceedings, and meet as often as necessary, upon the call of the chairman, to advise and consult with the legislative fiscal analyst;

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Section 10. Repealer. Sections 43-1101 through 43-1108, R.C.M. 1947, are repealed.

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AS SO AMENDED  
BE CONCURRED IN

  
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FRANCIS BARDANOUE, Chairman

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REFER TO THIRD READING COPY

(Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:)

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SECTION 1. TITLE AND PURPOSE OF ACT. THIS ACT MAY BE CITED AS "THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE ACT". BECAUSE THE LEGISLATURE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATING PUBLIC FUNDS, IT MUST PROVIDE FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO ACCUMULATE, COMPILE, ANALYZE, AND FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION BEARING UPON THE FINANCIAL MATTERS OF THE STATE THAT IS RELEVANT TO ISSUES OF POLICY AND QUESTIONS OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. IN THIS ACT:

(1) "STATE AGENCY" MEANS ALL OFFICES, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, INSTITUTIONS, UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT SPENDS OR ENCUMBERS PUBLIC MONEYS BY VIRTUE OF AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE LEGISLATURE, OR THAT HANDLES MONEY ON BEHALF OF THE STATE, OR THAT HOLDS ANY TRUST OR AGENCY MONEYS FROM ANY SOURCE.

(2) "COMMITTEE" MEANS THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE CREATED BY THIS ACT.

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 3 JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE. THERE IS CREATED THE  
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 5 FISCAL ANALYST SHALL DIRECT THE OFFICE IN CARRYING OUT THE  
 6 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

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 12 SENATE APPOINTED, AT LARGE, BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES;  
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 17 END OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE BIENNIUM. NO MORE  
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 19 MEMBERS AND ONE (1) AT LARGE MEMBER, MAY BE FROM THE SAME  
 20 POLITICAL PARTY.

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 12 OF THE CHAIRMAN, TO ADVISE AND CONSULT WITH THE LEGISLATIVE  
 13 FISCAL ANALYST;

14 (2) EMPLOY THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST WHO SHALL  
 15 SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF AND BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE  
 16 COMMITTEE, AND THE COMMITTEE SHALL SET HIS SALARY;

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 18 COMMITTEE UNDER TITLE 43, CHAPTER 4, R.C.M. 1947.

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 24 POLICY AND QUESTIONS OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE, INCLUDING, BUT  
 25 NOT LIMITED TO, INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE POSSIBILITIES

1 OF EFFECTING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY IN STATE GOVERNMENT;  
 2 (2) ESTIMATE REVENUE FROM EXISTING AND PROPOSED TAXES;  
 3 (3) ANALYZE THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND BUDGET REQUESTS  
 4 OF SELECTED STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING  
 5 PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS;  
 6 (4) MAKE THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS HE DEEMS  
 7 DESIRABLE TO THE LEGISLATURE AND MAKE REPORTS AND  
 8 RECOMMENDATIONS AS REQUESTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE  
 9 COMMITTEE AND THE LEGISLATURE; AND  
 10 (5) ASSIST COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE, AND  
 11 INDIVIDUAL LEGISLATORS, IN COMPILING AND ANALYZING FINANCIAL  
 12 INFORMATION.

13 SECTION 7. FISCAL ANALYSIS INFORMATION FROM STATE  
 14 AGENCIES. THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST HAS THE AUTHORITY  
 15 TO INVESTIGATE AND EXAMINE INTO THE COSTS OF STATE  
 16 GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES AND MAY EXAMINE THE RECORDS, BOOKS,  
 17 AND FILES OF ANY STATE AGENCY, INCLUDING CONFIDENTIAL  
 18 RECORDS OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES. EVERY STATE AGENCY  
 19 SHALL FURNISH THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST WITH COPIES OF  
 20 ALL BUDGET REQUESTS, AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION TO THE BUDGET  
 21 DIRECTOR AS PROVIDED BY LAW, AND IF REQUESTED, ALL  
 22 UNDERLYING AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. IN THE YEAR  
 23 PRECEDING EACH LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE BUDGET DIRECTOR  
 24 SHALL FURNISH THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ON A  
 25 CONFIDENTIAL BASIS:

1 (1) BY DECEMBER 1, A COPY OF THE DOCUMENTS WHICH  
 2 REFLECT THE ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER MEANS OF  
 3 FINANCING THE BUDGET FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR OF THE ENSUING  
 4 BIENNIUM;  
 5 (2) BY DECEMBER 1, A PRELIMINARY BUDGET WHICH SHALL  
 6 MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET  
 7 TO THE LEGISLATURE; AND  
 8 (3) BY DECEMBER 15, ALL AMENDMENTS TO THE PRELIMINARY  
 9 BUDGET.

10 SECTION 8. APPOINTMENT OF FISCAL ANALYSIS EMPLOYEES  
 11 AND CONSULTANTS. THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST MAY EMPLOY,  
 12 FIX THE SALARIES AND DEFINE THE DUTIES OF SUCH STAFF AND  
 13 CONSULTANTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF HIS  
 14 APPROPRIATION.

15 SECTION 9. FUNDS TRANSFERRED. ANY UNEXPENDED FUNDS  
 16 APPROPRIATED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1128, SESSION LAWS OF 1974,  
 17 AND FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE "FISCAL ANALYSIS PROGRAM" IN  
 18 HOUSE BILL NO. 286, SESSION LAWS OF 1975, ARE HEREBY  
 19 TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST  
 20 TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT.

21 SECTION 10. REPEALER. SECTIONS 43-1101 THROUGH  
 22 43-1108, R.C.M. 1947, ARE REPEALED.

23 SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. THIS ACT IS EFFECTIVE ON  
 24 ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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