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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Spending Affordability Committee - Voting Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain recommendation of the Spending Affordability
4 Committee of the General Assembly to increase expenditures in excess of certain
5 economic indicators to be made only with a majority vote of the full authorized
6 voting membership of the Committee; and generally relating to the Spending
7 Affordability Committee of the General Assembly.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article - State Government
10 Section 2-1001
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - State Government
15 Section 2-1005
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - State Government**

21 2-1001.

22 In this subtitle, "Committee" means the Spending Affordability Committee.

23 2-1005.

24 (a) (1) On or before December 1 of each year, the Committee shall submit,
25 subject to § 2-1246 of this article, to the Legislative Policy Committee and the
26 Governor a report with recommendations on fiscal goals for the State budget to be
27 considered at the next regular session of the General Assembly, including:

- 1 [(1)] (I) a recommended level of State spending;
- 2 [(2)] (II) a recommended level of new debt authorization;
- 3 [(3)] (III) a recommended level of State personnel;
- 4 [(4)] (IV) a recommended use of any anticipated surplus; and
- 5 [(5)] (V) other findings or recommendations that the Committee
6 considers appropriate.

7 (2) A RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
8 THIS SUBSECTION TO INCREASE EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF THE ANNUAL
9 INCREASE IN PERSONAL INCOME, THAT THE COMMITTEE USES TO MEASURE THE
10 GROWTH OF THE STATE'S ECONOMY SHALL BE MADE ONLY BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF
11 THE FULL AUTHORIZED VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE.

12 (b) If the report recommends expenditures in excess of the annual increase in
13 personal income, gross State product, or other data that the Committee used to
14 measure the growth of the State's economy, the Committee shall provide the Senate
15 and the House with an analysis as to the extent the recommendation exceeds those
16 economic indicators.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2001.