

Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Emergency Budget Act

Under Senate Bill 3660, the Emergency Budget Act, Governor Quinn has unprecedented powers to reduce and reserve funds throughout state government.

Reforming Government

- Implements budgeting for outcomes
- Requires quarterly budget reports
- Codifies online survey for public input
- Mandates General Assembly committees to review each individual line item
- Requires three year budget forecasting

Reducing Costs

- Allows the Governor to place budgetary reserves on state agency spending
- Relieves unfunded mandates by making all programs subject to appropriation
- Mandates review of all state contracts to reduce costs
- Establishes emergency rulemaking authority
- Requires all members of the General Assembly and executive branch officials to take 12 furlough days
- Eliminates 3% automatic COLA for executive branch officials and members of the General Assembly
- Reduces General Assembly per diems to \$111
- Reduces General Assembly travel reimbursements to \$0.39 per mile

Paying bills

- Allows the Governor to borrow from available balances in other state funds to pay providers
- Authorizes the sale of the tobacco settlement proceeds
- Extends the lapse period to December 31st, to keep providers from experiencing further delays by having to go to the Court of Claims