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Item 4-3.02

§ 4-3.02 TREASURY LOANS

a. AUTHORIZED DEFICIT LOANS: A state agency requesting authorization for deficit spending shall prepare a plan for the Governor's review and approval, specifying appropriate financial, administrative and management actions necessary to eliminate the deficit and to prevent future deficits. If the Governor approves the plan and authorizes a state agency to incur a deficit under the provisions of this section, the amount authorized shall be obtained by the agency by borrowing the authorized amount on such terms and from such sources as may be approved by the Governor. At the close of business on the last day of the current biennium, any unexpended balance of such loan shall be applied toward repayment of the loan, unless such action is contrary to the conditions of the loan approval. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall set forth in the next biennial budget all such loans which require an appropriation for repayment. A copy of the approved plan to eliminate the deficit shall be transmitted to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance Committees within five calendar days of approval.

b. ANTICIPATION LOANS: Authorization for anticipation loans are limited to the provisions below.

1.a) When the payment of authorized obligations for operating expenses is required prior to the collection of nongeneral fund revenues, any state agency may borrow from the state treasury the required sums with the prior written approval of the Secretary of Finance or his designee as to the amount, terms and sources of such funds; such loans shall not exceed the amount of the anticipated collections of such revenues and shall be repaid only from such revenues when collected.

b) When the payment of authorized obligations for capital expenses is required prior to the collection of nongeneral fund revenues or proceeds from authorized debt, any state agency or body corporate and politic, constituting a public corporation and government instrumentality, may borrow from the state treasury the required sums with the prior written approval of the Secretary of Finance or his designee as to the amount, terms and sources of such funds; such loans in anticipation of bond proceeds shall not exceed the amount of the anticipated proceeds from debt authorized by the General Assembly and shall be repaid only from such proceeds when collected.

2. Anticipation loans for operating expenses shall be in amounts not greater than the sum identified by the agency as the minimum amount required to meet the projected expenditures. The term of any anticipation loans granted for operating expenses shall not exceed twelve months.

3. Before an anticipation loan for a capital project is authorized, the agency shall develop a plan for financing such capital project; approval of the State Treasurer shall be obtained for all plans to incur authorized debt.

4. Anticipation loans for capital projects shall be in amounts not greater than the sum identified by the agency as required to meet the projected expenditures for the project within the current biennium.

5. To ensure that such loans are repaid as soon as practical and economical, the Department of Planning and Budget shall monitor the construction and expenditure schedules of all approved capital projects that will be paid for with proceeds from authorized debt and have anticipation loans.

6. Unless otherwise prohibited by federal or state law, the State Treasurer shall charge current market interest rates on anticipation loans made for operating purposes and capital projects subject to the following:

a) Anticipation loans for capital projects for which debt service will be paid with general fund appropriations shall be exempt from interest payments on borrowed balances.

b) Interest payments on anticipation loans for nongeneral fund capital projects or nongeneral fund operating expenses shall be made from appropriated nongeneral fund revenues. Such interest shall not be paid with the funds from the anticipation loan or from the proceeds of authorized debt without the approval of the State Treasurer.

c) REPORTING: All outstanding loans shall be reported by the Governor to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by August 15 of each year. The report shall include a status of the repayment schedule for each loan.

c. ANTICIPATION LOANS FOR PROJECTS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS ACT OR FOR PROJECTS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 4-4.01M: Authorization for anticipation loans for projects not included in this act or for projects authorized under § 4-4.01 m are limited to the provisions below:

1. Such loans are limited to those projects that shall be repaid from revenues derived from nongeneral fund sources.

2.a) When the payment of authorized obligations for operating expenses is required prior to the collection of nongeneral fund revenues, any state agency may borrow from the state treasury the required sum with the prior written approval of the Secretary of Finance or his designee as to the amount, terms, and sources of such funds. Such loans shall not exceed the amount of the anticipated collections of such nongeneral fund revenues and shall be repaid only from such nongeneral fund revenues when collected.

b) When the payment of obligations for capital expenses for projects authorized under § 4-4.01 m is required prior to the collection of nongeneral fund revenues, any state agency or body corporate and politic, constituting a public corporation and government instrumentality, may borrow from the state treasury the required sums with the prior written approval of the Secretary of Finance or his designee as to the amount, terms and sources of such funds. Such loans shall be repaid only from nongeneral fund revenues associated with the project.

3. Anticipation loans for operating expenses shall be in amounts not greater than the sum identified by the agency as the minimum amount required to meet projected expenditures. The term of any anticipation loans granted for operating expenses shall not exceed 12 months.

4. Before an anticipation loan is provided for a capital project authorized under § 4-4.01 m, the agency shall develop a plan for repayment of such loan and approval of the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall be obtained for all such plans and reported to the Chairman of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.

5. Anticipation loans for capital projects authorized under § 4-4.01 m shall be in amounts not greater than the sum identified by the agency as required to meet the projected expenditures for the project within the current biennium. Such loans shall be repaid only from nongeneral fund revenues associated with the project.

6. The State Treasurer shall charge current market interest rates on anticipation loans made for capital projects authorized under § 4-4.01 m. Interest payments on anticipation loans for nongeneral fund capital projects

authorized under § 4-4.01 m shall be made from appropriated nongeneral fund revenues. Such interest shall not be paid with the funds from the anticipation loan without the approval of the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget.

a) REPORTING: All outstanding loans shall be reported by the Governor to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by August 15 of each year. The report shall include a status of the repayment schedule for each loan.