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STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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03/14/2012	4413	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

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A bill for an act

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relating to state government operations; prohibiting courts from appropriating

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money or ordering the governor, executive branch agencies, or the legislature to

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spend money; requiring the commissioner of management and budget to reduce

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the appropriation to the judiciary in certain situations; proposing coding for new

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law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 1.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. [1.60] JUDICIAL AUTHORITY; FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions.** A court may not: (1) order the governor, an executive

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branch agency, or the legislature to spend money or to otherwise incur a financial

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obligation; or (2) appropriate money unless pursuant to an enacted law.

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Subd. 2. **Reduction in court budget; determination by commissioner of**

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management and budget. If the commissioner of management and budget determines

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that money has been paid out of the state treasury as a result of a court order directing

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that money be spent to continue the operation of a state function in the absence of an

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appropriation, the commissioner shall reduce the current general fund operating budget

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appropriation to the court by the amount determined. If no operating budget for the court

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has been enacted, the commissioner shall make the specified reduction in the next enacted

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court budget.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 1.

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