

No. 61*

(House Joint Resolution 107)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Alternative Level Budget Submissions

FOR the purpose of requesting the Acting Governor to submit with the FY 1980 budget bill a detailed list from each agency of the programs, positions, and costs which it would elect to cut or increase if its budget were reduced by 5 percent or increased by 5 percent; requesting that this list be accompanied by a plan for retention of any State employees affected by proposed program eliminations; and placing certain conditions on transfers and retentions under any proposed eliminations; requesting that the Acting Governor submit with the budget bill a statistical summary of certain programs; and requesting that this information be coordinated with the Executive Plans of the agencies.

WHEREAS, All state agencies participated in the alternative-level budgeting in 1977 pursuant to House Joint Resolution 119,

WHEREAS, Many agencies responded to the requirement for proposing budget reductions by simply listing the items in their budgets which represented increases over the previous year's budget, or agency-wide reductions which were potentially infeasible, or made other proposals which did not indicate a serious effort to identify lowest and highest priorities from a managerial and policy-making perspective, but

WHEREAS, Some agencies made thoughtful, well-structured recommendations which were in fact implemented during the budget process; and

WHEREAS, The need for critical examination by the Executive and the General Assembly of existing state programs continues, and indeed is growing,

RESOLVED, That the Acting Governor is requested to submit to the General Assembly as part of each Executive Plan, but not later than July 1, 1978, a detailed list, with detailed justification and impact analysis, from each agency, of the programs and positions which it would elect to eliminate, reduce, increase, or add if its budget were:

(1) Reduced in operating administrative and formula-funded components by approximately 5 percent of the