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Short Title: Legislative Budget Adjustments.

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Sponsors: Representative Baker.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW A LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION TO MAKE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS IN  
THE INTERIM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 5(3) of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution  
reads as rewritten:

"(3) Budget. The Governor shall prepare and recommend to the General Assembly  
a comprehensive budget of the anticipated revenue and proposed expenditures of the  
State for the ensuing fiscal period. The budget as enacted by the General Assembly shall  
be administered by the Governor.

The total expenditures of the State for the fiscal period covered by the budget shall  
not exceed the total of receipts during that fiscal period and the surplus remaining in the  
State Treasury at the beginning of the period. To insure that the State does not incur a  
deficit for any fiscal period, the Governor shall continually survey the collection of the  
revenue and shall effect the necessary economies in State expenditures, after first  
making adequate provision for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on  
bonds and notes of the State according to their terms, whenever he determines that  
receipts during the fiscal period, when added to any surplus remaining in the State  
Treasury at the beginning of the period, will not be sufficient to meet budgeted  
expenditures. The General Assembly may also by law authorize a commission or  
committee in the Legislative Branch to effect those necessary economies, but such  
committee or commission may act only during a period (i) before convening of the  
regular session, (ii) after sine die adjournment of any legislative session, or (iii) during  
any period in which both houses of the General Assembly are in recess or adjournment  
for a period of 10 days or more. The law creating the committee or commission shall  
provide a method for selecting its membership and may provide for officers of either

