# 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY <br> State of Illinois <br> 2011 and 2012 

SB3231

Introduced 2/1/2012, by Sen. Carole Pankau

## sYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 20/50-8 new

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Defines "zero-based budgeting" as a method of setting budgets that requires a justification of all expenditures, not only those that exceed the prior year's allocations. Thus, each budget line begins at a zero base and must be funded according to merit rather than according to the level approved for the preceding year, when circumstances were probably different. For fiscal year 2013 and thereafter, provides that the budgets submitted by the Governor and appropriations made by the General Assembly for the judicial branch and for all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Executive Ethics Commission must adhere to the principles of zero-based budgeting. Effective immediately.

## A BILL FOR

AN ACT concerning finance.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section 50-8 as follows:
(15 ILCS 20/50-8 new)
Sec. 50-8. Zero-based budgeting.
(a) "Zero-based budgeting" is a method of setting budgets that requires a justification of all expenditures, not only those that exceed the prior year's allocations. Thus, each budget line begins at a zero base and must be funded according to merit rather than according to the level approved for the preceding year, when circumstances were probably different.
(b) For fiscal year 2013 and thereafter, the budgets submitted by the Governor and appropriations made by the General Assembly for the judicial branch and for all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Executive Ethics Commission must adhere to the principles of zero-based budgeting.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.

