

# Senate signs off on base budget requirement

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State agencies would have to provide lawmakers a detailed accounting of their spending every two years under legislation the Senate approved today via voice vote.

That report would include the minimum level of funding required for each appropriation to achieve its objectives that does not exceed the prior fiscal year's base funding.

SB 337, which next goes to the gov's desk, would require agencies to submit a report by May 15 in each even-numbered year that also would include:

\*a description of each appropriation.

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\*an accounting of all expenditures in every quarter for the prior three fiscal years.

\*an analysis of whether the appropriation contributes to the agency's mission.

The Assembly amended the bill to require more frequent reports from state agencies. The Senate's vote concurred on the change.