

1 (4)(a) The term "base year" means the average of
2 expenditures over the previous 5 fiscal years for the items
3 specified in paragraphs (1)(c)-(h). ~~Except for revenues used~~
4 ~~for the payment of principal or interest on bonds, tax~~
5 ~~anticipation certificates, or any other form of indebtedness~~
6 ~~as allowed under s. 218.25(1),(2) or (4), the Department of~~
7 ~~Revenue shall withhold revenue sharing receipts distributed~~
8 ~~pursuant to part II of chapter 218 from any county not in~~
9 ~~compliance with the county funding obligations~~

10 (b) A county may demonstrate compliance with its
11 funding obligations under this section by showing a 1.5
12 percent growth per year in expenditures for items specified in
13 paragraphs (1)(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) and
14 subsection (3) over the base year statement required under s.
15 29.0085. However, a county may expend less than the amount
16 specified in this paragraph if the difference is attributable
17 to savings realized through innovations in technology and
18 equipment. Any reduced expenditures may be certified by the
19 chief judge of the county. ~~The department shall withhold an~~
20 ~~amount equal to the difference between the amount spent by the~~
21 ~~county for the particular item in county fiscal year~~
22 ~~2002-2003, the base year, plus 3 percent, and the amount~~
23 ~~budgeted by the county for these obligations in county fiscal~~
24 ~~year 2004-2005, if the latter is less than the former. Every~~
25 ~~year thereafter, the department shall withhold such an amount~~
26 ~~if the amount budgeted in that year is less than the base year~~
27 ~~plus 1.5 percent growth per year. On or before December 31,~~
28 ~~2004, counties shall send to the department a certified copy~~
29 ~~of their budget documents for the respective 2 years,~~
30 ~~separately identifying expenditure amounts for each county~~
31 ~~funding obligation specified in paragraphs (1) (a), (c), (d),~~

1 ~~(e), (f), (g), and (h) and subsection (3). Each year~~
2 ~~thereafter, on or before December 31 of that year, each county~~
3 ~~shall send a certified copy of its budget document to the~~
4 ~~department.~~

5 ~~(b) Beginning in fiscal year 2005-2006, additional~~
6 ~~amounts shall be withheld pursuant to paragraph (a), if the~~
7 ~~amount spent in the previous fiscal year on the items~~
8 ~~specified in paragraphs (1)(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and~~
9 ~~(h), and subsection (3) is less than the amount budgeted for~~
10 ~~those items. Each county shall certify expenditures for these~~
11 ~~county obligations for the prior fiscal year to the department~~
12 ~~within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year.~~

13 ~~(c) The department shall transfer the withheld~~
14 ~~payments to the General Revenue Fund by March 31 of each year.~~
15 ~~These payments are hereby appropriated to the Department of~~
16 ~~Revenue to pay for these responsibilities on behalf of the~~
17 ~~county.~~

18 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 29.0085, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 29.0085 Annual statement of certain revenues and
21 expenditures.--

22 (1) Each county shall submit annually to the Chief
23 Financial Officer a statement of revenues and expenditures as
24 set forth in this section in the form and manner prescribed by
25 the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the
26 Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, provided
27 that such statement identify total county expenditures on each
28 of the services outlined in s. 29.008. The statement submitted
29 pursuant to this section for the 2004-2005 county fiscal year
30 shall be the base year statement.

31 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

SENATE SUMMARY

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3 Defines the term "base year." Deletes provisions relating
4 to the withholding of revenue sharing receipts from any
5 obligations. Deletes provisions that require the transfer
6 of withheld payments to the General Revenue Fund by a
7 certain date. Provides that a county may demonstrate
8 compliance with its funding obligations by showing a
9 certain percentage of growth per year in expenditures for
10 certain items over the base year statement required.
11 Authorizes a county to expend less than a specified
12 amount if the difference is attributable to savings
13 realized through technology. Authorizes the chief judge
14 of a county to certify any reduced expenditures. Requires
15 the annual statement of revenues and expenditures which a
16 county submits to the Chief Financial Officer to be the
17 base year statement.
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