

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to local government operating budgets;
 3 creating ss. 125.75 and 166.0498, F.S.; limiting annual
 4 increases in county and municipal operating budgets;
 5 providing criteria; providing exceptions; providing an
 6 effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Section 125.75, Florida Statutes, is created to
 11 read:

12 125.75 County operating budget limitations.--
 13 Notwithstanding any other provision of general or local law,
 14 annual increases in a county's operating budget shall not exceed
 15 two times the per capita percentage change in the Consumer Price
 16 Index as provided in s. 193.155(1)(b). This limitation on annual
 17 increases in the county's operating budget may be overcome by a
 18 finding of necessity due to emergency or critical need approved
 19 by a unanimous vote of the governing body of the county.

20 Section 2. Section 166.0498, Florida Statutes, is created
 21 to read:

22 166.0498 Municipal operating budget limitations.--
 23 Notwithstanding any other provision of general or local law,
 24 annual increases in a municipality's operating budget shall not
 25 exceed two times the per capita percentage change in the
 26 Consumer Price Index as provided in s. 193.155(1)(b). This
 27 limitation on annual increases in the municipality's operating
 28 budget may be overcome by a finding of necessity due to

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29 emergency or critical need approved by a unanimous vote of the
30 governing body of the municipality.

31 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.