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2 Introduced by Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Evans of Essex, Flory of

3 Pittsford, Marek of Newfane and Martin of Wolcott

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Finance; budget preparation and reports; judicial branch; legislative

7 branch

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that the legislative and
9 judicial branches of state government prepare and submit an annual budget
10 report and funding request directly to the general assembly, and that the budget
11 reports and requests of those branches not be included in the annual budget
12 reports, requests, and recommendations provided to the general assembly by
13 the governor for the executive branch of government.

14 An act relating to budget reporting and requests by the judicial and
15 legislative branches of state government

16 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

17 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 301 is amended to read:

18 § 301. DEPARTMENT ESTIMATE AND STATEMENT

19 (a) ~~The~~ Except for officials in the legislative or judicial branch, the head of
20 every department of state, board, or commission, and any officer or individual

1 having in charge any state activity for which funds are appropriated by the
2 general assembly, on or before September 1 preceding each biennium, shall
3 file with the commissioner of finance and management, upon forms prepared
4 and furnished by the commissioner of finance and management, statements
5 showing in detail the amount appropriated and expended for the current and
6 next preceding fiscal years and the amount estimated for such activity to be
7 necessary for the ensuing two fiscal years, properly arranged in detail by
8 classification and summaries. Requests for items for any activity, purpose or
9 program not previously authorized by legislation shall not be included in those
10 statements but shall be clearly stated on separate accompanying forms.

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12 Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 306 is amended to read:

13 § 306. ~~BUDGET REPORT~~ REPORTS; EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL, AND
14 LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES

15 (a) The governor shall submit to the general assembly, not later than the
16 third Tuesday of every annual session, a budget for the executive branch of
17 state government and for all other agencies of state government not within the
18 legislative or judicial branch which shall embody his or her estimates, requests,
19 and recommendations for appropriations or other authorizations for
20 expenditures from the state treasury. In the first year of the biennium, the

1 budget shall relate to the two succeeding fiscal years. In the second year of the
2 biennium, it shall relate to the succeeding fiscal year.

3 (b) The chief justice shall submit to the general assembly not later than the
4 third Tuesday of every annual session a budget for the judicial branch of state
5 government which shall embody his or her estimates, requests, and
6 recommendations for appropriations or other authorizations for expenditures
7 from the state treasury. The estimates, requests, and recommendations shall be
8 in a format as directed by the general assembly. In the first year of the
9 biennium, the budget shall relate to the two succeeding fiscal years. In the
10 second year of the biennium, it shall relate to the succeeding fiscal year.

11 (c) The speaker of the house and the president pro tempore of the senate
12 shall jointly submit to the general assembly not later than the third Tuesday of
13 every annual session a budget for the legislative branch of state government
14 which shall embody their estimates, requests, and recommendations for
15 appropriations or other authorizations for expenditures from the state treasury.
16 The estimates, requests, and recommendations shall be in a format as directed
17 by the general assembly. In the first year of the biennium, the budget shall
18 relate to the two succeeding fiscal years. In the second year of the biennium, it
19 shall relate to the succeeding fiscal year.