

Executive Budget and House & Senate Joint Budget Proposal Impacts to Counties

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On February 20, 2012, the House of Representatives and the State Senate each introduced a set of budget bills that appear to be nearly identical in content. This budget package does not reflect an agreement negotiated with the Governor. Governor Brewer released the details of her FY2012-2013 budget recommendations on January 13, 2012. A review of the Governor's plan and the House & Senate Joint Proposal, identified the following county-related items:

<u>Budget Provision</u>	<u>Executive Budget</u>	<u>House & Senate</u>
Prison shift: Triggered shift, from last year's budget, SB1621.	Repeals	Repeals
Mandated county cash contributions	Eliminates	Eliminates
HURF to MVD: Continues the FY2012 shift from HURF to MVD into FY2013. Holds the 10 smallest counties harmless (\$4,090,000).	Continues	Continues
HURF to DPS: Continues the transfer from HURF to DPS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Proposal removes the statutory cap of \$10 million to DPS from the HURF. • House & Senate Proposal makes some changes to the HURF shift to DPS, possibly lowering the impact to counties by approximately \$4.5 million over prior years. 	<u>Continues the transfer and removes the statutory cap.</u> Does not include changes to HURF shift.	Continues the transfer, withstands the statutory cap removal. <u>Includes the change to HURF Shift.</u>
SVP/RTC Payments: Continues county payments for 100% of RTC patients and 50% of SVPs housed at the AZ State Hospital. Includes "flexibility language" allowing the counties to pay through any county resource.	Continues	Continues
County Attorneys Fund: Provides \$973,600 of ACJC grant monies.	Funded	Funded
Diversion of the Indigent Defense Fund: Diverts the State Indigent Defense Fund to the GIITEM Fund Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount.	Continues	Continues
Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF): Appropriates funds to be used for LEBSF by the counties. The Executive Budget appropriates \$1.8 million and the House & Senate Budget appropriates \$2,183,800.	Continues	Continues at a higher level
Justice of the Peace salaries: Maintains the 80.75% county share.	Continues	Continues
Suspension of County Non-Supplanting Funding Requirements: Suspends county non-supplanting requirements associated with funding for probation services, criminal case processing, and alternative dispute resolution programs.	Continues	Continues
Suspension of Grand Jury and Attorney Reimbursement: Suspends the requirement that the Supreme Court reimburse counties 50% of the costs of grand juries and state-funded counsel assigned to first-time capital post-conviction relief proceedings.	Continues	Continues
State Capitol Post-Conviction Public Defenders Office: Funds the Capital Post-conviction Public Defender Office Fund at \$161,000, with no increase from 2011.	Funded	Eliminates
County Attorney Immigration Enforcement: Maintains \$1,213,200 for county attorney immigration enforcement, including \$200,000 for the Maricopa County Attorney, and \$500,000 for the Maricopa County Sheriff.	Funded	Funded
ASRS Pension Contribution Rate: Reversal of the current 47% employer and 53% employee contribution rate split to the original 50/50 split for the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS). Includes the return of employee contributions paid to the system in excess of the employer contributions from the effective date of the original change, June 30, 2011.	Not included	Included