

Budget Act of 2007 [Chapter 171, Statutes of 2007 (SB 77)]

Section 32

SEC. 32.00. (a) The officers of the various departments, boards, commissions, and institutions, for whose benefit and support appropriations are made in this act, are expressly forbidden to make any expenditures in excess of these appropriations. Any indebtedness attempted to be created against the state in violation of this section shall be null and void, and shall not be allowed by the Controller nor paid out of any state appropriation.

(b) Any member of a department, board, commission, or institution who shall vote for any expenditure, or create any indebtedness against the state in excess of the respective appropriations made by this act shall be liable both personally and on his or her official bond for the amount of the indebtedness, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction by the person or persons, firm, or corporation to which the indebtedness is owing. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of law, a person may not be held personally liable for the amount of any indebtedness created by an expenditure in excess of an appropriation made by this act if all of the following occur: (1) the expenditure is in response to increases in enrollment, population, or caseload by the State Department of Social Services, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Health Care Services, or the State Department of Public Health; (2) that expenditure is incurred no sooner than 30 days after the Director of Finance notifies in writing of the necessity therefor the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee; and (3) if the chairperson does not advise in response that the expenditure shall not occur. The director's notification shall include a certification of any amounts required by enrollment, population, or caseload, rather than management decisions or policy changes.

(c) Neither subdivision (a) nor (b) applies to the expenditure of moneys to fund continuous appropriations, including appropriations made in the California Constitution, and federal laws mandating the expenditure of funds.