

HOUSE No. 3441

By Mr. Robinson of Melrose, petition of William G. Robinson and other members of the House relative to the submission of statements of priority in budget requests by state agencies. Ways and Means (House).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 29, Section 3 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by Chapter 579 of the Acts of 1980, is
3 amended by inserting in the first paragraph at the end of the first
4 sentence "(7) showing the priority or importance to the agency of
5 the programs of that agency; (8) explaining the effects of eliminat-
6 ing programs of low priority or importance."

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 29, Section 6, as most recently amended
2 by Chapter 579 of the Acts of 1980, is amended by inserting in the
3 first paragraph at the end of the fifth sentence: "(e) shall include a
4 list showing the priority or importance to the agency of the pro-
5 grams of that agency, and a statement explaining the effects of
6 eliminating programs of low priority or importance."

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective beginning with the
2 budget for the fiscal year 1984.

