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DIVISION 45. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RESPONSE [78000 - 81050] (Division 45 added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 257, Sec. 2.) PART 2. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCOUNT [78000 - 81050] ( Part 2 added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 257, Sec. 2. ) CHAPTER 2. Financial Provisions [78200 - 78370] (Chapter 2 added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 257, Sec. 2.)

ARTICLE 2. Externally-Funded Positions [78210- 78210.] (Article 2 added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 257, Sec. 2.)

- 78210. (a) For the purposes of this section, an "externally-funded position" means either of the following:
  - (1) A direct or indirect position that provides oversight and related support of remediation and hazardous substance management at a military base, including a closed military base, that is funded through an agreement with a party responsible for paying the department's costs.
  - (2) A direct or indirect position that is funded by a federal grant that does not require a state match funded from the General Fund.
- (b) (1) Notwithstanding Section 12439 of the Government Code, the Controller may not eliminate any externally-funded position.
  - (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including Section 4.10 of the Budget Act of 2003, for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 fiscal years, the Director of Finance may not eliminate any externally-funded position.
- (c) Neither the Controller nor the Department of Finance may impose any hiring freeze or personal services limitations, including any position reductions, upon any externally-funded position.
- (d) The Controller and Department of Finance shall exclude, from the department's base for purposes of calculating any budget or position reductions required by any state agency or any state law, any externally-funded position and the specific amounts attributable to any externally-funded position.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither the Controller nor the Department of Finance may require the department to reduce authorized positions or other appropriations for other department programs, including personal services, to replace the reductions precluded by subdivisions (b), (c), and (d).
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon the request of the department, and upon review and approval by the Department of Finance, the Controller shall augment any Budget Act appropriations, except for appropriations from the General Fund, necessary to implement this section.
- (g) (1) This section does not apply to any department appropriation or expenditure of General Fund moneys.
  - (2) This section does not limit the authority of the Department of Finance to eliminate a position when funding for the position, through an agreement with a party or by a federal grant, is no longer available.

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