

Governor Ronnie Musgrove has ordered an across-the-board budget cut of nearly \$11 million, or 0.8 percent. Every general fund agency will be affected by the cut, with the exception of certain education areas. State law requires the governor to balance the budget when revenue collections do not meet the revenue estimate.

“The economy simply hasn’t lived up to expectations, and the pain of budget cuts can’t be put off any longer,” Musgrove said. “It’s unfortunate this has to be done, but our agencies have known this could possibly happen. I asked them to hold back five percent of their appropriated budgets, and I believe that will help make this cut easier to absorb.”

“It’s no secret that we’ve been in a national recession, and Mississippi isn’t immune to the effects of it,” said Musgrove. “The budget has to be based on realistic numbers and built by priorities.”