

# Shortfall in state revenue may cut into city plans

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A state budget analyst delivered a message Monday of fiscal gloom to the Baltimore City Council and mayor, as the council members work to pass the city's 2010 budget. Warren G. Deschenaux, the General Assembly's chief fiscal analyst, said actual state revenues are about \$2.4 billion less than the projected number used in June 2008 to plan the 2010 budget. He told city leaders to brace themselves for no growth in state aid in 2011 - and possibly for further aid cuts in the 2010 budget. Some council members have suggested tapping city rainy day funds to keep several pools and recreation centers from closing this year, which [Mayor Sheila Dixon](#) proposed in her budget. Dixon, who has been discouraging using that money, invited the analyst to Monday's lunch meeting. She asked Deschenaux to repeat aloud a phrase he had muttered at the end of his presentation: "Leave as much cash as you can."