

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 665****2017 Regular Session****Barras**

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES: Makes appropriations for the expenses of the legislature for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Reduces the budget for the Legislative Auditor by \$1 million and increases the budget for the Legislative Budgetary Control Council by \$1 million.
2. Provides that expenses of the legislature for any extraordinary session during Fiscal Year 2017-2018 shall be paid pursuant to a plan adopted by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Provides for the expenses of the legislature and legislative service agencies. Appropriates \$62,472,956 from the state general fund for FY 2017-2018.

Funding for the legislative branch of government is provided as follows:

House of Representatives	\$ 28,998,300
Senate	\$ 21,764,498
Legislative Auditor	\$ 9,093,838
Legislative Fiscal Office	\$ 2,886,664
Louisiana State Law Institute	\$ 1,131,401
Legislative Budgetary Control Council	<u>\$ 9,557,125</u>
 Total state general fund	 <u>\$ 73,431,826</u>

Provides that appropriations out of State General Fund (Direct) contained in this Act for the House, Senate Legislative Fiscal Office, Budgetary Control and Law Institute be reduced by a total amount of \$10,958,870 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

Provides for the allocation of funds for salaries and allowances of members, officers, and staff of the House, Senate, Legislative Fiscal Office, Legislative Budgetary Control Council, and Louisiana State Law Institute. Provides the balance on July 2, 2017, of the fund created by Act 513, §13 of 2008 R.S. is appropriated to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

Appropriates \$350,000 from the state general fund to establish the Legislative Auditor Ancillary Enterprise Fund as an agency working capital fund; appropriates \$22,373,567 from the fund, which is authorized to be used for expenses of the auditor's office.

Retains provisions of existing law allowing legislative assistants who were employed on or before Dec. 1, 2007, to retain the salary they were earning on Dec. 1, 2007.

Provides that expenses of the legislature for any extraordinary session during Fiscal Year 2017-2018 shall be paid pursuant to a plan adopted by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

Effective July 1, 2017.