

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 632 by Representative Lorusso

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Provides relative to reports required to be submitted to the legislature

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds provisions requiring certain specified agencies, when any state employees are terminated as a result of cost-saving actions, to work together to develop a plan to support the state employees in their preparation to reenter the workforce and to report the plan design to the legislature.
2. Adds provisions requiring the division of administration, when any contract is entered into which changes the manner in which the state provides services, to publicly disclose the savings to be achieved by outsourcing services currently performed by state employees and their benefits, including health insurance and retirement benefits, that the proposed contractor will be providing its employees who are to perform such services.
3. Changes the effective date of proposed law from Aug. 15, 2010 to signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that to comply with any provision of law and any resolution requiring or requesting the submission of reports to the legislature, it shall be sufficient to provide one printed copy of the report to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature. Provides that in addition, the agency shall send an e-mail notification which contains an electronic copy of the report to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library in such an electronic format as may be determined by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council. Requires the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library to distribute a list of such reports to the members of the legislature via e-mail and, upon the request of a member, via paper copy.

Proposed law makes the submission of one printed copy of a required report to each presiding officer mandatory. Provides further that an agency may send an electronic copy of a report to one or more members of the legislature.

Present law requires each agency to distribute a list of its reports and publications to each member of the legislature by mail each year.

Proposed law requires that the list be sent via e-mail. Provides that the list be sent to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library; requires the list to be sent by Feb. 1 each year; and requires the list to include all agency reports and publications for the previous calendar year. Requires each agency to also distribute an electronic copy of each report and publication on such list to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library by Feb. 1 each year. Requires the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library to ensure that the information required to be submitted pursuant to proposed law, including a link to each report and publication, is distributed via e-mail to each member of the legislature. Otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides that when any state employees are terminated after the effective date of proposed law as a result of cost-saving actions, the division of administration, the La. Workforce Commission, the Dept. of Economic Development, the Dept. of State Civil Service, the office of group benefits, the La. State University System, the Southern University System, the University of La. System, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, and the State Police Pension and Retirement System shall

work together to develop a plan to support the state employees who are terminated as a result of such cost-saving actions in their preparation to reenter the workforce in the private sector and to report the plan design to the legislature.

Proposed law provides that when any contract is entered into after the effective date of proposed law which changes the manner in which the state provides services to its citizens, the division of administration shall publicly disclose the savings to be achieved by outsourcing any services currently performed by state employees and their benefits, including but not limited to health insurance and retirement benefits, that the proposed contractor will be providing its employees who will be performing such services.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 24:772(A))