

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 398

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

BUDGETARY PROCEDURES: Requires the budgeted amount and authorized positions for the current year to be placed adjacent to the appropriation and authorized positions for the next year in the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:51(B), (C), and (D), relative to the General Appropriation Bill
3 and other appropriation bills; to require the budget and authorized positions of the
4 existing operating budget be placed adjacent to appropriations and authorized
5 positions for the ensuing fiscal years; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:51(B), (C), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §51. General Appropriation Bill; other appropriation bills

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11 B. The General Appropriation Bill and the bill appropriating funds for
12 ancillary expenses of state government shall include for each program, department
13 and budget unit, ~~comparative statements~~ of the number of authorized positions and
14 of the existing operating budget for a date certain to be established by the budget
15 office for the current fiscal year adjacent to the number of authorized positions and
16 the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.

17 C. The General Appropriation Bill shall reflect specific appropriations for
18 each agency and its programs and shall include the allocation of expenditures,
19 itemized by category for each agency, as recommended for the existing operating

Proposed law requires that the General Appropriation Bill reflect the recommended expenditures by category for the current fiscal year adjacent to the recommendations for the ensuing fiscal year.

Present law requires that the bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the legislature and the bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the judiciary shall include a comparative statement of the existing operating budget for the current fiscal year and the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.

Proposed law deletes the requirement of a comparative statement in present law and instead requires that the bills for the legislature and the judiciary include the number of authorized positions and the existing operating budget for the current year be placed adjacent to the authorized positions and appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.

(Amends R.S. 39:51(B), (C), and (D))