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SB 100 Reengrossed

2017 Regular Session

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Present law provides that the budget office under the direction of the division of administration shall furnish each budget unit a set of guidelines to allow the office to establish a continuation budget. The continuation budget is defined as that funding level for each budget unit which reflects the financial resources necessary to carry on all existing programs and functions of the budget unit at their current level of service in the ensuing fiscal year.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the budget office to also prepare a nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget as well as a continuation budget. Additionally, both budgets shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget at the first meeting in January of each year.

Proposed law provides that upon receipt of a budget unit's nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget estimate, the division of administration shall review the estimates for reasonableness and then combine the agency estimates with the mandatory statewide standard adjustments, which shall constitute the nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

Proposed law provides that the nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget shall be based upon the assumption that current law and administrative rules shall remain in effect for the estimate year.

Proposed law requires the nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget and the continuation budget to be contained in the same document.

Proposed law further requires that the nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget shall be presented at the same meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget as the continuation budget.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 39:29(A) and (B), 32(E)(3) and (7); adds R.S. 39:2(40.1) and 29(C) and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Limits the standstill budget to non-discretionary expenditures, and defines non-discretionary standstill budget.
2. Provides that the format of the instructions sent to state agencies shall be prepared by the commissioner of administration in conjunction with Senate fiscal staff, House of Representatives fiscal staff, and a representative of the legislative fiscal office.
3. Revises procedures for the implementation of the non-discretionary standstill budget, its contents and format, and the timeframes for state agencies to submit estimates of the non-discretionary costs.
4. Provides that upon receipt of a budget unit's non-discretionary standstill budget estimate, the division of administration shall review the estimates for reasonableness and then combine the agency estimates with the mandatory

statewide standard adjustments, which shall constitute the non-discretionary standstill budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

5. Provides that the non-discretionary standstill budget shall be based upon the assumption that current law and administrative rules shall remain in effect for the estimate year.
6. Requires the non-discretionary standstill budget and the continuation budget to be contained in the same document.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Names and defines the new budget format as the "non-discretionary adjusted standstill budget".
2. Provides instructions on the type of information to be included in the document containing the non-discretionary adjusted standstill budget and the continuation budget information.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the reengrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.