

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

HB 132

2017 Regular Session

Edmonds

Present law requires the commissioner of administration to notify each budget unit of the amount of appropriations contained in the General Appropriation Act. Further permits the commissioner to review and approve the initial allocation of expenditures for a fiscal year.

Proposed law would have changed the review and approval of the commissioner of administration of the initial allocation of expenditures from a permissive review and approval to a mandatory review and approval. Further would have specified that the initial allocation be by category of expenditures.

Proposed law would have required reporting to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on changes to the initial allocation of expenditures or transfers of funds between categories of \$50,000 or more. Further would have required that if any agency had made changes in expenditures or transfers of expenditures between categories that cumulatively totaled \$100,000 or more for the fiscal year, all subsequent changes in expenditures or transfers of expenditures between categories would have required reporting to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. Further would have provided for an exception to proposed law in the event of a declared disaster, but required the changes or transfers to be approved by the commissioner of administration.

Proposed law would have required the commissioner of administration to post the initial allocation of expenditures and any changes to the allocations of expenditures on the website maintained by the commissioner.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of administration to approve the transfer of funds between programs in a budget unit, not to exceed 1% of the total appropriation of the budget unit. Further authorizes the commissioner of administration to approve, with approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the transfer of funds between programs in a budget unit, not to exceed 25% of the total appropriation of the budget unit.

Proposed law would have required the following of the commissioner of administration for all approved transfers authorized in present law:

- (1) Submit all approved transfers to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.
- (2) Post all approved transfers on the website maintained by the commissioner of administration.
- (3) Submit a monthly report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on all approved transfers approved in the prior month and all approved transfers for the current fiscal year and to post the monthly report on the website.

Provisions of proposed law would have terminated July 1, 2020.

(Proposed to amend R.S. 39:57.1(B); proposed to add R.S. 39:57.1(C) and 73(C)(5))

VETO MESSAGE:

"House Bill 132 creates needless and overly burdensome reporting requirements for executive branch agencies that would require even small and routine transactions to be compiled for a report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB). Instead, I have requested Commissioner Dardenne continue this administration's practice of properly responding to requests for information from the JLCB or any other members of the legislature."