

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 342

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

FISCAL CONTROLS. Provides for modifications to the standstill budget to include means of finance substitutions for discretionary and nondiscretionary requirements. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:29(B)(4) and (D)(2), relative to the nondiscretionary standstill
3 budget; to provide for the nondiscretionary standstill budget to include means of
4 financing substitutions adjustments necessary to finance a budget unit's existing
5 operating budget in the ensuing fiscal year; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:29(B)(4) and (D)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 as follows:

9 §29. Budget guidelines

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11 B. (1)

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13 (4) Upon receipt of the budget unit's nondiscretionary adjusted standstill
14 budget estimates, the division of administration shall review the estimates for
15 reasonableness and shall combine the agency estimates with the mandatory statewide
16 standard adjustments provided for in the continuation budget, **and any means of**
17 **financing substitutions that do not result in a net increase or decrease in the**

1 **budget unit's total budget and are necessary to finance a budget unit's current-**
 2 **year existing operating budget as of December first in the ensuing fiscal year**
 3 **prior to the application of any other adjustments,** which shall constitute the
 4 nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

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6 D. The nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget and the continuation
 7 budget shall be contained in one document and shall be in a format which compares
 8 the budgets by budget unit, on the same page. For purposes of this Section, there
 9 shall be no less than four columns in this document:

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11 (2) The second column shall represent the nondiscretionary adjusted standstill
 12 budget which shall be the budget unit's current-year existing operating budget as of
 13 December first, including the cost to provide the mandatory expenditures in the
 14 ensuing fiscal year, **any means of financing substitutions that do not result in a**
 15 **net increase or decrease in the budget unit's total budget and are necessary to**
 16 **finance a budget unit's current-year existing operating budget as of December**
 17 **first in the ensuing fiscal year prior to the application of any other adjustments,**
 18 and the growth in the mandatory statewide adjustments.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Martha Hess.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the development of a nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget for the ensuing fiscal year consisting of an agency's existing operating budget as of Dec. 1 plus any mandatory statewide standard adjustments provided for in the continuation budget plus the mandatory growth in nondiscretionary expenditures.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires that the nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget include any means of financing substitutions that do not result in a net increase or decrease in the budget unit's total budget and are necessary to finance a budget unit's current-year existing operating budget as of Dec. 1 in the ensuing fiscal year prior to the application of any other adjustments.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 39:29(B)(4) and (D)(2))