

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 229

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

BUDGETARY CONTROLS: Provides relative to the allocation of expenditures in the operating budget

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:57.1(B) and to enact R.S. 39:57.1(C), relative to state  
3 expenditures; to provide for initial expenditure allocations of the operating budget;  
4 to provide for approval of certain changes to the allocation of expenditures for  
5 personal services; to require electronic posting of certain information; to provide for  
6 an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 39:57.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 39:57.1(C) is  
9 hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §57.1. Allocation of expenditures; notice and approval of changes

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12 B. Additionally, the commissioner ~~may~~ shall review and approve the initial  
13 allocation of expenditures by expenditure category contained in the executive budget  
14 supporting document for each appropriation for a fiscal year.

15 C.(1) The commissioner shall provide written notification to the Joint  
16 Legislative Committee on the Budget, including detailed justification, of any planned  
17 changes or transfer of funds from the personal services category to another category.

18 (2) Any change in expenditures or any transfer of expenditures in or out of  
19 the personal services expenditure category that exceeds one percent of an agency's

1        initial allocation to the personal services expenditure category shall require prior  
2        approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

3                (3) Once an agency makes changes in the personal services expenditure  
4        category that cumulatively total five percent or more of the agency's initial allocation  
5        to the personal services expenditure category for the fiscal year, then all subsequent  
6        changes in expenditures or transfers of expenditures in or out of the personal services  
7        category shall require prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the  
8        Budget.

9                (4) The commissioner of administration shall post the initial allocation by  
10       expenditure category contained in the executive budget supporting document on the  
11       website maintained by the commissioner under R.S. 39:6(C).

12       Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018; if vetoed by the governor  
13       and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
14       2018, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 229 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires JLCB notification and prior approval of certain changes to the allocation of expenditures for personal services.

Present law requires the executive budget supporting document to include expenditures for each agency, itemized by category. Requires the General Appropriation Bill and the bill appropriating funds for ancillary expenses of state government to include the allocation of expenditures by category for all state agencies except those in higher education and the Health Care Services Division.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of administration to review and approve the initial allocation of expenditures for each appropriation for a fiscal year.

Proposed law changes present law to require rather than authorize the commissioner to review and approve the initial allocation. Specifies that the allocation of expenditures is for the categories contained in the executive budget supporting document.

Proposed law requires the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) to be notified of any planned change or transfer of any planned changes or transfers from the personal services expenditure category. Prohibits any change in expenditures or any transfer of expenditures in or out of the personal services expenditure category in excess of 1% of the agency's allocation without JLCB approval. Further requires JLCB approval on any changes

in expenditures or transfers in or out of the personal services category if an agency has already made changes that total 5% or more of the agency's allocation.

Proposed law requires the commissioner of administration to post the initial allocation by expenditure category contained in the executive budget supporting document on the commissioner's website.

Effective July 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 39:57.1(B); Adds R.S. 39:57.1(C))