

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

FISCAL CONTROLS: Provides relative to the state's annual comprehensive financial report

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:513(A)(2) and (3) and R.S. 39:75(A)(3), 80(A) and
3 (B)(1)(introductory paragraph), 1302(3)(i), and 1538(E), relative to certain annual
4 state financial reports; to provide definitions; to provide requirements; to provide for
5 resolution in the event of conflict with other provisions of law; to provide an
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 24:513(A)(2) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §513. Powers and duties of legislative auditor; audit reports as public records;
11 assistance and opinions of attorney general; frequency of audits; subpoena
12 power

13 A.

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15 (2) The financial statements of individual state agencies, departments,
16 boards, and commissions that are included within the ~~state's Comprehensive Annual~~
17 ~~Financial Report~~ annual comprehensive financial report required pursuant to R.S.
18 39:80 shall be audited by the legislative auditor, but may be audited by a licensed
19 certified public accountant pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection.

1 (3) The financial statements of the offices of the independently elected public
2 local officials, including judges, sheriffs, clerks of court, assessors, and district
3 attorneys, all parish governing authorities, all political subdivisions created by parish
4 governing authorities or by law, and all districts, boards, and commissions created
5 by parish governing authorities either independently or in conjunction with other
6 units of government, school boards, district public defender offices, municipalities,
7 all political subdivisions created by municipal governing authorities, and all boards
8 and commissions created by municipalities, either independently or in conjunction
9 with other units of government, city courts, quasi-public agencies, housing
10 authorities, mortgage authorities, or other political subdivisions of the state not
11 included within the ~~state's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports~~ annual
12 comprehensive financial reports required pursuant to R.S. 39:80, hereinafter
13 collectively referred to as "local auditee", shall be audited or reviewed by licensed
14 certified public accountants subject to Paragraphs (5) and (6) of this Subsection, but
15 may be audited by the legislative auditor pursuant to Paragraph (4) of this
16 Subsection. The total compensation, reimbursements, and benefits of an agency head
17 or political subdivision head or chief executive officer related to the position,
18 including but not limited to travel, housing, unvouchered expenses, per diem, and
19 registration fees shall be reported as a supplemental report within the financial
20 statement of the local auditee; however, nongovernmental entities or not-for-profit
21 entities that receive public funds shall report only the use of public funds for the
22 expenditures itemized in the supplemental report. Any person authorized to conduct
23 an audit of a governmental entity pursuant to R.S. 37:77, shall be permitted to
24 continue auditing that governmental entity subject to the approval of the legislative
25 auditor provided for in Paragraphs (5) and (6) of this Subsection.

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27 Section 2. R.S. 39:75(A)(3), 80(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph), and
28 1302(3)(i) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

29 §75. Avoidance of budget deficits

1 A.

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3 (3)(a) At the first meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget
4 after publication of the ~~Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the state of~~
5 ~~Louisiana,~~ annual comprehensive financial report required pursuant to R.S. 39:80,
6 the commissioner of administration shall certify to the committee the actual
7 expenditures paid by warrant or transfer and the actual monies received and any
8 monies or balances carried forward for any fund at the close of the previous fiscal
9 year which shall be reflected in the budget status report.

10 (b) At the first meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget
11 after publication of the ~~Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the state of~~
12 ~~Louisiana,~~ annual comprehensive financial report required pursuant to R.S. 39:80,
13 the commissioner of administration and the legislative auditor shall present the report
14 to the committee.

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16 §80. Fiscal reporting

17 A. Within six months after the close of each fiscal year, the commissioner
18 of administration shall cause to be prepared ~~a~~ an annual comprehensive ~~annual~~
19 financial report containing those financial statements, including notes thereto, which
20 are necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations
21 of the state in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

22 B.(1) At the same time as the annual comprehensive ~~annual~~ financial report
23 is prepared as provided in Subsection A of this Section, the commissioner of
24 administration shall cause to be prepared a narrative report covering the same fiscal
25 year as the annual comprehensive financial report being prepared and explaining the
26 financial condition and the operations of the state for the fiscal year covered, ~~by the~~
27 ~~comprehensive annual financial report.~~ The narrative report shall be prepared with
28 the express purpose of providing a brief, objective, and easily understood analysis
29 of state government's financial performance for the preceding year, as well as

1 facilitating wide dissemination of the report to the public. The narrative report shall
2 include but not be limited to the following:

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4 §1302. Definitions

5 For the purposes of this Chapter:

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7 (3) "Political subdivision" means any:

8 * * *

9 (i) Political subdivisions of the state not included within the state's
10 ~~Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports~~ annual comprehensive financial reports
11 required pursuant to R.S. 39:80.

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13 Section 3. R.S. 39:1538(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §1538. Claims against the state

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16 E. The division of administration, in cooperation with the attorney general
17 as provided in R.S. 49:257(B), shall prepare a list of all final judgments against the
18 state that are the result of a claim under Article XII, Section 10 of the Constitution
19 of Louisiana and this Section and which remain unpaid. The list shall be updated
20 quarterly, provided to the attorney general pursuant to R.S. 49:257(B), and
21 information contained therein shall be included within the annual comprehensive
22 ~~annual~~ financial report required pursuant to R.S. 39:80 in a manner determined by
23 the commissioner of administration.

24 Section 4. If the bill that originated as House Bill No. ____ of the 2022 Regular
25 Session of the Legislature is enacted and becomes law, the provisions of Section 3 of this
26 Act shall be null and void.

27 Section 5. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
28 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
29 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the name of the state's "comprehensive annual financial report" to the "annual comprehensive financial report" and makes technical changes throughout the Revised Statutes in conformity with this change.

Present law (R.S. 39:80) establishes a requirement that the commissioner of administration cause to be prepared an annual financial report that must contain "those financial statements, including notes thereto, which are necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and result of operations of the state in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles." Proposed law changes the name of the report from the comprehensive annual financial report to the annual comprehensive financial report.

Further makes technical changes throughout the Revised Statutes in conformity with proposed law's name change.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 24:513(A)(2) and (3) and R.S. 39:75(A)(3), 80(A) and (B)(1)(intro. para.), 1302(3)(i), and 1538(E))