

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 180

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

HOUSE/RULES: Establishes the Louisiana Sustainability Limit and requires notice related thereto

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To adopt House Rule 7.20 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide
3 for the Louisiana Sustainability Limit and to provide for certain notice by the
4 legislative fiscal officer related to the limit.

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 that House Rule 7.20 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives is hereby
7 adopted to read as follows:

8 Rule 7.20. Louisiana Sustainability Limit; general appropriation bill; notice

9 A. There is hereby established a limit for each fiscal year known as the
10 Louisiana Sustainability Limit. The Louisiana Sustainability Limit, hereafter in this
11 Rule referred to as the limit, shall be determined during the first quarter of the
12 calendar year for the next fiscal year.

13 (1) The Legislative Fiscal Officer shall calculate the limit as the sum of the
14 base plus the result of the base times twice the growth factor. The base shall be the
15 actual appropriations from the state general fund and dedicated funds for the
16 immediately prior fiscal year excluding appropriations from the Budget Stabilization
17 Fund and the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund that have been incorporated into the
18 official forecast for the current fiscal year. The growth factor shall be the ten-year
19 average percentage rate of change in the state's gross domestic product using the
20 percentage rate of change in the state's gross domestic product as defined and

1 reported by the United States Department of Commerce, or its successor agency, for
2 the ten fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the Louisiana
3 Sustainability Limit is calculated.

4 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph:

5 (a) If the Louisiana Sustainability Limit calculated for any fiscal year
6 exceeds the expenditure limit calculated for the same fiscal year, the Louisiana
7 Sustainability Limit shall be set at an amount equal to the expenditure limit.

8 (b) If the growth factor is negative, Louisiana Sustainability Limit for the
9 ensuing fiscal year shall be equal to the base.

10 B. Prior to consideration on third reading and final passage of, concurrence
11 in amendments to, adoption of a conference committee report on the General
12 Appropriation Bill or an alternate general appropriation bill that provides for the
13 ordinary operating expenses of government, public charities, pensions, and the public
14 debt or interest thereon for the next fiscal year, the Legislative Fiscal Officer shall
15 submit a report to the House of Representatives which shall indicate, in his best
16 estimation, whether the appropriation bill in its proposed form appropriates funds in
17 an amount that exceeds the limit. However, if timing precludes the Legislative
18 Fiscal Officer from submitting a report to the House of Representatives as required
19 by this Paragraph, he shall notify the House of that fact.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the calculation of a Louisiana Sustainability Limit and requires the Legislative Fiscal Officer to give notice to the House prior to certain actions which would cause a general appropriation bill to appropriate monies in excess of the limit.

Proposed House Rule establishes the La. Sustainability Limit (limit) to be calculated by the Legislative Fiscal Officer by applying a growth factor to the actual appropriations from the state general fund and dedicated funds for the immediately prior fiscal year excluding appropriations from the Budget Stabilization Fund and the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund adjusted by the 10-year average percentage rate of change in the state's gross domestic product, as defined and reported by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce or its successor agency, for the 10 fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the limit is being

calculated. However, if the limit calculated for any fiscal year exceeds the expenditure limit calculated for the same fiscal year, then the limit is the same as the expenditure limit. If the growth factor is negative, then the limit for the ensuing fiscal year is the base of actual appropriations from the state general fund and dedicated funds for the immediately prior fiscal year excluding appropriations from the Budget Stabilization Fund and the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund that have been incorporated into the official forecast for the current fiscal year.

Proposed House Rule requires the Legislative Fiscal Officer to report to the House indicating whether final passage, concurrence in Senate amendments, or adoption of a conference committee report on the GAB or an alternative general appropriation bill would cause an appropriation of money in excess of the limit. However, the Legislative Fiscal Officer shall notify the House if timing precludes him from submitting such a report.

(Adds House Rule 7.20)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original resolution:

1. Provide that the Legislative Fiscal Officer shall notify the House if timing precludes him from submitting the report required by proposed House Rule.