

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 1

2023 Regular Session

Zeringue

June 8, 2023

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 1 by Representative Zeringue, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 3 through 10, 12 through 27, 29, 31 through 74, 77 through 107, 111 through 117, and 119 through 160 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760) be adopted.
2. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 11, 28, 30, 75, 76, 108 through 110, 118, 161, and 162 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760) be rejected.
3. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 13 through 16, 18 through 22, 26, 31 through 33, 35, 36, 38, and 42 through 48 by Senator White (#2796) be adopted.
4. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 through 12, 17, 23 through 25, 27 through 30, 34, 37, and 39 through 41 by Senator White (#2796) be rejected.
5. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 4 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 1, at the end of line 36, insert the following:

"and insert the following:

"Section 20. The legislature hereby urges the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to incorporate the funding provided herein for salary increases for certificated teachers and non-certificated personnel into the minimum foundation program formula for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 10 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 2, at the end of line 17, delete "\$80,000,000" and insert "\$50,000,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 20 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 4, at the end of line 29, delete the quotation mark "" and insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Civil Law Program for proceedings against the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding its risk-rating and pricing methodology for the National Flood Insurance Program	\$ 1,000,000
Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Civil Law Program for salaries and related benefits for three (3) authorized positions	\$ 342,852""

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 29 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 5, at the end of line 39 insert a quotation mark "" and delete lines 40 through 45

AMENDMENT NO. 5

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 32 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 6, at the end of line 15, delete the quotation mark "" and insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by
Statutory Dedications out of the Major Events
Incentive Fund to the Marketing Program for the
Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation for the
New Orleans Super Bowl Host Committee \$ 5,000,000""

AMENDMENT NO. 6

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 38 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 7, at the end of line 13, delete the quotation mark "" and insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)
to the Office of Planning for the Port of Fourchon
FEED study for the Fourchon Island facility \$ 2,500,000""

AMENDMENT NO. 7

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 39 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 7, at the end of line 34, delete the quotation mark "" and insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by
Statutory Dedications out of the Louisiana
State Police Salary Fund to the Traffic
Enforcement Program for salaries and related
benefits, in the event House Bill No. 635 of the
2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature
becomes law \$ 9,165,651

Payable out of the State General Fund by
Statutory Dedications out of the Louisiana
State Police Salary Fund to the Criminal
Investigation Program for salaries and related
benefits, in the event House Bill No. 635 of the
2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature
becomes law \$ 1,953,678

Payable out of the State General Fund by
Statutory Dedications out of the Louisiana
State Police Salary Fund to the Operational
Support Program for salaries and related
benefits, in the event House Bill No. 635 of the
2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature
becomes law \$ 1,923,534

Payable out of the State General Fund by
Statutory Dedications out of the Louisiana
State Police Salary Fund to the Gaming
Enforcement Program for salaries and related
benefits, in the event House Bill No. 635 of the
2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature
becomes law \$ 1,157,137""

AMENDMENT NO. 8

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 43 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 8, at the end of line 14, delete the quotation mark "" and insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Youth Services Program for software, salaries, and related benefits, in the event House Bill No. 523 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature becomes law \$ 933,592""

AMENDMENT NO. 9

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 44 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 9, at the end of line 18, delete the quotation mark "" and insert the following:

"Provided, further, that in addition to all other reductions required by this Act, the commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the total State General Fund (Direct) appropriations in this Act for the Louisiana Department of Health by (\$100,000,000) and there shall be no reduction to waiver services or disability services.""

AMENDMENT NO. 10

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 53 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 12, delete lines 30 through 33

AMENDMENT NO. 11

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 54 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 13, line 6, after "API" and before "including" delete "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 54 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 13, line 7, after "within" and before "Medicaid" delete "the" and insert "Louisiana's"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 56 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 13, line 41, after "allocated" and before "for the equal" delete "to the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 56 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 13, line 43, after "Louisiana;" delete the remainder of the line and insert "Etta Pete Sickle Cell Foundation; The Sickle Cell"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 61 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 15, at the end of line 24, delete the quotation mark "" and insert the following

"The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to adjust the means of finance for the Division of Management and Finance Program by reducing the appropriation out of the State General Fund (Direct) by (\$466,796) in the event that House Bill No. 523 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature becomes law.""

AMENDMENT NO. 16

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 83 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 19, at the end of line 4, delete "\$5,500,000" and insert "\$8,000,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 83 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 19, at the end of line 5, delete "\$750,000" and insert "\$400,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 83 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 19, at the end of line 6, delete "\$3,750,000" and insert "\$1,600,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 95 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 21, at the end of line 28, delete the quotation mark "" and insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)
to the Southern University Board of Supervisors
for operation \$ 1,500,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 98 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 22, at the end of line 27, delete "\$8,000,000" and insert "\$4,000,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 111 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 24, at the end of line 23, delete "\$500,000" and insert "\$300,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 113 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 25, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)
to the District Support Program for implementation
of a dyslexia screening program, in the event that
House Bill No. 69 of the 2023 Regular Session of
the Louisiana Legislature becomes law \$ 120,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 115 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 25, at the end of line 19, delete "(\$37,667,381)" and insert "(\$7,500,000)"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 119 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 26, delete lines 3 through 5 and at the beginning of line 6 insert a quotation mark ""

AMENDMENT NO. 25

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 119 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 26, delete lines 12 through 18 and insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)
to the Minimum Foundation Program to provide
a pay stipend to be paid in the same amount and to

the same recipients as the pay raise proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 MFP Formula, plus the associated employer retirement contributions \$ 197,683,794

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Minimum Foundation Program to provide for a stipend for differentiated compensation to be administered in the same manner as proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 MFP Formula \$ \$25,000,000

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Minimum Foundation Program to provide for for an apprenticeship program to be administered in the same manner as proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 MFP Formula \$ \$1,500,000

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Minimum Foundation Program to provide funding for Ecole Pointe-au-Chien be administered in the same manner as proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 MFP Formula \$ 325,750"

AMENDMENT NO. 26

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 151 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 30, delete lines 31 through 34

AMENDMENT NO. 27

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 151 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 31, delete lines 2 and 3

AMENDMENT NO. 28

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 151 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 31, at the end of line 9, delete "\$3,000,000" and insert "\$1,500,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 151 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 31, delete lines 10 and 11

AMENDMENT NO. 30

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 151 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2760), on page 31, delete line 24 and insert the following:

"and maintenance \$ 10,000,000

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the city of Thibodaux for construction for a downtown park \$ 250,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 31

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 42 by Senator White (#2796), on page 5, at the end of line 30, delete "\$20,000,000" and insert "\$15,500,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 32

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 42 by Senator White (#2796), on page 6, at the end of line 7, delete "\$15,000,000" and insert "\$10,000,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 33

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 44 by Senator White (#2796), on page 6, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Fees and Self-generated Revenues to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for research priorities including energy transition, health and life sciences, computing and artificial intelligence, watershed modeling, entrepreneurship, and community development and outreach	\$ 10,000,000
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AMENDMENT NO. 34

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 48 by Senator White (#2796), on page 7, at the end of line 11, delete the quotation mark "" and insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the town of Wisner	\$ 750,000
Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Hunters for the Hungry	\$ 250,000
Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for the city of Independence	\$ 100,000
Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for the city of Albany	\$ 100,000
Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for the village of Tickfaw	\$ 100,000
Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Lafayette Parish Recreation and Parks Improvements	\$ 1,500,000""

AMENDMENT NO. 35

On page 20, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Military Affairs Program for the Louisiana National Guard Foundation, Inc., for utility, resilience, and infrastructure improvements	\$ 5,000,000"
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AMENDMENT NO. 36

On page 43, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Administrative Program	\$ 2,000,000"
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AMENDMENT NO. 37

On page 47, at the end of line 29, insert "Provided, further, that of the funds appropriated herein to the Marketing Program, the sum of \$45,000 shall be used for major events economic impact studies."

AMENDMENT NO. 38

On page 51, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

"The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to adjust the means of finance for the Office of Management and Finance Program by reducing the appropriation out of the State General Fund (Direct) by (\$466,796) in the event that House Bill No. 523 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature becomes law."

AMENDMENT NO. 39

On page 63, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)
to the Licensing Program for organ donor awareness \$ 100,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 40

On page 99, delete lines 27 through 46 and insert the following:

"SCHEDULE 18

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

18-585 LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)
to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement
System for application to the balance of the
unfunded accrued liability of the system
existing as of June 30, 1988 \$ 125,000,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 41

On page 118, at the end of line 13, insert "\$325,750" and delete lines 14 and 15

AMENDMENT NO. 42

On page 122, delete lines 42 through 45

AMENDMENT NO. 43

On page 125, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)
to the Required Services Program for
reimbursements to nonpublic schools \$ 1,000,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 44

On page 135, between lines 14 and 15 insert the following:

"Provided, however, that out of the funds allocated under the Parish Transportation Program (R.S. 48:751-756(A)(1)) to Jefferson Parish, the funds shall be allocated directly to the following municipalities in the amounts listed:

Kenner \$ 206,400
Gretna \$ 168,000
Westwego \$ 168,000

Harahan	\$	168,000
Jean Lafitte	\$	168,000
Grand Isle	\$	168,000"

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Jason Hughes

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