

# ACT No. 67

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, CROWE, DEWITT, DORSEY, GEYMANN, GREENE, HAMMETT, KATZ, LAMBERT, MARTINY, M. POWELL, SALTER, SCALISE, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, TUCKER, WADDELL, WALSWORTH, AND WHITE AND SENATORS ADLEY, AMEDEE, BARHAM, BOASSO, CAIN, CHEEK, DARDENNE, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ELLINGTON, FONTENOT, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, HEITMEIER, HINES, HOLLIS, KOSTELKA, LENTINI, MALONE, MICHOT, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, ROMERO, SCHEDLER, SMITH, THEUNISSEN, AND ULLO

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate funds and to make and otherwise provide for certain reductions in  
3 appropriations from certain sources to be allocated to designated agencies and  
4 purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations and  
5 reductions for said agencies and purposes for the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1.A. The commissioner of administration is authorized and directed to  
9 reduce the State General Fund (Direct) appropriations contained in Act 16 of the 2005  
10 Regular Session of the Legislature for the following agencies in the following amounts:

11 **(1) Executive Department**

- 12 01-107 Division of Administration - Executive Administration Program by
- 13 \$290,219.
- 14 01-112 Military Affairs - Military Affairs Program by \$393,000.
- 15 01-114 Office of Women's Policy - Administrative Program by \$27,073.
- 16 01-129 Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration
- 17 of Criminal Justice - State Program by \$232,303.

18 **(2) Elected Officials**

- 19 04-139 Secretary of State - Elections Program by \$227,771.
- 20 04-146 Office of Lieutenant Governor - Administrative Program by \$11,782.
- 21 04-147 State Treasurer - Office of Treasury by \$7,124.
- 22 04-160 Department of Agriculture and Forestry by \$210,098.

1           **(3) Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism**

2           06-       Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism by \$320,444.

3           **(4) Department of Public Safety and Corrections**

4           08-       Corrections Services by \$2,200,729 and sixty-two (62) positions.

5           **(5) Department of Health and Hospitals**

6           09-306 Medical Vendor Payments - Private Providers Program by  
7                       \$25,000,000.

8           09-306 Medical Vendor Payments - Private Providers Program by \$350,000.

9           09-306 Medical Vendor Payments - Private Providers Program by \$129,179.

10          09-306 Medical Vendor Payments - Uncompensated Care Costs Program by  
11                       \$7,243,165, provided, however such reduction shall not be applicable  
12                       to payments to rural hospital providers.

13          09-326 Office of Public Health - Personal Health Services Program by  
14                       \$750,000.

15          **(6) Department of Social Services**

16          10-355 Office of Family Support - Client Services Program by \$882,102.

17          10-370 Office of Community Services - Child Welfare Services Program by  
18                       \$294,709.

19          10-374 Louisiana Rehabilitation Services - Vocational Rehabilitation  
20                       Services Program by \$2,177,521.

21          **(7) Department of Natural Resources**

22          11-431 Office of the Secretary - Management and Finance Program by  
23                       \$26,942 and Atchafalaya Basin Program by \$42,812.

24          11-432 Office of Conservation by \$22,052.

25          **(8) Department of Environmental Quality**

26          13-855 Office of Management and Finance - Support Services Program by  
27                       \$35,869.

28          **(9) Special Schools and Commissions**

29          19-661 Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance - TOPS Tuition  
30                       Program by \$5,464,000.

31          19-673 New Orleans Center for Creative Arts by \$500,000.

32          **(10) Department of Education**

33          19-681 Subgrantee Assistance by \$1,000,000.

34          19-695 Minimum Foundation Program by \$36,570,000.

35          19-697 Nonpublic Educational Assistance - Required Services by \$802,431  
36                       and Transportation Program by \$560,889.

1                   **(11) Other Requirements**

2                   20-451 Sheriffs' Housing of State Inmates by \$10,000,000.

3                   Section 1.B. The commissioner of administration is authorized and directed to  
4 reduce the State General Fund by Fees and Self-generated Revenue appropriations contained  
5 in Act 16 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature for the following agencies in the  
6 following amounts:

7                   **Elected Officials**

8                   04-165 Commissioner of Insurance by \$1,902,005.

9                   Section 1.C. The commissioner of administration is authorized and directed to  
10 reduce the Federal Funds appropriations contained in Act 16 of the 2005 Regular Session  
11 of the Legislature for the following agencies in the following amounts:

12                   **(1) Department of Health and Hospitals**

13                   09-306 Medical Vendor Payments - Private Providers Program by  
14 \$58,612,040.

15                   09-306 Medical Vendor Payments - Uncompensated Care Costs Program by  
16 \$16,732,885, provided, however such reduction shall not be  
17 applicable to payments to rural hospital providers.

18                   **(2) Department of Social Services**

19                   10-355 Office of Family Support - Client Services Program by \$882,102.

20                   10-370 Office of Community Services - Child Welfare Services Program by  
21 \$69,007.

22                   10-374 Louisiana Rehabilitation Services - Vocational Rehabilitation  
23 Services Program by \$8,045,582.

24                   Section 1.D. The commissioner of administration is authorized and directed to  
25 reduce the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications appropriations contained in Act 16  
26 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature for the following agencies in the following  
27 amounts:

28                   **Elected Officials**

29                   04-147 State Treasurer - Office of Treasury out of the Louisiana Quality  
30 Education Support Fund by \$544,415.

31                   Section 2.A. The commissioner of administration is authorized and directed to  
32 reduce the State General Fund (Direct) appropriations contained in Act 16 of the 2005  
33 Regular Session of the Legislature for the following agencies of the state and for public and  
34 quasi-public entities or agencies other than the state, whether subject to or exempted from

1 Section 18(B) of that Act, which are either unexpended or unencumbered or are not required  
2 to satisfy any outstanding unsettled claims in the following amounts, provided that the  
3 commissioner is authorized to satisfy such unsettled claims from such amounts and is further  
4 authorized to reduce the amount of any reduction as provided in this Section in order to  
5 accomplish such settlement:

6 **(1) Executive Department**

7 01-100 Executive Office - Urban Affairs by \$6,858,222.  
8 Provided, however, that effective on February 27, 2006, the table of  
9 organization shall be reduced in the Office of Urban Affairs by four  
10 (4) positions and the table of organization shall be reduced in the  
11 Office of Rural Development by four (4) positions.

12 **(2) Elected Officials**

13 04-141 Office of the Attorney General  
14 Provided, however, that the commissioner of administration is hereby  
15 authorized and directed to adjust the means of finance for this agency  
16 as contained in Act 16 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature  
17 by reducing the appropriation out of the State General Fund (Direct)  
18 for the Legal Services Corporation by \$42,560.

19 **(3) Other Requirements**

20 20-950 Residual carryforward balance from payments on judgments against  
21 the state for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 by \$3,858,461.  
22 20-XXX Rural Development Fund - State General Fund (Direct) appropriation  
23 by \$4,134,788.

24 Section 2.B. The commissioner of administration is authorized and directed to  
25 reduce the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications appropriations contained in Act 16  
26 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature for the following agencies of the state and for  
27 public and quasi-public entities or agencies other than the state, whether subject to or  
28 exempted from Section 18(B) of that Act, which are either unexpended or unencumbered or  
29 are not required to satisfy any outstanding unsettled claims in the following amounts,  
30 provided that the commissioner is authorized to satisfy such unsettled claims from such  
31 amounts and is further authorized to reduce the amount of any reduction as provided in this  
32 Section in order to accomplish such settlement:

33 **(1) Elected Officials**

34 04-147 State Treasurer out of the Incentive Fund by \$3,800,000.

1                   **(2) Higher Education**

2                   19-649 Louisiana Community and Technical College Board of Supervisors  
3                                   out of the Higher Education Initiatives Fund by \$190,000.

4                   Section 2.C. The commissioner of administration is authorized and directed to  
5 reduce the balances of the State General Fund (Direct) line item appropriations contained  
6 in Act 16 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature for the following agencies of the  
7 state and for public and quasi-public entities or agencies other than the state, whether subject  
8 to or exempted from Section 18(B) of that Act, which are either unexpended or  
9 unencumbered or are not required to satisfy any outstanding unsettled claims in the  
10 following amounts, provided that the commissioner is authorized to satisfy such unsettled  
11 claims from such amounts, and the amount of the balances as provided in this Section may  
12 be reduced as is necessary to accomplish such settlements:

13                   **(1) Executive Department**

14                   01-133 Elderly Affairs - \$1,364,500.

15                   **(2) Elected Officials**

16                   04-146 Office of the Lieutenant Governor - \$23,750.

17                   **(3) Department of Economic Development**

18                   05-252 Office of Business Development - \$3,637,031.

19                   **(4) Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism**

20                   06-264 Office of State Parks - \$175,000.

21                   06-265 Office of Cultural Development - \$236,250.

22                   06-267 Office of Tourism - \$524,750.

23                   **(5) Department of Transportation and Development**

24                   07-273 Administration - \$403,750.

25                   07-276 Engineering and Operations - \$323,000.

26                   **(6) Department of Public Safety and Corrections**

27                   08-420 Office of Motor Vehicles - \$14,995.

28                   **(7) Department of Health and Hospitals**

29                   09-307 Office of the Secretary - \$340,000.

30                   09-326 Office of Public Health - \$500,000.

31                   09-330 Office of Mental Health - \$75,000.

1           **(8) Department of Social Services**

2                   10-370 Office of Community Services - \$75,000.

3           **(9) Department of Natural Resources**

4                   11-431 Office of the Secretary - \$14,000.

5           **(10) Department of Labor**

6                   14-474 Office of Workforce Development - \$131,250.

7           **(11) Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

8                   16-514 Office of Fisheries - \$142,500.

9           **(12) Higher Education**

10                   19-600 Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors - \$2,324,344.

11                   19-615 Southern University Board of Supervisors - \$100,000.

12                   19-671 Board of Regents - \$889,375.

13                   19-649 Louisiana Community and Technical College Board of Supervisors -  
14   \$114,000.

15           **(13) Other Requirements**

16                   20-930 Higher Education - Debt Service and Maintenance - \$150,000.

17                   20-945 State Aid to Local Government Entities - \$15,845,272.

18           Section 3.A. The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed  
19           to adjust the means of finance for 01-112 Department of Military Affairs contained in Act  
20           16 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature by transferring \$327,000 in appropriations  
21           from the State General Fund (Direct) from the Military Affairs Program to the Office of  
22           Emergency Preparedness Program. The Table of Organization for the Office of Emergency  
23           Preparedness Program is increased by forty-five (45) positions.

24           Section 3.B. The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed  
25           to adjust the means of finance for 09-306 Medical Vendor Payments - Private Providers  
26           Program contained in Act 16 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature by increasing  
27           the appropriation from State General Fund by Statutory Dedications out of the Health  
28           Excellence Fund by \$350,000 and increasing the appropriations from State General Fund by  
29           Statutory Dedications out of the Louisiana Fund by \$129,179.

30           Section 3.C. The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed  
31           to adjust the means of finance for 19-661 Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance

1 contained in Act 16 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature by increasing the  
 2 appropriation from State General Fund by Statutory Dedications out of the TOPS Fund by  
 3 \$350,000.

4 Section 3.D. The sum of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand and No/100  
 5 (\$125,000.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated to Schedule 12-440 Office of Revenue for  
 6 Fiscal Year 2005-2006 from the State General Fund (Direct) for the Tax Collection Program.

7 Section 3.E. The sum of Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 (\$500,000.00) Dollars  
 8 is hereby appropriated to Schedule 19-600 Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors  
 9 for Pennington Biomedical Research Center for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 from the State  
 10 General Fund (Direct) for research and education programs on the prevention of diabetes and  
 11 for magnetic resonance technologies.

12 Section 4.A. The sum of One Hundred Eighty-nine Million Three Hundred Thirty-  
 13 nine Thousand and No/100 (\$189,339,000.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated from  
 14 nonrecurring revenues out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year  
 15 2004-2005 as designated by the Revenue Estimating Conference for deposit in and credit to  
 16 the Budget Stabilization Fund. Provided, that the state treasurer is authorized and directed  
 17 to promptly classify and deposit into the Budget Stabilization Fund or State General Fund  
 18 all revenues which are received as a result of the production of or exploration for minerals,  
 19 including severance taxes, royalty payments, bonus payments, or rentals as such revenues  
 20 are specified in Article VII, Section 10.3 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

21 Section 4.B. The sum of Seven Million Two Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Four  
 22 Hundred Forty-six and No/100 (\$7,267,446.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated from the State  
 23 General Fund by Fees and Self-generated Revenues from prior year collections of license  
 24 fees collected from the International Registration Plan pursuant to R.S. 47:511 for deposit  
 25 in and credit to the Budget Stabilization Fund.

26 Section 4.C. The sum of Fifty-six Thousand and No/100 (\$56,000.00) Dollars is  
 27 hereby appropriated for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 from State General Fund (Direct) to 19-651  
 28 Special Schools and Commissions - Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired to be used  
 29 for operations.

30 Section 4.D. The sum of Two Hundred Thirty-one Thousand and No/100  
 31 (\$231,000.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 from State General

1 Fund (Direct) to 19-653 Special Schools and Commissions - Louisiana School for the Deaf  
2 to be used for operations.

3 Section 4.E. The sum of One Hundred Thousand and No/100 (\$100,000.00) Dollars  
4 is hereby appropriated for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 from State General Fund (Direct) to 19-  
5 681 Department of Education - Subgrantee Assistance - School and Community Support  
6 Program for St. Mary's Residential Training School.

7 Section 4.F. The sum of Three Hundred Forty-one Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-  
8 six and No/100 (\$341,986.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated for Fiscal Year 2005-2006  
9 from the State General Fund (Direct) to Schedule 01-100 Executive Office for the Louisiana  
10 Indigent Defense Assistance Board for restoration of services.

11 Section 5. The sum of One Million Two Hundred Forty-seven Thousand Three  
12 Hundred Nineteen and No/100 (\$1,247,319.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated from the State  
13 General Fund by Interagency Transfers, be it more or less estimated, to 20-XXX FUNDS  
14 for deposit into the Rural Development Fund. Provided, however the amount of such  
15 appropriation shall be limited to the extent that the Federal Emergency Management Agency  
16 reimburses the Office of Emergency Preparedness for costs incurred by the Office of Rural  
17 Development.

18 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner of  
19 administration is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the State General Fund (Direct)  
20 appropriated to the Rural Development Fund for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 by \$1,247,319, be  
21 it more or less estimated, to the extent the Federal Emergency Management Agency  
22 reimburses Office of Emergency Preparedness for costs incurred by the Office of Rural  
23 Development.

24 Section 6. (A) The limitation of the expenditure of funds by the various agencies  
25 in the executive branch of government (the "spending freeze") contained in Executive Order  
26 No. KBB 2005-38 and the reduction of expenditures contained in Executive Order No. KBB  
27 2005-82 made pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section 5(G)(2) of the Constitution  
28 of Louisiana and Section 10 of Act 16 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature are  
29 hereby ratified and confirmed.

30 (B) Provided, however, that with regard to the "spending freeze" and the reduction  
31 of expenditures, as well as the establishment of the technical division of the Louisiana



1 Community and Technical College System pursuant to Act No. 506 of the 2005 Regular  
2 Session of the Legislature, the Board of Supervisors of the Community and Technical  
3 College System shall report on its plan for the technical division to the Joint Legislative  
4 Committee on the Budget no later than March 1, 2006. Provided, further, that the Louisiana  
5 Technical College, pursuant to the aforementioned "spending freeze" and reduction of  
6 expenditures, shall prioritize its necessary budget adjustments so that initial reductions are  
7 applied to the greatest extent possible to the following administrative components: the  
8 Louisiana Technical College Central Office; the Louisiana Technical College college-wide  
9 budget, including but not limited to assessments charged by the Louisiana Community and  
10 Technical College System; Management Information System/PeopleSoft Implementation;  
11 and the Louisiana Technical College District Offices. Provided, further, that on a quarterly  
12 basis, the Louisiana Community and Technical College Board of Supervisors shall submit  
13 to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget a quarterly expense report for the technical  
14 division, indicating both quarterly and year-to-date budgeted and actual educational and  
15 general expenditures, beginning March 15, 2006.

16 Section 7. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer  
17 is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the State General Fund (Direct) the amounts  
18 of any reduction in State General Fund by Fees and Self-generated Revenues, Statutory  
19 Dedications, or Interagency Transfers reduced as provided in this Act and by Executive  
20 Orders KBB 2005-38 and 2005-82.

21 Section 8. The legislature hereby recognizes the intention of the House of  
22 Representatives thereof as represented by the Honorable Joe R. Salter, Speaker, to reduce  
23 its expenditures during Fiscal Year 2005-2006 so as to produce a savings to the state of  
24 Louisiana of one million dollars.

25 Section 9. The legislature hereby recognizes the intention of the Judicial Branch as  
26 represented by the Honorable Catherine D. Kimball, Justice of the Supreme Court, to reduce  
27 the expenses of the judiciary during Fiscal Year 2005-2006 so as to produce a savings to the  
28 state of Louisiana of one million nine hundred thousand dollars.

29 Section 10. It is the intent of the legislature to express its support of the state's efforts  
30 to provide health care services to the medically indigent and uninsured, especially those  
31 individuals personally impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Therefore, the legislature

1 hereby directs the Louisiana State University Health Care Services Division, Louisiana State  
2 University Health Sciences Center – Shreveport and E.A. Conway Medical Center, working  
3 in conjunction with the Department of Health and Hospitals, to review options available to  
4 the state to maximize financing for the provision of health care services to these individuals  
5 and long-term stability of the state's public hospital system. Specifically, the agencies are  
6 to consider the possibility of the certification of allowable uncompensated care costs that are  
7 eligible for federal financial participation under Title XIX of the Social Security Act and  
8 access to the federal uncompensated care pool that may be used to reimburse providers for  
9 the costs of delivering health care services to uninsured hurricane evacuees.

10 Section 11. In the event the federal government increases some component of the  
11 federal financial participation in Louisiana's Medicaid program to one hundred (100) percent  
12 for at least some part of Fiscal Year 2005-2006, the Department of Health and Hospitals is  
13 hereby directed to restore reductions in Medicaid reimbursement methodologies  
14 implemented in response to decreases in the budget for 09-306 Medical Vendor Payments  
15 made pursuant to this Act or Executive Order No. KBB 2005-82. To the extent feasible and  
16 allowable by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, these restorations  
17 shall be retroactive to day of implementation.

18 Section 12. The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed  
19 to reduce the State General Fund (Direct) appropriations contained in Act 16 of the 2005  
20 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 18, SCHEDULE 20 OTHER REQUIREMENTS,  
21 20-906 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS by the  
22 amount of Seven Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-one and No/100  
23 (\$791,821.00) Dollars.

24 Section 13. Section 10.A. of Act 16 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature  
25 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

26 Section 10.A. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(G)(2) and Article VII, Section  
27 10(F) of the constitution, if at any time during Fiscal Year 2005-2006 the official budget  
28 status report indicates that appropriations will exceed the official revenue forecast, the  
29 governor shall have full power to reduce appropriations in accordance with R.S. 39:75.

30 Section 14. In Schedule 19 of Act 16 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature  
31 with respect to the appropriation for 19-649 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND

1 TECHNICAL COLLEGES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, on page 197, line 30, after  
2 "schools and" delete the remainder of the line and insert "may be expended".

3 Section 15. The provisions of Sections 1 through 12, 14, and 15 of this Act shall  
4 become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon  
5 expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided  
6 by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and  
7 subsequently approved by the legislature, Sections 1 through 12, 14, and 15 of this Act shall  
8 become effective on the day following such approval. The provisions of Section 13 of this  
9 Act shall become effective on January 1, 2006. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently  
10 approved by the legislature, Section 13 of this Act shall become effective on January 1,  
11 2006.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_