
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for development of the House Appropriations Committee Recommendation of the Executive Budget and an Appropriations Committee Recommended Appropriation Bill.

Present law requires the head of each budget unit or the Board of Regents to submit its budget request to the governor together with such additional information as the governor may request. The budget request is due on a date specified, but no later than November 15 of each year.

Proposed law provides a procedure for the review of budget requests and development of a Appropriations Committee Recommendation of the Executive Budget and an Appropriations Committee Recommended Appropriation Bill as follows:

- (1) The budget requests are be submitted to the speaker of the House at the same time such information is submitted to the governor under present law. The speaker shall assign the budget request to the appropriate standing committee.
- (2) The standing committees shall meet on the budget units referred to them and submit recommended levels of funding for each budget unit by program and means of financing to the House Committee on Appropriations.
- (3) The standing subcommittees of the House Committee on Appropriations shall meet on the budget units under their jurisdiction as provided by House Rule and determine a recommended level of funding for each budget unit.
- (4) The standing subcommittees shall report the recommended levels of funding to the House Committee on Appropriations for review, modification, and approval of the full committee for incorporation into the Appropriations Committee Recommendation for the Executive Budget. Recommended appropriations shall not exceed the amount of the official forecast or the expenditure limit.
- (5) The House Appropriations Committee shall cause to be introduced an Appropriations Committee Recommended Appropriation Bill which shall be in conformity with the recommendations for appropriations contained in the Appropriations Committee Recommendation for the Executive Budget.

(Amends R.S. 39:33(A)(1); Adds R.S. 39:33.3 and 51(G))