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## ORIGINAL

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 229

## BY SENATORS TARVER, ALARIO AND LAFLEUR

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FISCAL CONTROLS. Limits appropriations to 98% of the official forecast. (7/1/18)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. $39:54(A)(1)$ , relative to appropriations; to provide that
3	appropriations shall not exceed ninety-eight percent of the official forecast in effect
4	at the time the appropriations are made; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. $39:54(A)(1)$ is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§54. Limitations on appropriations
8	A.(1) Appropriations by the legislature from the state general fund and
9	dedicated funds for any fiscal year shall not exceed <b><u>ninety-eight percent of</u></b> the
10	official forecast in effect at the time the appropriations are made, except in those
11	years when the official forecast of recurring revenues for the ensuing fiscal year
12	are at least one percent less than the official forecast for the current fiscal year.
13	Except as otherwise provided by R.S. 39:75(E), appropriations by the legislature
14	from any fund shall not exceed <b><u>ninety-eight percent of</u></b> the official forecast of
15	money available for appropriation from that fund in effect at the time the
16	appropriations are made.
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Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be effective on July 1, 2018.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Martha S. Hess.

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<u>Present law</u> limits appropriations by the legislature by providing that appropriations from the state general fund and dedicated funds for any fiscal year shall not exceed the official forecast in effect at the time the appropriations are made. Except as otherwise provided by R.S. 39:75(E), appropriations by the legislature from any fund shall not exceed the official forecast of money available for appropriation from that fund in effect at the time the appropriations are made.

<u>Proposed law</u> revises present law by providing that beginning with the submission of agency budget requests for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, appropriations from the state general fund and dedicated funds for any fiscal year shall not exceed 98% of the official forecast in effect at the time the appropriations are made, except in those years when the official forecast of recurring revenues for the ensuing fiscal year are at least one percent less than the official forecast for the current fiscal year. <u>Proposed law</u> further provides that except as otherwise provided by R.S. 39:75(E), appropriations by the legislature from any fund shall not exceed 98% of the official forecast of money available for appropriation from that fund in effect at the time the appropriations are made.

Effective July 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 39:54(A)(1))