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## DIGEST

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HB 132 Engrossed

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Edmonds

**Abstract:** Requires the initial allocation of the state operating budget to be reported by expenditure category and requires approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget prior to changes of certain amounts to the initial allocation. Requires reporting of certain budget transfers approved by the commissioner of administration.

Present law requires the commissioner of administration to notify each budget unit of the amount of appropriations contained in the General Appropriation Act and permits the commissioner to review and approve the initial allocation of expenditures for a fiscal year.

Proposed law changes the review and approval of the commissioner of administration of the initial allocation of expenditures from a permissive review and approval to a mandatory review and approval. Further specifies that the initial allocation shall be by category of expenditures.

Proposed law requires prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on changes to the initial allocation of expenditures or transfers of funds between categories of \$20,000 or more. Further requires that if any agency has made changes in expenditures or transfers of expenditures between categories that cumulatively total \$100,000 or more for the fiscal year, all subsequent changes in expenditures or transfers of expenditures between categories require prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Proposed law requires the commissioner of administration to post the initial allocation of expenditures and any changes to the allocations of expenditures on the website maintained by the commissioner.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of administration to approve the transfer of funds between programs in a budget unit, not to exceed 1% of the total appropriation of the budget unit. Further authorizes the commissioner of administration to approve, with approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the transfer of funds between programs in a budget unit, not to exceed 25% of the total appropriation of the budget unit.

Proposed law requires the following of the commissioner of administration for all approved transfers authorized in present law:

- (1) Submit all approved transfers to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.
- (2) Post all approved transfers on the website maintained by the commissioner of administration.

- (3) Submit a monthly report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on all approved transfers approved in the prior month and all approved transfers for the current fiscal year and to post the monthly report on the website.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 39:57.1(B); Adds R.S. 39:57.1(C) and 73(C)(5))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Change the requirement of the prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on changes to the initial allocation of expenditures or transfer funds between categories from all changes to the initial allocation to changes of \$20,000 or more.
2. Require that if any agency has made changes in expenditures or transfers of expenditures between categories that cumulatively total \$100,000 or more for the fiscal year, all subsequent changes in expenditures or transfers of expenditures between categories require prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.
3. Require the commissioner of administration to post the initial allocation of expenditures and any changes to the allocations of expenditures on the website maintained by the commissioner.
4. Require certain reporting requirements of the commissioner of administration on all approved transfers of funds between programs in a budget unit authorized in present law.