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## DIGEST

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HB 139 Engrossed

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McFarland

**Abstract:** Requires prior actions of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) for certain requests for proposals (RFPs) and contracts over \$50 million. Prohibits the state from entering into agreements for the operation of hospitals under the responsibility of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center unless the agreement is approved by the JLCB.

Proposed law requires prior review and approval of the JLCB of RFPs for professional, personal, consulting, or social services contracts of more than \$50 million.

Proposed law requires prior review, but not approval, by the JLCB of RFPs for professional, personal, or consulting services contracts of more than \$50 million which must be approved by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Proposed law prohibits the entering into of any professional, personal, consulting, or social services contract with a total maximum compensation of \$50 million after Aug. 1, 2017, unless it has been reviewed and approved by the JLCB.

Proposed law prohibits dividing or separating RFPs or contracts to circumvent the requirements of proposed law. Requires review and approval of the JLCB of any subsequent or amended contract with the same party for the same purpose as the existing contract which causes payment to the party to exceed \$50 million.

Proposed law prohibits the state from entering into or extending any cooperative endeavor agreement, memorandum of understanding, contract, or any other type of agreement with any person or entity to lease or operate a hospital for which a Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center is responsible pursuant to present law, unless the agreement or extension has been reviewed and approved by the JLCB.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 39:366.12 and 1603.1)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Increase the amount of the contracts and RFPs that require prior action of the JLCB from \$15 million to \$50 million.
2. Delete requirements regarding JLCB approval for the state to enter into any cooperative endeavor agreement expected to result in any nonpublic party to the agreement generating or expending revenue of \$15 million or more.
3. Add provision prohibiting the state from entering into or extending any agreement to lease or operate a Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center hospital, unless the agreement or extension has been reviewed and approved by the JLCB.
4. Add effective date.