

## DIGEST

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SB 373 Reengrossed

2018 Regular Session

Barrow

Present law provides for the commissioner of administration to establish and maintain a website to post reports of state spending. The reports shall include the nature and amount of appropriations for the executive branch of state government, annual salaries and total compensation of statewide elected officials and cabinet-level positions in the executive branch of state government, and the total number in the table of organization for each budget unit. The website shall contain a monthly report of spending by each budget unit.

Present law also requires the commissioner to post reports on state contracts on the website.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the LaTrac website, or any subsequent database that may replace the LaTrac system, shall include reports of all revenues, exemptions, credits, exclusions, refunds, preferential tax rates, deferred tax liability, and rebates, all as contained in the tax exemption budget.

Present law provides for an annual tax exemption budget.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that the tax exemption budget shall also include the following:

- (1) The number of businesses which receive each tax exemption, credit, exclusion, refund, preferential tax rate, deferred tax liability, or rebate, hereinafter referred to as the exemption.
- (2) The parish or location of each business which receives a tax exemption; provided, that if fewer than 10 businesses receive a particular tax exemption, the tax exemption budget may group such tax exemption with another tax exemption which also has fewer than 10 businesses receiving same.
- (3) The information shall be displayed in a manner that identifies:
  - (a) The industry group by North American Industry Classification System sector.
  - (b) The number of taxpayers by industry.
  - (c) The total tax burden by industry group by individual tax before the exemption.
  - (d) The total value to each industry group for each exemption.
  - (e) The total tax value by each industry group by individual tax of the tax collections after the exemption.

Proposed law further provides that the additional items to be published in the tax exemption budget shall be published to the extent that the information is available to the department and on a schedule to be determined by the secretary of the department beginning with the incentive expenditures and fully implemented by the date of publication of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 tax exemption budget on or before March 1, 2020.

Proposed law further provides that the secretary shall ensure that the publication shall not include confidential information.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 47:1517(B)(1)(intro para); adds R.S. 39:6(C)(3) and R.S. 47:1517(B)(1)(d) and (e))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Clarifies that the publication shall be on the LaTrac website, or any subsequent database that may replace the LaTrac system.
2. Adds exclusions, refunds, preferential tax rates, deferred tax liability, and rebates, all as contained in the tax exemption budget, to the information that should be published on the website.
3. Lists the additional items to be included in the tax exemption budget.
4. Provides that the additional items to be included in the tax exemption budget shall be published to the extent that the information is available to the department, on a schedule to be determined by the secretary, beginning with incentive expenditures, and fully implemented by the date of publication of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 tax exemption budget on or before March 1, 2020.
5. Provides that the secretary shall ensure that the publication shall not include confidential information.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Broaden the range in which tax exemption budget reporting information may be grouped from fewer than three businesses receiving a particular exemption to fewer than 10 businesses receiving an exemption.
2. Change the date for full implementation of the tax exemption budget reporting requirements provided for in proposed law from Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to Fiscal Year 2018-2019.