

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided 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.

Prior law also required the commissioner to post reports on state contracts on the website.

New law retains prior 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.

Prior law provided for an annual tax exemption budget.

New law retains prior 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.

New 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.

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

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(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))