

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 148

2019 Regular Session

Henry

June 6, 2019

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 148 by Representative Henry, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2528) be adopted.
2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator LaFleur (#2959) be rejected.
3. That the following amendment to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 7 and 8 in their entirety, and insert the following:

"Section 1.A. The sum of One Hundred Eighty Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six No/100 (\$180,836,846) Dollars, or so much thereof"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Cameron Henry

Senator Eric LaFleur

Representative Franklin J. Foil

Senator John A. Alario, Jr.

Representative Dustin Miller

Senator R.L. Bret Allain, II

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

APPROPRIATIONS: Appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Remove the Non-Judicial State Expenses line item in the amount of \$2,320,853 for the legal representation of children in child protection cases.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Changed the State General Fund (Direct) reduction to be implemented by the Supreme Court from \$9,742,980 to \$12,063,833.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Change Section 1.A. total from \$182,907,699 to \$180,836,846

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$180,836,846 from the following sources: \$161,203,071 out of the State General Fund (Direct); \$10,240,925 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund and the Trial Court Case Management Fund; and \$9,392,850 from interagency transfers for Court Appointed Special Advocates and Drug Court.

Funding for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government is provided in the original bill as follows:

	<u>FY 19 EOB</u>	<u>FY 20 Original</u>
(1) Louisiana Supreme Court	\$72,472,954	\$79,272,980
(2) Courts of Appeal	47,088,543	49,587,810
(3) District Courts	38,846,138	38,985,461
(4) Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	6,330,464	6,570,787
(5) Juvenile and Family Courts	2,523,339	2,523,339
(6) Other Courts (Required by Statute)	3,157,241	3,157,241
(7) Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)	675,187	739,228
(8) Non-Judicial State Expenses	<u>2,070,853</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$173,164,719</u>	<u>\$180,836,846</u>

Requires that appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) shall be reduced by \$9,742,980 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Removes funding for Non-Judicial State Expenses associated with the legal representation of children in child protection cases in the amount of \$2,320,853.

Effective July 1, 2019.