

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 8

2020 First Extraordinary Session

Schexnayder

June 29, 2020

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. 8 by Representative Schexnayder, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1 and 3 by the Committee on Finance (#398) be adopted.
- 2. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 2, 4, and 5 by the Committee on Finance (#398) be rejected.
- 3. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator White (#491) be adopted.
- 4. That the set of amendments by the Legislative Bureau (#425) be rejected.
- 5. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 9, line 13, change "Section 9." to "Section 10."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 10, line 4, change "Section 10." to "Section 11."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

Senator Patrick Page Cortez

Representative Clay Schexnayder

Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White Jr.

Representative Dustin Miller

Senator Gregory W. Tarver Sr.

Retains provisions of existing law allowing legislative assistants who were employed on or before Dec. 1, 2007, to retain the salary they were earning on Dec. 1, 2007.

Requires appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) be reduced by \$12,851,010 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

Appropriates \$3,000,000 in federal funds to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council for COVID-19 related expenses.

Appropriates additional funding to the legislative auditor for work performed on programs established pursuant to the Act that originated as SB 189 of the 2020 Regular Session. Authorizes \$2,500,000 in interagency transfers from the treasurer to the legislative auditor and \$271,501 from the Coronavirus Local Recovery Allocation Fund for such work.

Provides that no legislative employee shall be eligible for or granted a market rate salary increase during the 2020-2021 fiscal year unless such increase is authorized by the legislature on or before October 15, 2020, or by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council if the legislature has not convened by October 15, 2020. Further provides that salary increase restrictions in proposed law do not apply to promotions.

Effective July 1, 2020.