
DIGEST

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HB 38 Engrossed

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Harris

Abstract: Requires public colleges and universities to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) regarding funding for its college or university police department. Requires municipalities and parishes to notify JLCB if funding for their police department or sheriff's office is reduced by 10% or more. If JLCB determines the reductions will have a significant and harmful effect on public safety, the college, university, municipality, or parish is ineligible to apply for or receive funding for new capital outlay projects or, for municipalities and parishes, receive sales tax dedications for the next fiscal year.

Proposed law requires public colleges and universities to submit a report of the annual operating budgets for the campus police department for the current and ensuing fiscal years to JLCB by Nov. 30th of each year.

Proposed law authorizes JLCB to require the college or university to appear before the committee if the report shows a decrease of 10% or more from the current to ensuing fiscal year for the campus police department.

Proposed law provides that if JLCB determines the reductions will have a significant and harmful effect on public safety, the college or university shall be ineligible to apply for or receive funding for any new capital outlay project for the ensuing fiscal year.

Proposed law requires any governing authority with a municipal police department or sheriff's office to notify JLCB if the annual operating budget for the police department or sheriff's office decreases by 10% or more from the current to ensuing fiscal year or any time during the current year.

Proposed law authorizes JLCB to require the governing authority to appear before the committee and if JLCB determines the reductions will have a significant and harmful effect on public safety, the governing authority shall be ineligible to apply for or receive funding for any new capital outlay projects or receive appropriations from sales tax dedications for the ensuing fiscal year.

(Adds R.S. 39:291-293)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Clarify that public colleges and universities and governing authorities with a municipal police department or sheriff's office would be ineligible to apply for or receive funding for new capital outlay projects.
2. Make a technical change.