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HB 67 Reengrossed   2020 Second Extraordinary Session   Crews

Abstract: Allows the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) to recommend reductions of appropriations for FY2021 of sales tax dedications to a municipality, or the parish that contains the municipality, that reduces the annual operating budget of its municipal police department.

Proposed law provides that if a municipal police department notifies JLCB that its annual operating budget has been reduced, JLCB may request the municipality to appear before the committee and explain the effect of the reductions on the municipality's ability to provide for public safety. If JLCB determines the reduction will have a significant and harmful effect on public safety, the committee may recommend reconsideration of the appropriation of sales tax dedications to the municipality or the parish containing the municipality.

Proposed law provides an exemption for any municipality with a population of less than 20,000 and any political subdivision that decreases the annual operating budget for its municipal police department due to a decrease in tax collections.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1.   Change the authorization for JLCB from reducing the appropriation of sales tax dedication to recommending reconsideration of the appropriation.

    The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1.   Exempt municipalities with a population of less than 20,000 and any political subdivision that decreases the annual operating budget for its municipal police department due to a decrease in tax collections.