
DIGEST

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HB 38 Reengrossed

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Harris

Abstract: 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 municipality or parish is ineligible to apply for or receive funding for new capital outlay projects or receive sales tax dedications for the next 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.

Proposed law exempts any political subdivision which decreases the annual operating budget for its municipal police department or sheriff's office due to a decrease in tax collections.

(Adds R.S. 39:291 and 292)

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.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove the reporting requirements and penalties for public colleges and universities.
2. Provide an exception to proposed law for any political subdivision that decreases the

annual operating budget for its municipal police department or sheriff's office due to a decrease in tax collections.