
DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds reporting requirements for capital outlay projects, requires projects funded through the issuance of debt to be included in the Capital Outlay Act, and eliminates the needs-based exemption from the local match requirement for nonstate entity projects.

Present law requires the governor to submit his capital outlay budget which implements the first year of the five-year capital outlay program and the bond authorization bill for the sale of bonds to fund projects included in the bond portion of the capital outlay bill to the legislature no later than the 8th day of each regular session.

Present law authorizes a capital outlay budget request submitted after Nov. 1st to be included in the Capital Outlay Act if the budget request meets all of the applicable requirements as provided in present law, except for time of submission, and the project is an economic development project recommended in writing by the secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development, the project is an emergency project recommended in writing by the commissioner of administration, the project is for a nonstate entity which meets certain present law requirements, or the project is located in a designated disaster area and it meets certain present law requirements.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the office of facility planning and control and any state agency which administers capital outlay appropriations to submit an annual report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay of each project included in the prior year's capital outlay budget. The report includes information such as the project title, the total project budget from all means of financing, including state and local funds, local match information, information on funds expended and encumbered on the project, and the project's status.

Proposed law retains present law but adds a requirement that the information required to be reported in present law shall also be reported for projects which are no longer in the prior year's capital outlay budget because the project received funding through a cash means of finance or from advance bond sales. Further requires this information to continue to be reported until a certificate of completion has been issued by the entity administering the project.

Present law provides for specific criteria that a project must meet in order to be considered an "economic development project". Criteria include projects such as improvements on public or government-owned property for attracting or retaining a new or existing manufacturing or business operation that benefits La. or facilities or improvements on public or government-owned property

that generate new, permanent employment or which help retain existing employment.

Proposed law specifies that the improvements on public or government-owned property for attracting or retaining a new or existing manufacturing or business operation must benefit La. *and* generate new, permanent employment or help retain existing employment.

Present law requires nonstate entities applying for capital outlay funding to provide a match of not less than 25% of the total requested funding amount with the following exceptions:

- (1) Projects deemed to be an emergency by the commissioner.
- (2) Projects for which a nonstate entity has demonstrated its inability to provide a local match. Proposed law requires the establishment of a needs-based formula for determining the inability of a nonstate entity to provide the required local match.
- (3) Projects for rural water systems servicing less than 1,000 customers to extend or connect waterlines to other water systems.

Proposed law repeals the present law exception for nonstate entity projects for which the nonstate entity has demonstrated its inability to provide a local match. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires projects funded through the sale of bonds and secured by or payable from state appropriation to be included in the Capital Outlay Act or if not included in the Capital Outlay Act to be approved between sessions by the division of administration submitting those projects to the Interim Emergency Board for approval by a majority vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature. Further requires, following legislative approval, that requests to sell bonds be submitted to the State Bond Commission (SBC) for review and approval.

Proposed law retains present law regarding legislative approval and submission to the SBC for review and approval but changes the projects which are required to go through this approval process from projects funded through the sale of bonds to projects funded through the issuance of debt or other agreements including agreements of lease, lease-purchase, or third party financing.

Present law requires the office of facility planning and control to send notice to all nonstate entities of the need to resubmit a capital outlay budget request for projects that do not receive a line of credit prior to Sept. 15th for the total amount of bond proceeds authorized in the Capital Outlay Act for that fiscal year. Further requires the notice to also be sent to each state representative and state senator who represents the geographic area of the project.

Proposed law retains present law but specifies that the notice is to be sent if the project has not received or been recommended for a line of credit prior to Sept. 15th of each year.

Present law establishes various requirements for content to be included in the Capital Outlay Act.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement that the Capital Outlay Act include a

statement concerning the total outstanding net state tax supported debt, including the specific amount of principle and interest, as defined in present law. Further, the Capital Outlay Act shall contain an estimate of debt service costs associated with the amount of new general obligation bond (GOB) cash line of credit capacity for that fiscal year, as provided in proposed law.

Present law provides a procedure for the development of a list of recommended projects to be presented to the SBC for consideration for a GOB cash line of credit.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that for each project presented to the SBC for this purpose there be included an estimate of debt service costs associated with the sale of debt for the total project cost.

Present law provides for the Capital Outlay Savings Fund as a special fund (fund) in the state treasury and restricts use of the monies in the fund to capital outlay projects and to allocate or appropriate funds into the Budget Stabilization Fund. Further provides that if a project included in the capital outlay budget that has a state general fund (SGF) direct non-recurring revenue appropriation is deemed null or is vetoed, the state treasurer is directed to deposit into the fund an amount equal to the amount of the appropriation deemed null or vetoed from the nonrecurring revenues in the SGF.

Proposed law retains present law but adds a requirement that a general fund appropriation, regardless of whether it is recurring or non-recurring revenue, for a project deemed null or vetoed be deposited into the fund.

Proposed law requires any entity administering a capital outlay project to require all parties performing any portion of planning and designing or personnel contracted with for the construction of a capital outlay project to submit invoices for the payment of services rendered or performed within 120 days of the date the services were rendered or performed. Failure of a party to timely submit an invoice for services rendered or performed shall result in the party's claim for reimbursement or payment from the state being denied.

Applicable to the funding of all nonstate entity projects included in the capital outlay budget for fiscal years commencing on or after July 1, 2021.

Effective July 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 39:100.121(A)(1) and (2)(b), 105(A), 112(C)(1)(c) and (2)(b), (E)(1) and (2)(intro. para.), and (G)(1), and 115(A) and (B); Adds R.S. 39:112(H) and 121.1; Repeals R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Change the responsible party required to issue the certificate of completion from the office of facility planning and control to the entity administering the project.