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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the commissioner of administration from approving an increase to an appropriation or new authority to spend public funds if any part of the proposed increase or authority is for nonrecurring federal monies that will be used for recurring expenses.

Present law (R.S. 39:73) generally limits the expenses of each budget unit of the executive branch to a monthly allotment of its appropriation. Present law (House Bill No. 1 preamble) further authorizes increases to appropriations and new appropriations of federal, interagency, statutory dedication, or self-generated revenues for a budget unit upon approval by the commissioner of administration and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Proposed law retains present law and further prohibits the commissioner of administration from approving any increase to an appropriation or new authority to spend public funds if the proposed increase or authority is for federal funds that have not been available for the preceding two fiscal years or that will not be available for the succeeding two fiscal years and such federal funds will be used on ordinary recurring expenses. Present law defines "ordinary recurring expenses" to mean all expenses of a continuing or recurring character that in the normal course of administration may be expected to be necessary in approximately the same amounts each year.

Further provides that proposed law does not apply if the federal funds are payable to the state on a reimbursement basis.

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

(Adds R.S. 39:73(E))