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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Original House Bill No. 646 by Representative Beaulieu

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, insert "Louisiana and to add Article VII, Section 10.18 of the Constitution of"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 4 in its entirety and insert "use of certain funds may be restricted to certain purposes; to provide for"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, after "limit;" and before "to provide" insert "to establish the Louisiana Income Tax Elimination fund and provide for the deposit, use, and investment of monies therein;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 14, after "Constitution of" and before "Louisiana," insert "Louisiana and to add Article VII, Section 10.18 of the Constitution of"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, delete lines 3 through 9 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the legislature shall not appropriate or transfer any recurring revenue amounts recognized in the official forecast for the State General Fund (Direct) means of finance that are above the Government Growth Limit and below the expenditure limit. If the legislature changes the Government Growth Limit for a fiscal year, provides an exception to the Government Growth Limit as provided in Subsubparagraph (c) of this Subparagraph, or both, then the legislature shall not cause the aggregate amount of all appropriated and all transferred recurring State General Fund (Direct) revenues above the applicable Government Growth Limit to exceed the aggregate amount of all such changes for that same fiscal year."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 14, after "factors for" and before "fiscal years" delete "any of the three" and insert "each of the two"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 15, after "two" and before "percent" delete "and one-half"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, delete lines 24 through 26 in their entirety and insert the following:

"or the Government Growth Limit in effect at the time the appropriations are made."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 9

2 On page 4, before line 1 insert the following:

3 "10.18. Louisiana Income Tax Elimination Fund

4 Section 10.18. (A) There is hereby established in the state treasury the  
5 Louisiana Income Tax Elimination Fund, hereafter referred to in this Section as the  
6 "fund".

7 (B) After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund  
8 as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of this Constitution, the treasurer shall  
9 annually deposit in and credit to the fund all recurring state general fund revenues  
10 received by the state in excess of the Government Growth Limit and below the  
11 official forecast for that fiscal year.

12 (C) Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the  
13 state general fund. All interest earned from the investment of monies in the fund  
14 shall be deposited in and credited to the fund. All unexpended and unencumbered  
15 monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

16 (D) Monies in the fund shall be appropriated only for the following:

17 (1) For the same purposes and under the same conditions as appropriation  
18 of monies in the Budget Stabilization Fund.

19 (2) For the retiring or defeasance of bonds in advance or in addition to the  
20 existing amortization requirements of the state.

21 (3) For payments against the unfunded accrued liability of one or more state  
22 retirement systems which are in addition to any payments required for the annual  
23 amortization of the unfunded accrued liability of the system; however, any such  
24 payments shall not be used, directly or indirectly, to fund any benefit increase for  
25 such system.

26 (4) For costs associated with actual project delivery, construction, and  
27 maintenance of transportation and capital transit infrastructure projects of the state  
28 and local government.

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30 AMENDMENT NO. 10

31 On page 4, line 14, after "Section 2." and before "Notwithstanding" insert "(A)"

32 AMENDMENT NO. 11

33 On page 4, delete lines 19 and 20 in their entirety and insert the following:

34 "any of the following:

35 (1) Any appropriation or allocation excluded from analysis of appropriation and transfer  
36 totals in relation to the expenditure limit.

37 (2) Any funds appropriated as a result of a means of financing substitution resulting in  
38 an increase in the State General Fund (Direct) means of finance to compensate for  
39 a decrease in federal funding, funds transferred from another state entity, self-  
40 generated collections, or statutorily or constitutionally dedicated funds.

41 (B) The commissioner of administration shall cause the limit for Fiscal"

42 AMENDMENT NO. 12

43 On page 5, line 4, after "on use" and before "of monies" insert "and transfer"

44 AMENDMENT NO. 13

45 On page 5, delete line 8 in its entirety and insert "and 11(A); Adds Article VII, Section  
46 10.18)"