

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**House Bill No. 1 By Representative LeBlanc**

June 18, 2001

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc, recommend the following concerning the reengrossed bill:

1. That the following Senate Committee Amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, be adopted: Nos. 1 through 22, 24 through 42, 44 through 71, 74 through 78, 83 through 114, and 116 through 208.
2. That the following Senate Committee Amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, be rejected: Nos. 23, 43, 72, 73, 79 through 82, and 115.
3. That the following Senate Floor Amendments in the set of 25 amendments (designated No. 554) proposed by Senator Dardenne and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be adopted: Nos. 3 through 8, 10, 17 through 23, and 25.
4. That the following Senate Floor Amendments in the set of 25 amendments (designated No. 554) proposed by Senator Dardenne and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be rejected: Nos. 1, 2, 9, 11 through 16, and 24.
5. That the set of 36 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 559) proposed by Senator Dardenne and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be adopted.
6. That the set of 4 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 528) proposed by Senator McPherson and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be rejected.
7. That the set of 3 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 592) proposed by Senator McPherson and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be rejected.
8. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 556) proposed by Senator Schedler and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be rejected.
9. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 557) proposed by Senator Bajoie and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be rejected.
10. That the set of 2 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 558) proposed by Senator Irons and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be adopted.
11. That the set of 2 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 571) proposed by Senator Hines and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be adopted.
12. That the set of 2 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 572) proposed by Senator Bajoie and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be adopted.
13. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 575) proposed by Senator Dardenne and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be adopted.
14. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 581) proposed by Senator C. Fields and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be adopted.
15. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 590) proposed by Senator Dardenne and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be adopted.
16. That the set of 2 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 594) proposed by Senator Schedler and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, be adopted.

17. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 3, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 1, line 19, change "Children's Cabinet" to "Office of Community Programs"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 6, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 2, delete line 10, and insert:

“and related technical assistance and training, to be implemented in accordance with a plan developed jointly by the Office of Women’s Services and the Department of Economic Development \$ 1,000,000”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 17, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 3, delete line 35 and insert:

"one (1) position in the Administrative Program and three (3) positions in the Support Services Program \$ 212,097"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 84, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 11, line 8, change "22 and 23" to "30 and 31"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 86, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 11, line 19, change "5,095,460" to "3,232,901"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 116, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 15, delete line 18 in its entirety, and insert "increasing physician and pharmacy reimbursements and"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 137, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 19, delete lines 33 through 36, and insert:

“Fatherhood Programs and Initiatives \$ 1,000,000  
Education and training focusing on job skills, job retention, basic skills, and literacy training, to be transferred to the Department of Education and the Workforce Commission Office”

AMENDMENT NO. 8

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 137, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 19, at the end of line 41, change “18,000,000” to “17,500,000”

AMENDMENT NO. 9

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 137, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 20, line 5, change "Children's Cabinet" to "Office of Community Programs"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 137, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 20, line 7, after “\$100,000” insert the following:

"Provided, however, that the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds provided herein for drug court services, truancy and assessment center services, and court-appointed special advocate services shall be used only for clients eligible for such services as specified in the Louisiana State TANF Plan. Eligible drug court services may include treatment, assessment, training, and other supportive services, except eligible services shall not include drug court administrative costs."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 154, proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2001, on page 22, delete lines 10 through 17 and insert:

"In the event that House Bill No. 1565 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law, the commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to change the Means of Financing for the appropriation contained herein from Statutory Dedications out of the Refund Offset Fund to Fees and Self-generated Revenues."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 4 of the set of 25 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 554) proposed by Senator Dardenne and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, on page 1, at the end of line 19, insert "(Direct)"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 17 of the set of 25 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 554) proposed by Senator Dardenne and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, on page 3, between lines 37 and 38, insert:

"State General Fund by"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 12 of the set of 36 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 559) proposed by Senator Dardenne and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, on page 2, line 21, change "\$116,967,448" to "\$116,416,448"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 13 of the set of 36 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 559) proposed by Senator Dardenne and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, on page 2, line 25, change "\$116,967,448" to "\$116,416,448"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 16 of the set of 36 Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 559) proposed by Senator Dardenne and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, on page 2, line 37, change "\$116,967,448" to "\$116,416,448"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

In the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 581) proposed by Senator C. Fields and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2001, on page 1, line 4, after "Center" insert a comma "," and delete "for a diabetic foot", and on line 5, delete "clinic,"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 3, delete lines 11 through 19 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 8, delete lines 27 through 30 in their entirety and on page 9, delete lines 1 through 7 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 9, at the beginning of line 8, change "E." to "C."

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 16, line 13, change "48,558,190" to "47,148,190"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 16, line 17, change "19,800,867" to "21,210,867"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 19, delete lines 8 through 10 in their entirety and insert:

"EXPENDITURES:

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Education Program - Authorized Positions (81)<br>for expansion of the Youth Challenge Program | \$ <u>3,419,200</u> |
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| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ <u><u>3,419,200</u></u> |
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MEANS OF FINANCE:

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| State General Fund (Direct) | \$ 1,000,000        |
| Federal Funds               | \$ <u>2,419,200</u> |

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| TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING | \$ <u><u>3,419,200</u></u> |
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AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 20, line 22, delete "adult"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 42, line 16, change "1602" to "1652"

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 55, after line 50, insert:

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| "Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)<br>to the Administration Program for the<br>Bicentennial Commission for preparation<br>for the celebration of the Louisiana Purchase | \$ 300,000" |
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AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 57, between lines 26 and 27, insert:

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| "Payable out of the State General Fund by<br>Interagency Transfers for the Civil Rights<br>Museum | \$ 60,000" |
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AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 58, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

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| "Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)<br>for the operation and maintenance of the tract of<br>land in the Poverty Point Reservoir transferred to the<br>Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in<br>the event House Bill No. 1351 of the 2001 Regular<br>Session of the Legislature is enacted into law | \$ 450,000" |
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AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 64, between lines 9 and 10, insert:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)  
to the Water Resources Program for an evaluation of

aquifer capacity to sustain short and long-term groundwater withdrawal from point sources in the Chicot Aquifer Complex for Southwest Louisiana \$ 160,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 83, line 14, change "665" to "665 or Senate Bill No. 1011"

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 87, line 3, change "150,194,821" to "146,145,880"

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 87, line 14, change "150,194,821" to "146,145,880"

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 87, line 16, change "150,194,821" to "146,145,880"

AMENDMENT NO. 34

On page 87, line 17, change "150,194,821" to "146,145,880"

AMENDMENT NO. 35

On page 87, line 26, change "4,372,207" to "2,785,825"

AMENDMENT NO. 36

On page 87, line 27, change "No. 665" to "No. 665 or Senate Bill No. 1011"

AMENDMENT NO. 37

On page 87, between lines 30 and 31, insert:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Sheriffs' Housing of State Inmates, in the event that both House Bill No. 665 and Senate Bill No. 1011 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature are not enacted into law \$ 1,586,382

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Sheriffs' Housing of State Inmates in the event that Senate Bill No. 239 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature is not enacted into law \$ 1,862,559"

AMENDMENT NO. 38

On page 92, between lines 13 and 14, insert:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Fees and Self-generated Revenues to the Gaming Enforcement Program for the implementation of the Slot Central Computer System \$ 650,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 39

On page 102, between lines 6 and 7, insert:

"EXPENDITURES:  
For expenses associated with operation of the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee

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| established pursuant to Act No. 395 of the<br>2001 Regular Session of the Legislature | \$ <u>500,000</u>        |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES  | \$ <u><u>500,000</u></u> |

MEANS OF FINANCE:

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| State General Fund by:   |                            |
| Interagency Transfers    | \$ 125,000                 |
| Federal Funds            | \$ <u>375,000</u>          |
| TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING | \$ <u><u>500,000</u></u> " |

AMENDMENT NO. 40

On page 103, between lines 21 and 22, insert:

"Provided, however, that in addition to any amounts specifically appropriated for adjustments to Medicaid rates for emergency medical transportation services, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals shall allocate an additional \$262,618 from the total appropriated herein for the Payments to Private Providers Program for additional rate adjustments for emergency medical transportation services."

AMENDMENT NO. 41

On page 108, delete lines 1 through 14 in their entirety and insert:

"EXPENDITURES:

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| Payments to Private Providers for a per diem<br>rate increase for nursing homes of \$4.70 as a<br>continuation of initial year rebasing as provided<br>for by R.S. 46:2691 through an approved state<br>plan amendment to be in effect for Fiscal Year<br>2001-2002 only and for cost increases as verified<br>by the Department of Health and Hospitals | \$ <u>43,528,629</u>        |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES   | \$ <u><u>43,528,629</u></u> |

MEANS OF FINANCE:

|                                     |                             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| State General Fund by:              |                             |
| Statutory Dedications               |                             |
| Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly | \$ 12,901,886               |
| Federal Funds                       | \$ <u>30,626,743</u>        |
| TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING            | \$ <u><u>43,528,629</u></u> |

EXPENDITURES:

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| Uncompensated Care Costs for additional<br>payments to Louisiana State University Health<br>Sciences Center-Health Care Services Division<br>for Earl K. Long Medical Center | \$ <u>2,693,603</u>        |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES   | \$ <u><u>2,693,603</u></u> |

MEANS OF FINANCE:

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| State General Fund (Direct) | \$ 800,000                   |
| Federal Funds               | \$ <u>1,893,603</u>          |
| TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING    | \$ <u><u>2,693,603</u></u> " |

AMENDMENT NO. 42

On page 109, between lines 38 and 39, insert:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by  
Interagency Transfers for expenses associated  
with operation of the Medicaid Pharmaceutical

and Therapeutic Committee established pursuant to Act No. 395 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature, including reimbursement for committee members of a per diem rate to be established by the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, for travel expenses in accordance with state travel regulations, and for other expenses as may be incurred in implementing Act No. 395 \$ 500,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 43

On page 132, line 36, change "665" to "665 or Senate Bill No. 1011"

AMENDMENT NO. 44

On page 134, between lines 21 and 22, insert:

"The Department of Social Services is hereby authorized to promulgate emergency rules to facilitate the expenditure of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds as authorized in this Act."

AMENDMENT NO. 45

On page 138, between lines 24 and 25, insert:

“Provided, however, that \$9,000,000 of the funds allocated in Schedule 19-681 Subgrantee Assistance in the School Accountability and Improvement Program for High Stakes Remediation, LEAP 21 tutoring, and Graduate Exit Exam Summer School is designated as State Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program in the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support."

AMENDMENT NO. 46

On page 139, delete lines 46 through 52 in their entirety and insert:

**"Program Description:** *Manages federally funded assistance payments to local"*

AMENDMENT NO. 47

On page 144, line 25, change "Recreational facilities constructed" to "Studies completed or recreational facilities completed"

AMENDMENT NO. 48

On page 144, delete line 34 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 49

On page 144, line 35, after "complete" and before "50%" delete "the final"

AMENDMENT NO. 50

On page 144, at the end of line 35, delete "Buffalo" and at the beginning of line 36 delete "Cove" and insert "Bayou Postillion"

AMENDMENT NO. 51

On page 144, at the end of line 40, change "100%" to "50%"

AMENDMENT NO. 52

On page 165, after line 53, insert:

"Provided, however, that the Table of Organization shall be increased by one (1) position."

AMENDMENT NO. 53

On page 176, line 36, change "1,551,000" to "1,000,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 54

On page 177, delete lines 8 through 12 in their entirety and insert:

"Provided, however, that in the event House Bill No. 1565 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law, of the funds appropriated within this Schedule from the Higher Education Initiatives Fund: Library and Scientific Acquisitions Account, the amount of \$1,000,000 shall be used for data collection, development of computerized articulation systems, strategic planning, and implementation of the Master Plan for Postsecondary Education."

AMENDMENT NO. 55

On page 178, between lines 14 and 15, insert:

"In the event that House Bill No. 1565 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law, any appropriation from the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning Account, the Higher Education Distance Learning Account, and the Higher Education Library and Scientific Acquisitions Account within the Higher Education Initiatives Fund shall be deemed to be appropriated from the Higher Education Initiatives Fund."

AMENDMENT NO. 56

On page 179, after line 37, insert:

"Provided, however, that out of the \$600,000 appropriated herein from the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications out of the New Orleans Tourism and Economic Development Fund, \$60,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Museum, for the Civil Rights Museum."

AMENDMENT NO. 57

On page 213, between lines 33 and 34, insert:

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| "Payable out of Federal Funds from the<br>Guaranty Agency Operating Fund for<br>promotional activities in the Scholarships/<br>Grants Program associated with the Louisiana<br>Student Tuition Assistance and Revenues Trust<br>(START) Program | \$ 80,000" |
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AMENDMENT NO. 58

On page 218, between lines 24 and 25, insert:

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| "Payable out of Federal Funds for the<br>initial startup costs of the GEAR UP<br>Program | \$ 50,000" |
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AMENDMENT NO. 59

On page 226, line 48, change "274,339,992" to "274,339,902"

AMENDMENT NO. 60

On page 228, between lines 13 and 14, insert:

"The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to adjust the above appropriation for funding of the Delhi Charter School to either a greater or lesser amount as needed to provide full funding based on enrollment."

AMENDMENT NO. 61

On page 228, after line 38, insert the following:



“Payable out of the State General Fund by Interagency Transfers from the Department of Social Services for education and training programs \$ 3,000,000”

AMENDMENT NO. 62

On page 240, between lines 16 and 17, insert:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Interagency Transfers for additional Uncompensated Care Payments to Earl K. Long Medical Center \$ 2,693,603"

AMENDMENT NO. 63

On page 249, delete lines 46 through 48 in their entirety, and insert:

"Provided, however, that of the funds appropriated herein to the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission Fund, fifty-five percent (55%) shall be allocated and distributed to the Acadiana Fairgrounds Commission for tourist promotion for the Sugarena, and five percent (5%) shall be allocated and distributed to the city of Jeanerette for the Jeanerette Museum."

Respectfully submitted,

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