

**SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1**

HEALTH

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| ? | Provides IAT and Federal funding for implementation of Act 395 of 2001 R.S. which authorizes DHH to create drug formulary. Also corrects language added by the Senate on use of savings. |
| ? | Allocates additional \$262,600 for emergency medical transportation from Medicaid. |
| ? | Revises nursing home rate increase to provide \$4.70 increase to continue initial year rebasing through revision of state plan for FY 01-02 only and for cost increases verified by DHH. |
| ? | Provides \$2.7 million in total funds to Earl K. Long Medical Center (\$800,000 SGF) to address critical situation to provide for nursing services and maintain medical education program. |

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| ? | Increases Fatherhood Initiatives from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 by reducing Energy Assistance from \$18 million to \$17.5 million (Senate amendment had reduced Fatherhood program from \$4 million to \$500,000) |
| ? | Requires development of joint plan for micro-enterprise development by Women's Services and Department of Economic Development (Senate amendment had placed sole authority with Women's Services) |
| ? | Authorizes transfer of a portion of Education and Training funds to Department of Education to facilitate program implementation |

CORRECTIONS

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| ? | Removes contingency language related to HB 665 (alternatives to incarceration) and SB 239 (minimum mandatory sentences) from House amendments and shifts contingency to restoration of funding to Sheriffs' Housing if those bills are not enacted. |
| ? | Provides \$650,000 Self-generated Revenue to Public Safety, Gaming Enforcement from \$50 fee for implementation of Slot Central Computer System |

EDUCATION

- ? Provides \$50,000 Federal funding for initial implementation of GEAR UP program in LaSIP in anticipation of receipt of Federal grant. Remainder of funding would require BA-7 approval.
- ? Provides \$80,000 Federal funding for promotional activities associated with the START Program.
- ? Provides for use of \$1 million in fund balance in Higher Education Initiatives Fund for implementation costs of Higher Education Master Plan.

CULTURE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ? Restores funding of New Orleans Classic Foundation reduced by Senate.
- ? Removes language added by Senate requiring Budget Committee approval of EDAP projects. DED reorganization bill had provided for streamlined approval process.
- ? Removes contingency language from appropriation for Bicentennial Commission.
- ? Provides \$450,000 for operation and maintenance of property transferred to State Parks from Poverty Point Reservoir contingent on enactment of House Bill No. 1351.

OTHER

- ? Provides \$2.4 million Federal funding for Youth Challenge program
- ? Removes language allowing agencies to exceed authorized positions until January 1, 2001.
- ? Replaces \$1,410,000 in State General Fund in Division of Administration with Self-generated Revenue for Office of State Lands.
- ? Provides \$160,000 for evaluation of Chicot Aquifer Complex in Southwest Louisiana.