

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 1 By Representative LeBlanc

June 21, 1999

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 9, 1999, be adopted: Nos. 1 through 72, 74, 76 through 88, 90 through 112, 114, and 117 through 143.
2. That the following Senate Committee Amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 9, 1999, be rejected: Nos. 73, 75, 89, 113, 115, and 116.
3. That the following Senate Floor Amendments in the set of 46 amendments (designated No. 890) proposed by Senator Hainkel and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted: Nos. 1 through 7, 9 through 28, 30, 31, 36, and 39 through 46.
4. That the following Senate Floor Amendments in the set of 46 amendments (designated No. 890) proposed by Senator Hainkel and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be rejected: Nos. 8, 29, 32 through 35, 37, and 38.
5. That the set of two Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 896) proposed by Senator Hainkel and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
6. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 2 through 11 in the set of 12 amendments (designated No. 903) proposed by Senator Hainkel and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
7. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 and 12 in the set of 12 amendments (designated No. 903) proposed by Senator Hainkel and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be rejected.
8. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 904) proposed by Senator Hainkel and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
9. That the set of two Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 912) proposed by Senator Hainkel and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
10. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 925) proposed by Senator Hainkel and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
11. That the set of seven Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 932) proposed by Senator Hainkel and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be rejected.
12. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated VICKNAIN384) proposed by Senators Hainkel and Hines and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be rejected.
13. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 893) proposed by Senator Bajoie and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1998, be adopted.
14. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 929) proposed by Senator Bajoie and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
15. That the set of two Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 902) proposed by Senator Cain and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
16. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 909) proposed by Senator Cain and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.

17. That the set of two Senate Floor Amendments (designated No. 920) proposed by Senator Ellington and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be rejected.
18. That the set of five Senate Floor Amendments (designated VICKNAIN383) proposed by Senator Ellington and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
19. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 923) proposed by Senators Hines and Landry and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
20. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 930) proposed by Senators Hines and Landry and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be rejected.
21. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated VICKNAIN378) proposed by Senator Hines and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be rejected.
22. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated MITCHELB602) proposed by Senator Hollis and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
23. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated No. 879) proposed by Senator Jones and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be adopted.
24. That the Senate Floor Amendment (designated VICKNAIN381) proposed by Senators Jones and Cox and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, be rejected.
25. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 9, 1999, on page 1, at the end of line 11, change "1,350,000" to "1,500,000".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 9, 1999, on page 1, delete lines 12 through 14 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 49 proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 9, 1999, on page 9, delete lines 30 through 34 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 93 proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 9, 1999, on page 15, delete lines 24 and 25 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Tobacco Settlement Revenues for a program of research grants and projects in advanced health care sciences to support clinical and laboratory research efforts based in Louisiana universities and institutions represented in the membership of the Medical Education Commission as provided in R.S. 17:1519.8, to fund both basic and applied research, encourage institutional commitment and leveraging of state funds, to be administered by the Board of Regents through an objective peer review based competitive process

\$ 10,000,000

Provided, however, that of the \$10,000,000 appropriated herein, the sum of \$1,000,000 shall be used for cessation and prevention of smoking programs."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 118 proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 9, 1999, on page 18, delete lines 28 and 29 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Role, Scope, and Mission Statement: *The mission of the Louisiana Technical College System is to provide the residents of Louisiana with quality instructional curricula which will enhance both their personal and job skills development, resulting in skilled employees for business and industry while contribution to the productive resources of the nation. Each campus strives to meet its goal of providing a well-trained and credentialed workforce necessary to support economic development, to provide all citizens the training necessary to support economic development, to provide all citizens the training necessary for immediate or future employment opportunities, and to provide for life-long learning opportunities.*

General Performance Information:

1996-2000

Cumulative enrollment (total students served)	54,965
Enrollment in preparatory programs	29,868
Enrollment in short-term programs	25,097
FTEs	17,178
Completers	16,338
Placements	11,544

Objective: To improve oversight procedures as measured by a 2% increase in both completers and placements at the technical college campuses statewide.

Performance Indicators:

Percent increase in completers	2%
Percent increase in placements	2%
Number of completers	13,915
Number of placements	11,630

Objective: Through the Pell Grant activity, to improve oversight of the technical college campus financial aid operations as measured by a 2% reduction in the number of Pell Grant recipient data records which are submitted in error and must be corrected.

Performance Indicators:

Percent reduction in errors	2%
Total amount of Pell Grants paid in LTC system	\$9,000,000

Objective: To improve the management process by reducing the approval time for short-term training programs for technical colleges from 50 days to 25 days.

Performance Indicators:

Average approval time (in days) for programs	25
Number of short-term training programs funded	30

Objective: To ensure that Carl D. Perkins funds are expended according to federal law and that there is a 5% reduction in the number of technical college campuses which have carryover funds.

Performance Indicators:

Number of technical colleges with carryover funds	40
Percent reduction in the number of campuses with carryover funds	4.8%

Objective: To ensure that eligible Pell Grant students are paid in a timely fashion as measured by 100% payment of all requests submitted.

Performance Indicators:

Percent of students paid	100%
Number of students paid	4,900
Maximum grant per student	\$3,000

Objective: Through the tuition/exemption activity, to improve the teacher certification process for post-secondary vocational instructors as measured by a 5% increase in the number of instructors who are elevated from temporary to permanent certification.

Performance Indicators:

Number of instructors completing certification for permanent status	55
Percent increase in the number of instructors completing certification for permanent status	5.8%

The Board shall submit performance indicators for the system and individual campuses to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the Division of Administration no later than August 15, 1999."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

In Amendment No. 1 of the set of two Senate Floor amendments (designated No. 902) proposed by Senator Cain and adopted by the Senate on June 11, 1999, on page 1, line 6, after "Bill No. 1103" delete the remainder of the line.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 19, line 26, after the period "." and before "Further", insert the following:

"The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to correct the means of financing and expenditures for any appropriation contained in Schedule 20-901 - Sales Tax Dedications to reflect the enactment of any law enacted by the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature which affects any such means of financing or expenditure."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 27, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for expert witness and legal fees in the organ allocation lawsuit	\$ 150,000
 EXPENDITURES:	
Operating Expenses of the Louisiana Free-Net	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u><u>\$ 500,000</u></u>
 MEANS OF FINANCING:	
State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 150,000
State General Fund (Direct) from tobacco settlement revenues	<u>\$ 350,000</u>
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<u><u>\$ 500,000</u></u> "

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 30, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Interagency Transfers from the Department of Labor for operating expenses of the Workforce Development Commission	\$ 300,000"
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AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 65, at the end of line 19, change "200,000" to "250,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 81, between lines 35 and 36, insert the following:

"In the event that Senate Bill No. 1068 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law, the commissioner of administration is hereby directed to reduce the State General Fund (Direct) appropriations in the Office of Management and Finance Program in the amount of \$1,922,000 for support of Special School District No. 2 as provided in such Act."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 84, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for seven (7) positions and associated funding for the Mental Health Transition Unit within the Health Services Program at the Louisiana State Penitentiary	\$ 442,093"
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AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 87, line 6, change "\$26.71" to "\$27.58"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 94, at the end of line 29, change "97.9%" to "97.8%"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 105, after line 50, insert the following:

"In the event that Senate Bill No. 110 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law, an amount not to exceed \$100,000 of State General Fund (Direct) is hereby appropriated to fully fund the provisions of such Act, provided that such State General Fund (Direct) monies shall be obtained through reductions of not less than \$100,000 effected by the commissioner of administration from the State General Fund (Direct) appropriations contained in any budget unit in Schedule 08. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections is directed to work with the office of risk management's "Return to Work" Program so as to effect a similar amount of savings to offset any such reduction, and the commissioner of administration is further directed to distribute any such savings effected through the "Return to Work" Program within the department to any budget units to minimize such reduction. Additionally, the secretary shall quarterly report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on the implementation of these provisions and any savings effected through the "Return to Work" Program."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 120, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"In the event that House Bill No. 925 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law and implemented, the first \$1,002,680 in savings which are determined to be directly attributable to that Act as determined by the Revenue Estimating Conference shall be used to the extent available to pay 100% of allowable costs to rural hospitals for outpatient services rendered to Medicaid eligible recipients."

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 123, at the end of line 17, change "198,584,910" to "198,434,910"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 126, line 20, change "220,294,652" to "220,144,652"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 126, line 22, change "48,672,019" to "48,522,019"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 126, line 29, change "220,294,652" to "220,144,652"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 126, after line 49, insert the following:

"Provided, however, that of the State General Fund (Direct) appropriation contained herein the amount of \$700,000 shall be allocated as follows: LSU Medical Center - New Orleans, \$99,500; LSU Medical Center - Shreveport Sickle Cell Center of Northern Louisiana, \$174,500; Tulane University Sickle Cell Center of Southern Louisiana, \$99,500; Acadian Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, \$49,500; Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, \$49,500; Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, \$49,500; Northwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, \$49,500; Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, \$49,500; Louisiana Association for Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, \$29,500; and Acadian Sickle Cell Anemia Rehabilitation and Education Program (Lake Charles), \$49,500."

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 149, delete lines 27 through 40 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 150, lines 22, change "86,411,754" to "84,811,754"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 150, between lines 38 and 39, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to Community Based Programs for a contract with Friends Helping Families for information and referral services	\$ 150,000"
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AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 161, line 48, change "30,110,685" to "29,960,685"

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 161, line 51, change "30,240,159" to "30,390,159"

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 162, line 5, change "2,090,054" to "1,267,181"

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 162, line 15, change "2,090,054" to "1,267,181"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 162, line 19, change "1,965,054" to "1,142,181"

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 162, line 20, change "2,090,054" to "1,267,181"

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 162, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Fees and Self-generated revenues from prior year collections, in the event that House Bill No. 1365 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law	\$ 421,843"
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AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 173, after line 49, insert the following:

"Provided, however, that of the federal funds appropriated herein the amount of \$300,000 shall be transferred to the Office of Lifelong Learning to support efforts to improve statewide employment training programs and systems.

Provided, however, that of the funds appropriated herein the amount of \$100,000 shall be allocated for training associated with the National Center for Advanced Manufacturing Planning, Construction and Equipment."

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 175, at the end of line 41, change "13,994,629" to "12,104,629"

AMENDMENT NO. 34

On page 176, at the end of line 38, change "17,524,669" to "15,634,669"

AMENDMENT NO. 35

On page 176, at the end of line 42, change "14,066,861" to "12,176,861"

AMENDMENT NO. 36

On page 176, at the end of line 50, change "17,524,669" to "15,634,669"

AMENDMENT NO. 37

On page 177, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications from the Saltwater Fishery Enforcement Fund, in the event Senate Bill No. 1038 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law	\$ 1,890,000"
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AMENDMENT NO. 38

On page 177, at the end of line 6, change "18,439,688" to "17,624,688"

AMENDMENT NO. 39

On page 177, at the end of line 49, change "18,439,688" to "17,624,688"

AMENDMENT NO. 40

On page 178, at the end of line 6, change "8,538,108" to "5,651,781"

AMENDMENT NO. 41

On page 178, at the end of line 20, change "18,439,688" to "17,624,688"

AMENDMENT NO. 42

On page 178, between lines 38, and 39, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications from the Wildlife Habitat and Natural Heritage Trust Fund to the Office of Wildlife for construction of a boat launch and parking lot at the department's Point au Chien Wildlife Management Area	\$ 150,000
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Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications from the Louisiana Alligator Resource Fund to the Office of Wildlife for additional marketing by the Fur and Alligator Council	\$ 200,000
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Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications from the Louisiana Duck Stamp Fund to the Office of Wildlife for payment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a cooperative project on Catahoula Lake	\$ 77,000"
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AMENDMENT NO. 43

On page 178, at the beginning of line 45, delete "Federal Funds" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"State General Fund by
Interagency Transfers"

AMENDMENT NO. 44

On page 188, line 24, change "11,000,000" to "16,500,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 45

On page 188, delete lines 34 through 38 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 46

On page 215, delete lines 46 through 49 in their entirety, and on page 216, delete lines 1 through 38 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 47

On page 216, between lines 38 and 39, insert the following:

"Provided, however, that all salaries and job responsibilities of administrative staff of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall be reported to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget not later than September 1, 1999."

AMENDMENT NO. 48

On page 216, delete lines 42 and 43 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"the Board of Regents, with a report on the approved plan submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget \$ 2,400,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 49

On page 288, between lines 30 and 31, insert the following:

"In the event that Senate Bill No. 1068 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law, the commissioner of administration is hereby directed to reduce the State General Fund (Direct) appropriations in the Minimum Foundation Program in the amount of \$936,913 for support of Special School District No. 2 as provided in such Act."

AMENDMENT NO. 50

On page 290, after line 55, insert the following:

"EXPENDITURES:	
Special School District No. 2 Instruction Authorized Positions (99), in the event that Senate Bill No. 1068 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law	\$ 2,858,913
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 2,858,913</u>
"MEANS OF FINANCE:	
State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 2,858,913
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<u>\$ 2,858,913"</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 51

On page 303, delete lines 24 through 30 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Provided, however, that the St. Tammany Parish Tourism Commission and the St. Tammany Parish Economic and Industrial Development District may enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the East St. Tammany Convention Center to provide funding of not more than \$350,000 for the East St. Tammany Convention Center."

AMENDMENT NO. 52

On page 305, after line 47, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications out of the Rapides Parish Coliseum Fund in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 47:322.32	\$ 75,000
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Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications out of the Baker Economic Development Fund, but only in the event House Bill No. 2076 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law	\$ 45,000
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Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications out of the New Orleans Area Tourism and Economic Development Fund in accordance with R.S. 47:322.38, in the event Senate Bill No. 1108 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law	\$ 7,700,000
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Provided, however, that in the event House Bill No. 117 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law, the treasurer is hereby directed to transfer and distribute all funds remaining in the Houma-Terrebonne Tourist Commission Fund to the Houma Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Provided, however, that in the event House Bill No. 765 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law, the treasurer is hereby directed to transfer and distribute all funds remaining in the Livingston Parish Tourism Improvement Fund to the Livingston Parish Tourism and Economic Development Fund.

Provided, however, that in the event that any legislation introduced in the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted which provides for the transfer and distribution of funds remaining in the St. Tammany Parish Tourist Commission Fund to the St. Tammany Parish Fund, the treasurer is hereby directed to effect such transfer in accordance with the provisions of such Act.

Provided, however, that in the event House Bill No. 976 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law, the treasurer is hereby directed to transfer and distribute all funds remaining in the Shreveport Riverfront and Convention Center Fund to the Shreveport Riverfront and Convention Center and Independence Stadium Fund."

AMENDMENT NO. 53

On page 309, at the end of line 23, change "200,000" to "400,000"

Respectfully submitted,

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