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**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senator Shaw to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 259 by Senator Marionneaux

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Delete the set of four amendments proposed by Senator Marionneaux and adopted by the  
3 Senate on June 7, 2011.

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, after "income" insert:

6 "to provide for the related matter of insuring that the phase-out of income tax  
7 revenue is offset with a reduction of expenditures by requiring the governor and the  
8 commissioner of administration to present to the legislature a program by a certain  
9 date to implement or propose the implementation of certain budget-cutting actions  
10 by administrative action, adoption of rules and regulations, and proposed  
11 legislation;"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 3

13 On page 3, after line 14, insert:

14 **"(3)(a) In order to insure that the phase-out of individual and corporate**  
15 **income tax beginning in 2013 and completed by January 1, 2022 required by the**  
16 **provisions of Subsections A and C of this Section is offset by reductions of state**  
17 **expenditures, the governor and the commissioner of administration are hereby**  
18 **directed to do the following to implement or begin the implementation of the**  
19 **budget reduction actions set forth in Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph within**  
20 **the time provided for in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. They shall:**

21 **(i) Take the necessary administrative action, or require the appropriate**  
22 **head of any governmental agency under their jurisdiction to take such**  
23 **administrative action, in those cases where such budget reduction actions may**  
24 **be implemented by such administrative action.**

25 **(ii) Adopt the necessary rules or regulations, or require the secretary of**  
26 **a department or the appropriate head of any governmental agency under their**  
27 **jurisdiction to adopt such rules or regulations, in those cases where such budget**  
28 **reduction actions require the adoption of rules or regulations in order to be**  
29 **implemented.**

30 **(iii) Propose specific legislative bills to be enacted by the legislature**  
31 **where such budget reduction actions require the enactment of a law or laws in**  
32 **order to be implemented.**

33 **(b) No later than the day required for the governor to submit the**  
34 **executive budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget as provided**  
35 **for in R.S. 39:37(A), the governor and the commissioner of administration are**  
36 **hereby further directed to provide a written report to such committee and to**  
37 **provide to each member of the legislature a printed copy of such report within**  
38 **a week thereafter of the following to implement or begin the implementation of**  
39 **the budget reduction actions set forth in Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph:**

40 **(i) The administrative actions they have taken, propose to take, or have**  
41 **required the secretary of a department or the appropriate head of any**  
42 **governmental entity under their jurisdiction to take.**

43 **(ii) The rules or regulations they have adopted, or that the secretaries of**  
44 **departments or the appropriate heads of governmental agencies under their**  
45 **jurisdiction have adopted.**

46 **(iii) The specific legislative bills they will propose to the legislature to be**  
47 **enacted, a statement of their full support for such legislation, and a**

1 comprehensive plan of the governor for persuading the voters of the state and  
2 legislators to support the enactment of such legislation.

3 (c) The budget reduction actions which the governor and the  
4 commissioner of administration are hereby directed to implement or provide  
5 for the implementation are the following:

6 (i) Require only one manager for every ten state employee positions or  
7 more.

8 (ii) Eliminate ten percent by value of state consulting contracts.

9 (iii) Renegotiate the state’s consulting contracts to require a five percent  
10 reduction in cost.

11 (iv) Establish a system of centralized collection, automated notices, and  
12 tax refund offsets to collect state accounts receivables.

13 (v) Require the implementation of RS 22:1065 (LaHIPP) in order to  
14 purchase private insurance for low-income citizens when it is cheaper than  
15 Medicaid.

16 (vi) Propose legislation to change state law and provide for the  
17 enforcement of federal law to reduce state-funded emergency room visits for  
18 nonemergencies by twenty five percent.

19 (vii) Require the review of all Medicaid-funded hospitalizations for  
20 medical necessity.

21 (viii) Establish physician-training agreements between Charity Hospitals  
22 and other hospitals in Louisiana with a high Medicare patient mix in order to  
23 capture Medicare medical education funding.

24 (ix) Reform the state Medicaid Preferred Pharmaceutical Drug List to  
25 include the most effective drugs at the lowest price for each illness.

26 (x) Reduce administrative costs for the state Medicaid Program by ten  
27 percent.

28 (xi) Require state prisoners to pursue a GED as an incentive for  
29 probation or parole in order to reduce the recidivism rate.

30 (xii) Propose legislation to provide refundable state income tax credits  
31 to taxpayers with dependents in underperforming public schools to be used to  
32 send their dependents to parochial and private schools which are shown to be  
33 performing better.

34 (xiii) Establish a self-sustaining state revolving loan fund to finance local  
35 capital outlay projects at reduced borrowing costs.

36 (xiv) Postpone the current “LaGov ERP” computer upgrade until a  
37 cost-benefit analysis is completed and discontinue the program if the analysis  
38 indicates that it should be discontinued.

39 (xv) Propose legislation to place all higher education institutions except  
40 for community colleges under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents.

41 (xvi) Require the Board of Regents to eliminate wasteful duplicate  
42 programs by assigning each college and university a role, scope, and mission;  
43 provide for Louisiana State University to be the state’s flagship university; and  
44 implement a system for the universal uniform transfer of course credits from  
45 community colleges to four-year colleges and universities, and also for the  
46 universal uniform transfer of course credits among colleges and universities.

47 (xvii) Enter into joint ventures with private developers, chosen by  
48 competitive bid, to develop underutilized state land into income-producing  
49 assets, with the recurring revenues shared by the state and the private  
50 developers.

51 (xviii) Authorize the Legislative Auditor to audit per-patient costs,  
52 employees per occupied bed, and medical supplies procurement and  
53 management at Louisiana’s Charity Hospitals, and require the implementation  
54 of recommendations by the Legislative Auditor.

55 (xix) Direct that annual spending per secure commitment in the  
56 Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice be equal to the Southern average.

57 (xx) Require conditions in the contracts of all state vendors and  
58 contractors that they receive a tax clearance from the Department of Revenue  
59 certifying that all state taxes have been paid, and that the state is authorized to  
60 offset any future tax liabilities against contract payments owed such vendors  
61 and contractors.

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(xxi) Establish cooperative agreements with the states of Mississippi and Arkansas to purchase supplies in bulk and share heavy equipment, specialized vehicles, aircraft, warehouse space, call centers, collection operations, licensing functions, back office operations, and agricultural, fishery and nursery operations, similar to the Wisconsin-Minnesota Collaboration Project.

(xxii) Propose legislation to competitively bid state contracts for maintenance of state-owned computer hardware and software.

(xxiii) Propose an Executive Budget which appropriates only ninety-seven percent of revenue estimates by the Revenue Estimating Conference in order to minimize mid-fiscal year budget cuts and avoid disruption of agency budgets.

(xxiv) Any recommendations proposed by the Commission on Streamlining Government in its Report dated December 15, 2009 which is not in conflict with or otherwise would limit the budget reduction actions required by this Subparagraph.

(xxv) Any other budget reduction actions proposed by the governor or the commissioner."