
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

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

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

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

9 AMENDMENT NO. 2

10 On page 3, after line 14, insert:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 **(iii) The specific legislative bills they will propose to the legislature to be**
44 **enacted, a statement of their full support for such legislation, and a**
45 **comprehensive plan of the governor for persuading the voters of the state and**
46 **legislators to support the enactment of such legislation.**

47 **(c) The budget reduction actions which the governor and the**
48 **commissioner of administration are hereby directed to implement or provide**
49 **for the implementation are the following:**

- 1 (i) Require only one manager for every ten state employee positions or
 2 more.
- 3 (ii) Eliminate ten percent by value of state consulting contracts.
- 4 (iii) Renegotiate the state’s consulting contracts to require a five percent
 5 reduction in cost.
- 6 (iv) Establish a system of centralized collection, automated notices, and
 7 tax refund offsets to collect state accounts receivables.
- 8 (v) Require the implementation of R.S. 22:1065 (LaHIPP) in order to
 9 purchase private insurance for low-income citizens when it is cheaper than
 10 Medicaid.
- 11 (vi) Propose legislation to change state law and provide for the
 12 enforcement of federal law to reduce state-funded emergency room visits for
 13 nonemergencies by twenty five percent.
- 14 (vii) Require the review of all Medicaid-funded hospitalizations for
 15 medical necessity.
- 16 (viii) Establish physician-training agreements between Charity Hospitals
 17 and other hospitals in Louisiana with a high Medicare patient mix in order to
 18 capture Medicare medical education funding.
- 19 (ix) Reform the state Medicaid Preferred Pharmaceutical Drug List to
 20 include the most effective drugs at the lowest price for each illness.
- 21 (x) Reduce administrative costs for the state Medicaid Program by ten
 22 percent.
- 23 (xi) Require state prisoners to pursue a GED as an incentive for
 24 probation or parole in order to reduce the recidivism rate.
- 25 (xii) Establish a self-sustaining state revolving loan fund to finance local
 26 capital outlay projects at reduced borrowing costs.
- 27 (xiii) Postpone the current “LaGov ERP” computer upgrade until a
 28 cost-benefit analysis is completed and discontinue the program if the analysis
 29 indicates that it should be discontinued.
- 30 (xiv) Propose legislation to place all higher education institutions except
 31 for community colleges under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents.
- 32 (xv) Require the Board of Regents to eliminate wasteful duplicate
 33 programs by assigning each college and university a role, scope, and mission;
 34 provide for Louisiana State University to be the state’s flagship university; and
 35 implement a system for the universal uniform transfer of course credits from
 36 community colleges to four-year colleges and universities, and also for the
 37 universal uniform transfer of course credits among colleges and universities.
- 38 (xvi) Enter into joint ventures with private developers, chosen by
 39 competitive bid, to develop underutilized state land into income-producing
 40 assets, with the recurring revenues shared by the state and the private
 41 developers.
- 42 (xvii) Authorize the legislative auditor to audit per-patient costs,
 43 employees per occupied bed, and medical supplies procurement and
 44 management at Louisiana’s Charity Hospitals, and require the implementation
 45 of recommendations by the legislative auditor.
- 46 (xviii) Direct that annual spending per secure commitment in the
 47 Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice be equal to the Southern average.
- 48 (xix) Require conditions in the contracts of all state vendors and
 49 contractors that they receive a tax clearance from the Department of Revenue
 50 certifying that all state taxes have been paid, and that the state is authorized to
 51 offset any future tax liabilities against contract payments owed such vendors
 52 and contractors.
- 53 (xx) Establish cooperative agreements with the states of Mississippi and
 54 Arkansas to purchase supplies in bulk and share heavy equipment, specialized
 55 vehicles, aircraft, warehouse space, call centers, collection operations, licensing
 56 functions, back office operations, and agricultural, fishery and nursery
 57 operations, similar to the Wisconsin-Minnesota Collaboration Project.
- 58 (xxi) Propose legislation to competitively bid state contracts for
 59 maintenance of state-owned computer hardware and software.

- 1 **(xxii) Propose an executive budget which appropriates only ninety-seven**
- 2 **percent of revenue estimates by the Revenue Estimating Conference in order to**
- 3 **minimize mid-fiscal year budget cuts and avoid disruption of agency budgets.**
- 4 **(xxiii) Any recommendations proposed by the Commission on**
- 5 **Streamlining Government in its report dated December 15, 2009, which are not**
- 6 **in conflict with or otherwise would limit the budget reduction actions required**
- 7 **by this Subparagraph.**
- 8 **(xxiv) Any other budget reduction actions proposed by the governor or**
- 9 **the commissioner."**