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HOUSE BILL NO. 220

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFF: Requires the Legislative Fiscal Office to issue certain reports regarding the General Appropriation Bill

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 24:604.2, relative to the functions and duties of the Legislative Fiscal Office;
3 to require certain reports regarding the General Appropriation Bill; to provide for the
4 availability of such reports; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 24:604.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §604.2. General Appropriation Bill; reports of enhancements, reductions, and means
8 of finance substitutions; availability of such reports

9 A. The Legislative Fiscal Office shall analyze the General Appropriation Bill
10 and shall issue a report as soon as possible upon each step of the progress of the bill
11 through the legislative process regarding major enhancements and increases
12 compared to the previous year's budget, major reductions compared to the previous
13 year's budget, and means of finance substitutions compared to the previous year's
14 budget. For purposes of this Section, the phrase "each step of the progress of the bill
15 through the legislative process" shall mean the original General Appropriation Bill
16 as introduced, the engrossed General Appropriation Bill after report by the House
17 Committee on Appropriations, the General Appropriation Bill as finally passed by
18 the House of Representatives, the General Appropriation Bill with adopted Senate
19 Committee Amendments, the General Appropriation Bill with adopted Senate Floor
20 Amendments as finally passed by the Senate, the proposed conference committee

1 report on the General Appropriation Bill, and the General Appropriation Act, as the
2 case may be.

3 B. Immediately upon completion of each report required by this Section, the
4 legislative fiscal officer shall transmit a copy to each member of the legislature via
5 electronic mail and shall make each report available on the website of the Legislative
6 Fiscal Office. In addition, the legislative fiscal officer shall make each report
7 required by this Section available to the appropriate legislative officers who shall
8 ensure that the reports are easily accessible by the public through the joint legislative
9 website as information linked to the General Appropriation Bill.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the legislative fiscal officer to analyze the General Appropriation Bill and issue reports regarding major enhancements and increases, major reductions, and means of finance substitutions from the previous year's budget and requires such reports to be e-mailed to each legislator, posted on the Legislative Fiscal Office website, and made available through the joint legislative website as information linked to the General Appropriation Bill.

Present law creates the Legislative Fiscal Office for the provision of service, research, and technical staff assistance concerning fiscal matters of any kind to the members of the legislature and to the committees thereof and provides that, subject to the general direction and supervision of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the Legislative Fiscal Office shall have certain specified functions and duties.

Proposed law separately requires the Legislative Fiscal Office to analyze the General Appropriation Bill and issue reports as soon as possible upon each step of the progress of the bill through the legislative process regarding major enhancements and increases compared to the previous year's budget, major reductions compared to the previous year's budget, and means of finance substitutions compared to the previous year's budget. Defines "each step of the progress of the bill through the legislative process" for such purposes. Further requires the legislative fiscal officer to e-mail each report to each legislator and to make each report available on the website of the Legislative Fiscal Office and to the appropriate legislative officers who shall ensure that the reports are easily accessible by the public through the joint legislative website as information linked to the General Appropriation Bill. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Adds R.S. 24:604.2)