
DIGEST

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HB No. 220

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)