

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

BY REPRESENTATIVES HAVARD AND HARRIS

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

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  
21 report on the General Appropriation Bill, and the General Appropriation Act, as the  
22 case may be.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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