

The FY 2014-2015 General Appropriation Bill (GAB) totals \$24.6 billion, of which \$8.2 billion is State General Fund (Direct) (SGF). SGF increased \$447 million when compared to the FY 2013-2014 existing operating budget as of December 1, 2014. Overall, FY 2014-2015 total GAB funding is \$807 million less than FY 2013-2014.

Other means of financing for FY 2014-2015 include: interagency transfers at \$1.1 billion, or \$566 million less than FY 2013-2014; fees and self-generated revenues at \$2.4 billion, or \$235 million more than FY 2013-2014; statutory dedications at \$2.9 billion, or \$456 million less than FY 2013-2014; and federal funding at \$9.9 billion or \$466 million less than FY 2013-2014.

The Preamble to the General Appropriation Bill provides that the commissioner of administration shall make reductions of at least \$75,659,793 million in State General Fund from budget units within HB 1. Such adjustments shall include reductions based on a report on Governmental Efficiencies Management Report prepared by Alvarez and Marsal.

Effective July 1, 2014.

VETO MESSAGE:

"As authorized by Article III, Section 18(B), and more particularly, Article IV, Section 5(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, I have exercised my right to veto 8 items of the General Appropriation Bill. This letter is to communicate that I have vetoed items in House Bill No. 1, as follows:

VETO MESSAGE NO. 1

On page 6, delete lines 3 through 13 in their entirety:

Louisiana Revised Statutes 23:332 prohibits intentional discrimination in employment; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 2

On page 30, delete lines 20 through 23 in their entirety:

This function has been integrated into Adult Protective Services, and this funding is insufficient to perform this function; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 3

On page 30, delete lines 24 through 26 in their entirety:

This language will cause a funding shortfall in other Senior Centers in the Orleans Parish; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 4

On page 60, delete lines 55 through 57 in their entirety:

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the Department of Economic Development; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 5

On page 99, line 50, after "Schedule," delete the remainder of the line, delete line 51 in its entirety, and on line 52, delete "reimbursement rate for inpatient hospital services and":

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the Department of Health and Hospitals during fiscally challenging times; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 6

On page 112, delete lines 47 through 53 in their entirety:

The Department of Health and Hospitals needs to have flexibility in implementing reimbursement methodologies; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 7

On page 120, delete lines 53 through 56 in their entirety:

This amendment would create an insufficient duplication of service delivery systems, affecting some of the State's most vulnerable citizens; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 8

On page 125, delete lines 7 through 9 in their entirety:

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the Department of Health and Hospitals during fiscally challenging times; therefore, I am vetoing this item."