

powers to adjust the budget upon receiving notification that there is a decrease in the receipt of federal revenues associated with the support of a state assistance program in the current fiscal year.

Present law provides that if the official forecast of recurring money for the next fiscal year is at least one percent less than the official forecast of recurring money for the current fiscal year, the governor and the legislature may employ certain methods and procedures in the development of the state budget for the next fiscal year for the purpose of avoiding a budget deficit in the next fiscal year.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the governor and the legislature may employ certain methods and procedures in the development of the state budget for the next fiscal year for the purpose of avoiding a budget deficit in the next fiscal year, if there is a projected decrease in the receipt of federal revenues associated with the support of state assisted programs in the next fiscal year.

Proposed law provides that the projected decrease in federal revenues associated with state assistance programs shall be incorporated into the continuation and five-year baseline budget projection as presented to the JLCB.

Section 1 of the Act which authorizes the reduction of certain appropriations or allocations if there is a decrease or projected decrease in federal revenues associated with state assistance programs, becomes effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article VII, Section 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as SB _____ of the 2015 RS is adopted at the statewide election to be held on October 24, 2015, and becomes effective. Sections 2 and 3 of the Act, which are the effective date provisions, become effective on July 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 39:75(A)(4), (B), (C)(intro para), and (E)(intro para); adds R.S. 39: 75(F))