

SENATE BILL NO. 262

BY SENATOR JACKSON

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:2(49) and 36(A)(6), relative to the contents and format of the executive budget; to provide for certain comparative statements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 39:2(49) and 36(A)(6) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, except where the context clearly requires otherwise, the words and expressions defined in this Section shall be held to have the meanings here given to them.

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(49) "Policy changes" means a narrative explanation of changes that result in increases or decreases in the level of funding, the level of services, or the scope of services expressed in policy terms as follows: legislative policy changes that result from changes in state or federal laws and related rules or regulations; judicial policy changes that result from court rulings and decrees; and administrative policy changes resulting from executive orders or prioritization of funding to meet specific goals and objectives of the executive branch. The narrative shall also include a citation of the relevant provision of law, judicial decision or order, or executive order or administrative action associated with each change in funding level.

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1 §36. Contents and format of executive budget; supporting document

2 A. The executive budget shall present a complete financial and programmatic
3 plan for the ensuing year, and it shall be configured in a format so as to clearly
4 present and highlight the functions and operations of state government and the
5 financial requirements associated with those functions and operations. The executive
6 budget shall be a performance-based budget. It shall include at a minimum the
7 following:

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9 **(6) Comparative statements for each department, budget unit, and**
10 **program of all policy changes as defined in R.S. 39:2(49), relative to increases**
11 **or decreases in the level of funding, the level of service, or the scope of services.**
12 **The statements shall also show the funding, workload, or performance changes**
13 **from the existing operating budget for the current fiscal year to the**
14 **recommended budget for the ensuing fiscal year.**

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16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008; if vetoed by the governor
17 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
18 2008, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____