

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 16 (HB 1)

2015 Regular Session

Fannin

Appropriates \$24.5 billion for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016, of which \$8.4 billion is state general fund (direct) (SGF). SGF increased \$70 million when compared to the FY 2014-2015 existing operating budget as of December 1, 2015. Overall, FY 2015-2016 total General Appropriation Bill (GAB) funding is \$605 million less than FY 2014-2015.

Other means of financing for FY 2015-2016 include: interagency transfers at \$1.2 billion, or \$12 million less than FY 2014-2015; fees and self-generated revenues at \$2.2 billion, or \$221 million less than FY 2014-2015; statutory dedications at \$2.9 billion, or \$223 million less than FY 2014-2015; and federal funding at \$9.7 billion or \$235 million less than FY 2014-2015.

The preamble to the GAB provides that supplementary budget recommendations shall become effective in the event that House Bill Nos. 119, 218, 402, 445, 466, 549, 555, 624, 629, 635, 779, 805, 829, or 833 or House Concurrent Resolution Nos. 8 or 15 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature is enacted into law or the official forecast for FY 2015-2016 is revised to incorporate additional State General Fund (Direct) revenues above the May 14, 2015, official forecast of revenues available for appropriation. In the event that the official forecast of revenues available for appropriation are insufficient to fully fund all supplementary items, these supplementary items shall be reduced on a pro rata basis.

The preamble also provides that the commissioner of administration shall make reductions of at least \$18.8 million in SGF from budget units within the GAB. Such adjustments shall include \$10 million from the total dollar value of contracts, \$4.8 million based on historical spending patterns (excluding DHH and Higher Education), and \$4 million from funded vacant positions (excluding DHH and Higher Education).

Effective July 1, 2015.

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 5 items of the General Appropriation Bill. I respectfully request that you deliver on my behalf the following message to the members of the Legislature, communicating that I have vetoed items in House Bill No. 1, as follows:

VETO MESSAGE NO. 1

On page 40, delete lines 22 through 27 in their entirety:

The Community Development Block Grant cannot be used for this purpose; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 2

On page 65, delete lines 48 through 49 in their entirety:

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the State Police; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 3

On page 78, delete lines 40 through 48 in their entirety; On page 79, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety:

According to federal restrictions, the Community Development Block Grant cannot be used for this purpose; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 4

On page 80, delete lines 4 through 17 in their entirety:

According to federal restrictions, the Community Development Block Grant cannot be used for this purpose; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 5

On page 88, lines 27 through 43 in their entirety:

According to federal restrictions, the Community Development Block Grant cannot be used for this purpose; therefore, I am vetoing this item."