

SENATE BILL NO. 342

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:29(B)(4) and (D)(2), relative to the nondiscretionary standstill budget; to provide for the nondiscretionary standstill budget to include means of financing substitutions adjustments necessary to finance a budget unit's existing operating budget in the ensuing fiscal year; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 39:29(B)(4) and (D)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§29. Budget guidelines

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B. (1)

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(4) Upon receipt of the budget unit's nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget estimates, the division of administration shall review the estimates for reasonableness and shall combine the agency estimates with the mandatory statewide standard adjustments provided for in the continuation budget, **and any means of financing substitutions that do not result in a net increase or decrease in the budget unit's total budget and are necessary to finance a budget unit's current-year existing operating budget as of December first in the ensuing fiscal year prior to the application of any other adjustments,** which shall constitute the nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

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D. The nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget and the continuation budget shall be contained in one document and shall be in a format which compares the budgets by budget unit, on the same page. For purposes of this Section, there shall be no less than four columns in this document:

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(2) The second column shall represent the nondiscretionary adjusted standstill budget which shall be the budget unit's current-year existing operating budget as of December first, including the cost to provide the mandatory expenditures in the ensuing fiscal year, **any means of financing substitutions that do not result in a net increase or decrease in the budget unit's total budget and are necessary to finance a budget unit's current-year existing operating budget as of December first in the ensuing fiscal year prior to the application of any other adjustments,** and the growth in the mandatory statewide adjustments.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_