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SENATE BILL NO. 656

BY SENATOR HEBERT

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FUNDS/FUNDING. Provides for appropriation bills of the state and political subdivision's budgets to clearly compare the previous year's funding level. (1/1/11)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 39:51(D) and 1305(C)(2)(a) and to enact R.S. 39:51(B), relative
3	to government budgets; to provide relative to the content and form of the general
4	appropriations, ancillary, legislative and judicial appropriation bills; to provide
5	relative to the content and form of budgets of political subdivisions; to provide for
6	an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 39:51(D) and 1305(C)(2)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted and
9	R.S. 39:51(B) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§51. General Appropriation Bill; other appropriation bills
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12	B. Repealed by Acts 2003, No. 1029, §1 The General Appropriation Bill
13	and the bill appropriating funds for ancillary expenses of state government shall
14	include for each program, department and budget unit, clearly presented side-
15	by-side comparative statements by the means of financing of the existing
16	operating budget for a date certain to be established by the budget office for the
17	current fiscal year and the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.

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D. The bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the legislature and the bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the judiciary shall be submitted by the legislature and the judiciary, respectively, for introduction no later than forty-five days prior to each regular session of the legislature, except that during the first year of each term they shall be submitted no later than thirty days prior to the regular session of the legislature. The bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the legislature and the bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the judiciary shall include a clearly presented side-by-side comparative statement by the means of financing of the existing operating budget for a date certain to be established by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council and the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, respectively, for the current fiscal year and the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.

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§1305. Budget preparation

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C. The budget document setting forth the proposed financial plan for the general fund and each special revenue fund shall include the following:

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(2)(a) A statement for the general fund and each special revenue fund showing the estimated fund balances at the beginning of the year; estimates of all receipts and revenues to be received; revenues itemized by source; recommended expenditures itemized by agency, department, function, and character; other financing sources and uses by source and use; and the estimated fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Such statements shall also include a clearly presented side-by-side detailed comparison of such information for the current year, including the fund balances at the beginning of the year, year to date actual receipts and revenues received and estimates of all receipts and revenues to be received the remainder of the year; estimated and actual revenues itemized by source; year

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to date actual expenditures and estimates of all expenditures to be made the remainder of the year itemized by agency, department, function, and character; other financing sources and uses by source and use, both year to date actual and estimates for the remainder of the year; the year to date actual and estimated fund balances as of the end of the fiscal year; and the percentage change for each item of information.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2011; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2011, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Martha S. Hess.

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u>, relative to the general appropriations act, requires the bill to be in conformity with the recommendations for appropriations contained in the executive budget.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but requires the general appropriation bill and the ancillary appropriation bill to include for each program, department and budget unit, clearly presented side-by-side comparative statements by the means of financing of the existing operating budget for a date certain to be established by the budget office for the current fiscal year and the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that the bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the legislature and the bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the judiciary shall include a clearly presented side-by-side comparative statement by the means of financing of the existing operating budget for a date certain to be established by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council and the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, respectively, for the current fiscal year and the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.

<u>Present law</u>, relative to the Local Government Budget Act, requires each political subdivision to prepare a comprehensive budget presenting a complete financial plan for each fiscal year for the general fund and each special revenue fund.

<u>Present law</u> requires the budget document setting forth the proposed financial plan for the general fund and each special revenue fund to include the following:

1. A budget message including a summary description of the proposed financial plan, policies, and objectives, assumptions, budgetary basis, and a discussion of the most important features.

2. A statement showing the estimated fund balances at the beginning of the year, estimates of all receipts and revenues to be received; revenues itemized by source; itemized recommended expenditures; other financing sources and uses; and the estimated fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that the budget document shall also include a clearly presented side-by-side detailed comparison of such information for the current year.

Effective January 1, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 39:51(D) and 1305(C)(2)(a); adds R.S. 39:51(B))