CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 29  2020 First Extraordinary Session  Zeringue

June 30, 2020

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 29 by Representative Zeringue, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Finance (#399) be adopted.

2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator White (#493) be adopted.

3. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"19-649  LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges Board of Supervisors for accreditation expenditures at Northshore Technical Community College $ 230,000

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges Board of Supervisors for accreditation expenditures at Central Louisiana Technical Community College $ 230,000

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges Board of Supervisors for accreditation expenditures at Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College $ 230,000"
AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

"20-930  HIGHER EDUCATION - DEBT SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to adjust the means of finance for the Debt Service and Maintenance Program, as contained in Act No. 10 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature, by reducing the appropriation out of the State General Fund (Direct) by ($690,000)."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

Representative Clay Schexnayder

Representative Dustin Miller

Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White Jr.

Senator Heather Cloud

Senator Gregory W. Tarver Sr.
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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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APPROPRIATIONS/SUPPLEML: Makes supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Item #2)

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Increase appropriations as follows: Interagency Transfers by $1,981,354 and Federal Funds by $782,500.

2. Appropriate $800,124 of State General Fund (Direct) of nonrecurring revenue out of the surplus from Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for Miscellaneous Non-state Capital Outlay.

3. Reduce ($51,031,316) of State General Fund (Direct) from the Louisiana Department of Health and transfer a like amount to the Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

4. Provide language that deems expenditures for certain Sales Tax Dedications as bona fide obligations through June 30, 2021.

5. Add an appropriation for one capital outlay project funded by $6,500,000 of General Obligation Bonds.

6. Provide language that deem capital outlay requests for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 submitted by June 30, 2020 are considered timely and that the information included in the request constitutes fulfilment of the required feasibility study.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Increase appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) by $690,000 for the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System.

2. Decrease appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) by ($690,000) for Higher Education - Debt Service and Maintenance.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Appropriates supplemental funding and provides for means of financing substitutions and other budgetary adjustments for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Provides for net increases (decreases) as follows: Interagency Transfers by $2,681,354; Fees and Self-generated Revenues by ($100,000); and Federal Funds by $4,695,424.

Additionally appropriates $800,124 of State General Fund (Direct) of nonrecurring revenue out of the surplus from Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for Miscellaneous Non-state Capital Outlay for the Jeanerette Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade.

Increases appropriations from Federal Funds in the Executive Department by $2,712,924 in the Division of Administration and by $700,000 for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.
Increases appropriations from Federal Funds by $500,000 and decreases the appropriation from Fees and Self-generated Revenues by ($100,000) for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Decreases the appropriation from State General Fund (Direct) by ($6,227,152) for the Department of State and transfers that same amount from State General Fund (Direct) to the Voting Technology Fund.

Increases appropriations from Interagency Transfers by $405,000 for the Department of Justice.

Increases appropriations from Interagency Transfers by $1,576,354 for Corrections Services from Local Housing of Adult Offenders - Criminal Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

Decreases the appropriation from State General Fund (Direct) by ($51,031,316) for the Louisiana Department of Health and transfers that same amount from State General Fund (Direct) to the Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

Increases appropriations out of Federal Funds by $782,500 for the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Aging and Adult Services.

Increases appropriations from Interagency Transfers by $700,000 for the LSU System for the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

Increases appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) by $690,000 for the LCTCS System for accreditation expenses at Northshore Technical Community College, Central Louisiana Technical Community College, and Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College.

Decreases the appropriation from State General Fund (Direct) by ($690,000) for Higher Education - Debt Service and Maintenance.

Adds an appropriation for Miscellaneous Non-State Capital Outlay for the Lafayette Loop Project funded by $6,500,000 of General Obligation Bonds.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.