

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY SENATOR ALARIO

FISCAL CONTROLS. Requests the governor, legislature, and judicial branch to implement statewide deficit avoidance plans.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize, urge, and request the governor, acting through the commissioner of administration, to instruct all departments and agencies of the executive branch to implement deficit avoidance plans and to urge and request the legislative and judicial branches to also implement deficit avoidance plans.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has experienced numerous mid-year and year-end budgetary deficits and shortfalls within the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the legislature that a plan be established within thirty days of the beginning of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in order to mitigate the effects of any mid-year or year-end deficit by managing and reserving, where possible, funds appropriated or allocated for discretionary expenditures by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the state or such time as the official forecast of state general fund (direct) maintains expectations for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the governor, acting by and through the commissioner of administration, to instruct, within thirty days of the beginning of Fiscal Year 2017-2018, all departments and agencies of the executive branch of the state to manage and reserve, where possible, funds appropriated or allocated for discretionary expenditures in order to mitigate the effects of

1 any mid-year or year-end deficit. The plan to reserve and manage expenditures proposed by
 2 the commissioner of administration shall be in the aggregate amount of \$50 million and shall
 3 not exceed a pro rata recommended amount for each branch, department, and agency.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
 5 and request the Judicial and Legislative branches to manage and reserve, where possible,
 6 funds appropriated or allocated for discretionary expenditures in order to mitigate the effects
 7 of any mid-year or year-end deficit.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of administration shall
 9 coordinate the efforts of the various branches, departments, and agencies to meet the intent
 10 of this Resolution.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
 12 governor, the commissioner of administration, the Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme
 13 Court, the Departments of State, Justice, Insurance, Treasury, Public Service, Agriculture
 14 and Forestry, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

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

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Requests the governor, acting through the commissioner of administration, to instruct all departments and agencies of the executive branch to plan to address possible mid-year or year-end deficits. Further requests the Judicial and Legislative branches to also manage and reserve, where possible, funds appropriated or allocated for discretionary expenditures in order to mitigate the effects of any mid-year or year-end deficit.