

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 38

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Harris

October 23, 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. 38 by Representative Harris, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Finance (#791) be adopted.
2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Peacock (#851) be rejected.
3. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Boudreaux (#891) be rejected.
4. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Peacock (#893) be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Lance Harris

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Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White Jr.

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Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

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Senator Heather Cloud

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Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel

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Senator Gerald Boudreaux

DIGEST

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides relative to funding university, parish, and municipal police departments (Items #15 and 16)

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Change the threshold for budget reductions that trigger the notification requirements from ten percent to twenty-five percent.

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Added public works, fire, and parks and recreations departments to the provisions of proposed law.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Proposed law requires any governing authority with a municipal police department or sheriff's office to notify the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) if the annual operating budget for the police department or sheriff's office decreases by 25% or more from the current to ensuing fiscal year or any time during the current year.

Proposed law authorizes JLCB to require the governing authority to appear before the committee and if JLCB determines the reductions will have a significant and harmful effect on public safety, the governing authority shall be ineligible to apply for or receive funding for any new capital outlay projects or receive appropriations from sales tax dedications for the ensuing fiscal year.

Proposed law exempts any political subdivision which decreases the annual operating budget for its municipal police department or sheriff's office due to a decrease in tax collections.

(Adds R.S. 39:291 and 292)