

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Engrossed House Bill No. 528 by Representative Bourriaque

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 36:501" and before "(C)(1)" delete "(B) and" and after "504(A)" delete "(2) and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 4, after "508(H)" insert "and (I),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 5, delete "through (K), and 508.2(G) through (I)," and insert "508.5, and 508.6,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 15, after "R.S. 36:501" and before "(C)(1)" delete "(B) and" and after "504(A)" delete "(2) and"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 2, after "508(H)" and before "are" delete "through (K), and 508.2(G) through (I)" and insert "and (I), 508.5, and 508.6"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 18 through 24 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, delete lines 5 through 7 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, at the beginning of line 8, delete "(8)"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, line 26, delete "In coordination with"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, delete lines 27 and 29 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 5, line 4, after "transformation" and before the period "." insert "in accordance with civil service rules"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 5, line 5, after "the" and before "Louisiana" insert "office of"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 13

2 On page 5, line 6, delete "Authority"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 14

4 On page 5, line 15, after "secretary" delete the remainder of the line and insert a period "."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 15

6 On page 5, delete line 16 in its entirety

7 AMENDMENT NO. 16

8 On page 5, line 17, delete "authority of the department, except that of the office of the
9 secretary."

10 AMENDMENT NO. 17

11 On page 6, delete lines 3 through 7 in their entirety and insert the following:

12 "§506. Undersecretary; functions; office of management and finance"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 18

14 On page 6, line 18, after "(2)" delete the remainder of the line

15 AMENDMENT NO. 19

16 On page 6, delete line 19 in its entirety

17 AMENDMENT NO. 20

18 On page 6, at the beginning of line 20, delete "operating budget."

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20 AMENDMENT NO. 21

21 On page 8, line 2, after "governor," delete the remainder of the line and insert "which salary
22 shall not exceed the amount approved for such position by the legislature while in session."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 22

24 On page 8, delete lines 3 and 4 in their entirety

25 AMENDMENT NO. 23

26 On page 8, line 13, after "G." delete the remainder of the line

27 AMENDMENT NO. 24

28 On page 8, line 14, delete "duties, or responsibilities to classified subordinates."

29 AMENDMENT NO. 25

30 On page 8, delete lines 19 through 28 in their entirety

31 AMENDMENT NO. 26

32 On page 9, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety

1 AMENDMENT NO. 27

2 On page 9, at the beginning of line 3, change "J." to "H."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 28

4 On page 9, at the beginning of line 6, change "K." to "I."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 29

6 On page 11, delete lines 4 through 28 in their entirety

7 AMENDMENT NO. 30

8 On page 12, delete lines 1 through 13 in their entirety

9 AMENDMENT NO. 31

10 On page 12, line 18, after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 32

12 On page 12, line 26, after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 33

14 On page 12, after line 27, insert the following:

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- 16 "§508.5. Office of transformation; functions; powers and duties
- 17 A. There is hereby created within the Department of Transportation and
- 18 Development the office of transformation which shall operate under the direction and
- 19 supervision of the deputy secretary. The purpose of this office shall be to implement
- 20 strategies and initiatives designed to enhance operational efficiency within the
- 21 department.
- 22 B. The office of transformation shall be charged with the execution and
- 23 administration of all statutory mandates enacted during the 2025 Regular Session of
- 24 the Legislature, as they pertain to the department.
- 25 C. In addition to its other duties, the office of transformation shall implement
- 26 the following measures for the purpose of improving efficiency within the
- 27 department:
- 28 (1) Develop, implement, and evaluate annually Key Performance Indicators
- 29 (KPI's). At a minimum, the strategic goals of these KPI's, shall focus on asset
- 30 management, workforce efficiency, innovation, safety, and stakeholder customer
- 31 services no later than January 1, 2026.
- 32 (2) Develop and implement a quantitative methodology for the prioritization
- 33 of capacity projects. This methodology shall account for the measurable benefits of
- 34 each project, including but not limited to anticipated impacts on economic
- 35 development, and shall serve as a basis for the systematic ranking and scheduling of
- 36 project delivery.
- 37 (3) Develop standardized project selection templates for use across the
- 38 department's various programs. The templates shall identify the necessary data
- 39 elements and evaluation criteria required for the identification, assessment, and
- 40 prioritization of departmental projects in a consistent and objective manner.
- 41 (4) Identify routine pavement preservation projects that are appropriate for
- 42 management and execution solely by the department's district personnel. Upon such
- 43 identification, responsibility for the implementation of said projects shall be
- 44 transferred to the respective district offices, with the goal of enhancing operational
- 45 efficiency and localized project delivery.

1 (5) Identify and implement opportunities to outsource routine maintenance
2 activities in order to more effectively provide safety-critical repair and maintenance
3 of the state highway system in a timely manner.

4 D. The provisions of this Section shall expire on January 1, 2026, unless
5 reauthorized by the legislature prior to such date.

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7 §508.6. Departmental reform; directive and authority to restructure and organize

8 A. The Department of Transportation and Development is hereby directed
9 to fully leverage the office of transformation to hold each office of the department
10 accountable to optimize the respective functions under the direction of the deputy
11 secretary.

12 B. The office of transformation shall be charged with implementing
13 comprehensive reforms enacted by the legislature during the 2025 Regular Session
14 and shall be obligated to notify the legislature of any conflicting laws or other issues
15 that impede the department's ability to comply with the reform measures.

16 C.(1) By fiscal year 2026-2027, it shall be the charge of the office of
17 transformation to have established and empowered a central Department of
18 Transportation and Development data management role and program, for
19 implementation of a data asset management process, documented and formalized for
20 key products, implemented modern standard data architecture, tools, and practices;
21 for centralized data management and analytics, and enabled collaboration by default.

22 (2) Alternatively, the department shall examine best practices to develop and
23 implement a state-of-the-art internal information system that conveniently and
24 accurately monitors the status of its functions statewide.

25 D. The department shall have enacted comprehensive, department wide
26 reforms of the access permit process to include the policy, administrative code,
27 engineering directives and standards manual, and online application processes by
28 June 30, 2026.

29 E. The department shall modernize and reform project development and
30 execution across the entire department to stabilize letting and to remit payments to
31 vendors and contractors on a bi-monthly basis, consistent with the terms of its
32 contracts, no later than June 30, 2026."