The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jay R. Lueckel.

DIGEST

Present law in Act 16 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, which provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government, contains appropriations in the executive office for grants to urban communities of \$8.4 million from the State General Fund (Direct), \$7.9 million for grants to rural communities out of the Rural Development Fund, and \$22.3 million in state aid to local government entities from the State General Fund (Direct). Executive Order No. KBB 2005-38 which provided for an executive branch hiring and spending freeze was issued on September 19, 2005 and affected certain State General Fund (Direct) appropriations contained in Act 16.

<u>Proposed law</u> directs the commissioner of administration to reduce State General Fund (Direct) appropriations to the office of urban affairs within the executive office for grants to urban communities, frozen pursuant to Executive Order No. 2005-38, to effectuate a savings of \$7.7 million. Directs the commissioner of administration to reduce Statutorily Dedicated appropriations out of the Rural Development Fund to the office of rural development in the executive office for rural development grants to effectuate a savings of \$5.9 million. Also directs the commissioner of administration to reduce the State General Fund (Direct) appropriations to various local governmental entities, frozen pursuant to Executive Order No. 2005-38, to effectuate a savings of \$20.6 million, provided that the appropriation of \$723,750 for the Rapides Parish Law Enforcement District for Louisiana Youth Academy Program shall be excluded from such reduction.

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