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<u>Present law</u> provides that the budget office under the direction of the division of administration shall furnish each budget unit a set of guidelines to allow the office to establish a continuation budget. The continuation budget is defined as that funding level for each budget unit which reflects the financial resources necessary to carry on all existing programs and functions of the budget unit at their current level of service in the ensuing fiscal year.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires the budget office to also prepare a standstill budget as well as a continuation budget. Additionally, both budgets shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget at the first meeting in January of each year.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "standstill budget" as the existing operating budget for the current fiscal year. Further requires that the standstill budget include the following:

(1)   A section describing, by agency, the differences between the enacted budget for the current fiscal year and all budget adjustments through December first of each fiscal year; and

(2)   A section describing, by agency, the differences between the continuation budget for the ensuing fiscal year and the standstill budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The description shall designate each difference as either a discretionary or non-discretionary funding requirement.

<u>Proposed law</u> further requires that the standstill budget shall be presented at the same meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget as the continuation budget.

<u>Proposed law</u> also provides for implementation of the standstill budget in the executive budget contents and format of the executive budget.

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(Amends R.S. 39:29(A), 32(E)(3) and (7), and 36(B)(1)(c), (6), and (8); adds R.S. 39:2(40.1))