

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Provides relative to capital outlay

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:105(A), 112(C)(2)(b), (E)(2)(introductory paragraph), and  
3 (G)(1), and 115(A) and (B), to enact R.S. 39:112(H), and to repeal R.S.  
4 39:112(E)(2)(b), relative to capital outlay; to provide with respect to the capital  
5 outlay process; to provide for certain definitions; to provide for certain requirements  
6 for nonstate projects; to provide with respect to the local match requirements for  
7 certain projects; to provide for certain notifications; to require certain reports; to  
8 require the inclusion of certain information concerning state indebtedness within the  
9 Capital Outlay Act; to require certain projects to be included in the Capital Outlay  
10 Act or obtain legislative approval; to provide for applicability; to provide for an  
11 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 39:105(A), 112(C)(2)(b), (E)(2)(introductory paragraph), and (G)(1),  
14 and 115(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 39:112(H) is hereby enacted  
15 to read as follows:

16 §105. Capital Outlay reports to Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay  
17 A.(1) The office of facility planning and control and any state agency  
18 authorized to administer capital outlay appropriations shall submit to the Joint  
19 Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, an annual written report no later than the  
20 first day of February; The report shall include the following information for ~~of~~ each

1 project included in the prior year's capital outlay budget ~~which includes the~~  
2 following information:

3 ~~(1)~~(a) The title of the project.

4 ~~(2)~~(b) The total budget for the project from all means of financing.

5 ~~(3)~~(c) A breakdown of the funding of the project including all cash and  
6 general obligation bond funding of the project.

7 ~~(4)~~(d) The amount of state and local funds, including local match funds,  
8 expended on the project.

9 ~~(5)~~(e) The amount of project funding that has been encumbered, including  
10 all cash and general obligation bond cash and noncash lines of credit approved for  
11 the project.

12 ~~(6)~~(f) The total amount of funds the project will need to spend in the next  
13 fiscal year.

14 ~~(7)~~(g) The current status of the project as either active or complete.

15 ~~(8)~~(h) If the project is complete, the total amount of unspent appropriations  
16 remaining on the project, including the means of finance of the funds.

17 (2) All projects which are funded through a cash means of finance or which  
18 received advance funding in a bond sale shall also be included in the annual report  
19 required in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection regardless of whether the project was in  
20 the prior year's capital outlay budget. Additionally, the office of facility planning  
21 and control shall continue to include these projects in each annual report until a  
22 certificate of completion for the project has been issued by the office of facility  
23 planning and control.

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25 §112. Capital ~~outlay act~~ Outlay Act

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27 C.

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1 (2) For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following  
2 meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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4 (b) "Economic development project" means a recruitment or retention  
5 project undertaken or sponsored by the Department of Economic Development or a  
6 political subdivision or other public entity which has economic development as part  
7 of its stated mission or purpose, which meets one of the following criteria:

8 (i) Improvements on public or government-owned property for the purposes  
9 of attracting or retaining a specific new or existing manufacturing or business  
10 operation that ~~benefits~~ benefit Louisiana;

11 ~~(ii) Facilities or improvements on public or government-owned property that~~  
12 ~~generate~~ that generate new, permanent employment, or which help retain existing  
13 employment.

14 ~~(iii)~~(ii) Facilities or infrastructure improvements on public or government-  
15 owned property necessary for the manufacturing plant or business to operate.

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17 E.

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19 (2) ~~Non-state~~ Nonstate entity projects shall require a match of not less than  
20 twenty-five percent of the total requested amount of funding except:

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22 G.(1) Projects to be funded through the ~~sale of bonds~~ issuance of debt or  
23 other agreements including but not limited to agreements of lease, lease-purchase,  
24 or third party financing, and secured by or payable from state appropriation shall  
25 either be included in the ~~capital outlay act~~ Capital Outlay Act or shall obtain  
26 legislative approval as set forth in this Subsection.

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28 H. The Capital Outlay Act shall include a statement concerning the total  
29 outstanding net state tax supported debt as defined in R.S. 39:1367, as reported in the

1 most recent report by the state treasurer concerning net state tax supported debt. The  
 2 amounts of principle and interest payable on this indebtedness shall be reported  
 3 separately. Further, it shall contain an estimate of debt service costs associated with  
 4 the amount of new general obligation bond cash line of credit capacity for that fiscal  
 5 year, pursuant to Subsection F of this Section. The net state tax supported debt  
 6 model shall be used in the calculation of the estimate.

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8 §115. Notice requirements

9 A. The office of facility planning and control shall send notice to all ~~non-~~  
 10 state nonstate entities of the need to resubmit a capital outlay budget request for  
 11 projects that do not receive a line of credit for the total amount of bond proceeds  
 12 authorized in the ~~capital outlay act~~ Capital Outlay Act for that fiscal year. The notice  
 13 shall list all of the ~~non-state~~ nonstate entity's projects which have not been  
 14 recommended for lines of credit or have not received lines of credit prior to  
 15 September fifteenth of the year for which notice is sent to the ~~non-state~~ nonstate  
 16 entity.

17 B. The office of facility planning and control shall also send a notice of the  
 18 need to resubmit a capital outlay budget request to each state representative and state  
 19 senator who has any project in his geographic area that ~~did not receive~~ has not been  
 20 recommended for a line of credit or has not received a line of credit for the total  
 21 amount of bond proceeds authorized in the ~~capital outlay act~~ Capital Outlay Act for  
 22 that year. The notice shall list all of the projects in the representative's or senator's  
 23 geographic area which have not received lines of credit prior to September fifteenth  
 24 of the year for which notice is sent to the representative or senator.

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26 Section 2. R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(b) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

27 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to the funding of all projects  
 28 included in the capital outlay budget for fiscal years commencing on and after July 1, 2021.

29 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds reporting requirements for capital outlay projects, requires projects funded through the issuance of debt to be included in the Capital Outlay Act, and eliminates the needs based exemption from the local match requirement for nonstate entity projects.

Present law requires the governor to submit his capital outlay budget which implements the first year of the five-year capital outlay program and the bond authorization bill for the sale of bonds to fund projects included in the bond portion of the capital outlay bill to the legislature no later than the 8th day of each regular session.

Present law authorizes capital outlay budget requests submitted after Nov. 1st to be included in the Capital Outlay Act if the budget request meets all of the applicable requirements as provided in present law, except for time of submission, and the project is an economic development project recommended in writing by the secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development (DED), the project is an emergency project recommended in writing by the commissioner of administration, the project is for a nonstate entity which meets certain present law requirements, or the project is located in a designated disaster area and it meets certain present law requirements.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the office of facility planning and control and any state agency which administers capital outlay appropriations to submit annual reports to the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay of each project included in the prior year's capital outlay budget. The report includes information such as the project title, the total project budget from all means of financing, including state and local funds, local match information, information on funds expended and encumbered on the project, and the project's status.

Proposed law retains present law but adds a requirement that the information required to be reported in present law shall also be reported on projects which may no longer be in the prior year's capital outlay budget because the project received funding through a cash means of finance or from advance bond sales. Further requires this information to continue to be reported until a certificate of completion has been issued by the office of facility planning and control.

Present law provides for specific criteria that a project must meet in order to be considered an "economic development project". Criteria include projects such as improvements on public or government-owned property for attracting or retaining a new or existing manufacturing or business operation that benefits La. or facilities or improvements on public or government-owned property that generate new, permanent employment or which help retain existing employment.

Proposed law specifies that the improvements on public or government-owned property for attracting or retaining a new or existing manufacturing or business operation must benefit La. and generate new, permanent employment or help retain existing employment.

Present law requires nonstate entities applying for capital outlay funding to provide a match of not less than 25% of the total requested funding amount with the following exceptions:

- (1) Projects deemed to be an emergency by the commissioner.
- (2) Projects for which a nonstate entity has demonstrated its inability to provide a local match. Proposed law requires the establishment of a needs-based formula for determining the inability of a nonstate entity to provide the required local match.
- (3) Projects for rural water systems servicing less than 1,000 customers to extend or connect waterlines to other water systems.

Proposed law repeals the present law exception for nonstate entity projects for which the nonstate entity has demonstrated its inability to provide a local match.

Present law requires projects funded through the sale of bonds and secured by or payable from state appropriation to be included in the Capital Outlay Act or if not included in the Capital Outlay Act to be approved between sessions by the division of administration submitting those projects to the Interim Emergency Board for approval by a majority vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature. Further requires, following legislative approval, that requests to sell bonds be submitted to the State Bond Commission (SBC) for review and approval.

Proposed law retains present law regarding legislative approval and submission to the SBC for review and approval but changes the projects which are required to go through this approval process from projects funded through the sale of bonds to projects funded through the issuance of debt or other agreements including agreements of lease, lease-purchase, or third party financing.

Present law requires the office of facility planning and control to send notice to all nonstate entities of the need to resubmit a capital outlay budget request for projects that do not receive a line of credit prior to Sept. 15th for the total amount of bond proceeds authorized in the Capital Outlay Act for that fiscal year. Further requires the notice to also be sent to each state representative and state senator who represents the geographic area of the project.

Proposed law retains present law but specifies that the notice is to be sent if the project has not received or been recommended for a line of credit prior to Sept. 15th of each year.

Present law establishes various requirements for content to be included in the Capital Outlay Act.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement that the Capital Outlay Act include a statement concerning the total outstanding net state tax supported debt, including the specific amount of principle and interest, as defined in present law. Further, the Capital Outlay Act shall contain an estimate of debt service costs associated with the amount of new GOB cash line of credit capacity for that fiscal year, as provided in proposed law.

Present law provides a procedure for the development of a list of recommended projects to be presented to the SBC for consideration for a GOB cash line of credit.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that for each project presented to the SBC for this purpose there be included an estimate of debt service costs associated with the sale of debt for the total project cost.

Applicable to the funding of all nonstate entity projects included in the capital outlay budget for fiscal years commencing on and after July 1, 2021.

Effective July 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 39:105(A), 112(C)(2)(b), (E)(2)(intro. para.), and (G)(1), and 115(A) and (B); Adds R.S. 39:112(H); Repeals R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(b))