

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides relative to state sales tax dedications for municipalities that defund their police departments (Items #11 and 16)

1 AN ACT

2 To provide for certain reductions to sales tax dedications under certain circumstances; for
3 Fiscal Year 2020-2021; to provide for the powers, duty, and authority of the Joint
4 Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. The appropriation to **20-901 SALES TAX DEDICATIONS** for the Sales
8 Tax Dedications Program contained in Act No. 1 of the 2020 First Extraordinary Session of
9 the Legislature is hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

10 On page 146, between lines 42 and 43 insert the following:

11 "Provided, however, that if a municipal police department notifies the Joint
12 Legislative Committee on the Budget in writing that its annual operating budget has
13 been reduced and the committee determines the reduction will have a significant and
14 harmful effect on public safety, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget may
15 reduce the appropriation of sales tax dedications contained in this Act to the
16 municipality or the parish containing the municipality by an amount proportionate
17 to the amount of reduction to the municipal police department."

18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
20 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
21 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
22 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) to reduce appropriations of sales tax dedications to a municipality, or the parish that contains the municipality, that reduces the annual operating budget of its municipal police department.

Proposed law provides that if a municipal police department notifies JLCB that its annual operating budget has been reduced and the committee determines the reduction will have a significant and harmful effect on public safety, JLCB may reduce the appropriation of sales tax dedications to the municipality or the parish containing the municipality by an amount proportionate to the amount of reduction to the municipal police department.

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