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HOUSE BILL NO. 723

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BUDGETARY PROCEDURES: Provides for authorized positions in the executive budget and appropriations bills

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:2(5) and 36(A)(3)(a) and (B)(5), relative to public finance;
3 to provide for the definition of positions contained in appropriations bills; to provide
4 for the inclusion of certain information in the executive budget and supporting
5 document; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:2(5) and 36(A)(3)(a) and (B)(5) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2. Definitions

10 As used in this Chapter, except where the context clearly requires otherwise,
11 the words and expressions defined in this Section shall be held to have the meanings
12 here given to them.

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14 (5)(a) "Authorized positions" means the number of positions approved by
15 the legislature in an appropriation bill to be funded by the salaries continuing
16 category of the accounting system for the state. The number may be adjusted during
17 a fiscal year in accordance with procedures provided by law.

18 (b) "Authorized other charges positions" means the number of positions in
19 an appropriation bill to be funded by the other charges continuing category of the

1 accounting system for the state. The number may be adjusted during a fiscal year in
2 accordance with law.

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4 §36. Contents and format of executive budget; supporting document

5 A. The executive budget shall present a complete financial and
6 programmatic plan for the ensuing year, and it shall be configured in a format so as
7 to clearly present and highlight the functions and operations of state government and
8 the financial requirements associated with those functions and operations. The
9 executive budget shall be a performance-based budget. It shall include at a minimum
10 the following:

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12 (3) Comparative statements for each department and budget unit by the
13 means of financing of the existing operating budget for a date certain to be
14 established by the budget office for the current fiscal year and recommended
15 expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. All such comparative statements shall
16 include the following:

17 (a) Personnel tables for each department, including authorized other charges
18 positions, in such detail as the governor deems appropriate, for the last fiscal year
19 concluded, the existing operating budget, and for the ensuing fiscal year.

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21 B. The budget office shall prepare a document known as the supporting
22 document which shall be in conformity with the executive budget and shall include,
23 at a minimum, the following:

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25 (5) Personnel tables for each program or budget unit, in such detail as the
26 governor deems appropriate, but which at a minimum shall include the information
27 required by R.S. 39:32(E) and (F), the number of recommended positions for the
28 next fiscal year, ~~and~~ the total amount recommended for salaries continuing for each
29 budget unit, the number of recommended authorized other charges positions for the

1 next fiscal year, and the total amount recommended in other charges for authorized
2 other charges positions, by program.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Broadens the definition of authorized positions in provisions of law dealing with the executive budget and appropriation bills.

Present law defines "authorized positions" as the number of positions approved by the legislature in an appropriation bill to be funded by the "salaries continuing category" of the accounting system for the state. Further provides that the number may be adjusted during a fiscal year in accordance with law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a new definition of "authorized other charges positions" as the number of positions in an appropriation bill to be funded by the other charges continuing category of the accounting system of the state. Provides that such number may be adjusted in the fiscal year in accordance with the procedures provided by law.

Present law requires that the executive budget and supporting document contain certain information, including personnel tables for each department.

Proposed law requires that personnel tables include information pertaining to authorized other charges positions.

(Amends R.S. 39:2(5) and 36(A)(3)(a) and (B)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill.

1. Changed definitions.
2. Added provisions regarding the executive budget and supporting document.