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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

BUDGETARY CONTROLS: Directs each state department to submit to the commissioner of administration, the legislature, and the Task Force on Structural Changes in Budget and Tax Policy, an efficiency report that outlines initiatives they will undertake to ensure more efficient operations in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and beyond

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To direct each department of the executive branch of state government to submit to the
3	commissioner of administration, the legislature, and the Task Force on Structural
4	Changes in Budget and Tax Policy by July 1, 2016, a report that outlines the
5	initiatives the department will take to ensure a more efficient operation for Fiscal
6	Year 2016-2017 and beyond.
7	WHEREAS, Louisiana has faced deficits annually since Fiscal Year 2008-2009; and
8	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is facing a \$747 million projected budget deficit
9	in Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and
10	WHEREAS, the state general fund expenditures of state government are projected
11	to continue to grow in the five-year continuation baseline projection but state revenues are
12	not projected to meet those expenditures; and
13	WHEREAS, solving the budget deficits in the coming years and setting the state on
14	a path of continued fiscal responsibility requires a thorough review of all areas of state
15	operations and spending; and
16	WHEREAS, there are numerous areas within state government in which reforming
17	the current policies and practices will produce savings or additional revenues for the state;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, the Task Force on Structural Changes in Budget and Tax Policy was
20	created by the Louisiana Legislature through a Concurrent Resolution to evaluate budget and

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1 tax reform options, to examine the structure and design of the state budget, and to make

recommendations of long-term budgeting changes that will bring about improvements to the

3 programs and services of state government, as well as cost savings through more efficient

4 and effective state operations.

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5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

6 direct each department of the executive branch of state government to submit to the

7 commissioner of administration, the legislature, and the Task Force on Structural Changes

in Budget and Tax Policy by July 1, 2016, a report that outlines the initiatives the department

will take to ensure a more efficient operation for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such report shall include but is not limited to an

examination of departmental structures, processes, civil service procedures, procurement,

the use of technology, duplication of services, and the elimination or improvement of

ineffective and inefficient activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted

to the commissioner of administration, the commissioner of higher education, and the

secretary or otherwise designated head of each department or agency in the executive branch

of government.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Appropriations</u> to the original bill:

- 1. Adds requirement that the reports be submitted to the Task Force on Structural Changes in Budget and Tax Policy.
- 2. Changes the date the reports are due from April 15, 2016, to July 1, 2016.