

SUMMARY OF GUBERNATORIAL VETOES TO HB1

The following is a summary of the items in HB 1 of the 2014 Regular Session vetoed by the Governor. The net effect of the vetoes is an increase of \$185,000 in state general fund expenditures.

- Removes language in the preamble requiring that employment freezes or personnel actions due to HB1 do not have a negative impact on equal employment, and language requiring an annual report on the impact of such employment freezes or personnel actions.
- Removes the transfer of 22 positions and \$2.6 million state general fund related to elderly protective services to the Executive Department, Office of Elderly Affairs from the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), Office of Aging and Adult Services. The positions and funding for elderly protective services will remain in the DHH, Office of Aging and Adult Services.
- Removes language from the Executive Department, Office of Elderly Affairs allocating \$250,000 of the funding for the New Orleans Council on Aging to the Treme Community Education Program, Inc. for the Harmony House Senior Citizens Center.
- Restores \$185,000 state general fund that was reduced from the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development Program.
- Removes language in the DHH preamble excluding the Medicaid triage reimbursement rate and sub-acute care reimbursement rate from the secretary of the department's authority to utilize cost containment measures to ensure expenditures remain at the level appropriated.
- Removes language in the DHH, Medicaid Program maintaining the reimbursement rate in effect on January 1, 2009, for private providers of Intermediate Care Facilities for people with Developmental Disabilities which have been downsized from over 100 beds to less than 35 beds prior to December 31, 2010.
- Removes language in the DHH, Office of Public Health prohibiting reductions to the immunization program for expenditure on the purchasing or administering of vaccines during Fiscal Year 2014-2015.