

THE 2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted is Thursday, February 20, 2020

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE REPORTS THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, January 16, 2020, members of the Mississippi Legislative Budget Office (LBO) presented the official Joint Legislative Budget Committee's (JLBC) recommendations before the Senate Appropriations Committee. Some of the major highlights are as follows:

The JLBC's 2021 goal consists of three main components. (1) Maintaining the 2% set-aside in General Funds, (2) Strengthen the State's financial reserves, (3) Build a budget using only recurring funds. The "total" state support budget recommendation for fiscal year 2021 is \$6,270,033,886. This is \$93.7 million less than the 2020 fiscal year appropriation. In percentages, it's 1.5 percent less. In terms of increased funding for FY2021, the JLBC recommended \$18.4 million to fund the FY2020 teacher pay raise shortfall. In addition, they are recommending a \$4.4 million increase for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to fund Highway Cadet Class Salaries and \$1 million for sworn officer salary increases. With regards to the FY2021 state support reductions, the JLBC has deleted funding for most vacant positions (3,406 positions), reduced funding for travel and contractual services, eliminated funds for one-time expenditures and utilized available cash balances.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS THE FY2021 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS (LBR) FOR THE STATE'S 10 LARGEST BUDGETS

MS Adequate Education (MAEP)

LBR = \$2.3 Billion

3.5% increase from FY2020

Medicaid

LBR = \$929.5 Million

(0.2%) decrease from FY2020

Debt Service

LBR = \$385.2 Million

0.0% level funding from FY2020

IHL - General Support

LBR = \$358.9 Million

(4.2%) decrease from FY2020

Corrections

LBR = \$310.9 Million

(2.3%) decrease from FY2020

Community College - Support

LBR = \$236.4 Million

(3.7%) decrease from FY2020

Mental Health

LBR = \$232.5 Million

(0.1%) decrease from FY2020

IHL - University Medical Center

LBR = \$172.3 Million

(1.1%) decrease from FY2020

General Education

LBR = \$171.7 Million

(27.3%) decrease from FY2020

Child Protection Services

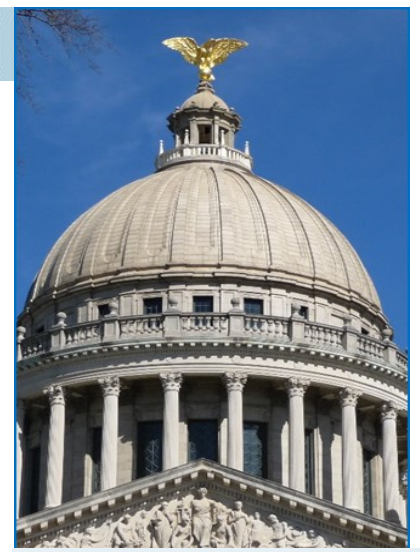
LBR = \$114.9 Million

(8.6%) decrease from FY2020

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE INTRODUCED THAT IMPACTS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Senate Bill 2006: This measure provides counties the discretion to determine the interval of time for providing notice to financial institutions of the opening of the bidding process for serving as depositories of county funds.

NOTE: No action has been taken on this measure



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, January 20 at 4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

2020 Annual Convention

The 2020 Annual Convention will be at the MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center June 15—18, 2020.

Huber Days Pac-Mac Expo:

This event is scheduled January 29-30, 2020 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Gulfport, MS. Huber Corporation and Pac-Mac Vacuum Products will be exhibiting their new features on their trucks. For more information or to register, please visit

www.keithhuber.com

NACo Legislative Conference:

The 2020 NACo Legislative Conference will be at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. February 29 - March 4. MAS Caucus reception is scheduled for Sunday, March 1 beginning at 5:00 pm at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

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