

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 749

BY SENATOR MURRAY

LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES. Requires review by the Litigation Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget of certain negotiations, compromises and settlements. (7/1/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:653(H)(2), relative to the Joint Legislative Committee on the
3 Budget; to provide for the review of certain negotiations, compromises or
4 settlements by the Litigation Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on
5 the Budget; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 24:653(H)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §653. Duties and functions

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10 H. * * *

11 (2) No **person on behalf of the state or any of its departments or agencies**
12 **or employees nor any** attorney representing the state or any of its departments or
13 agencies or any of its employees entitled to indemnification under R.S. 13:5108.1 or
14 R.S. 13:5108.2, shall sign any **negotiation, agreement,** compromise or settlement
15 which obligates the state to pay more than ~~one million~~ **five hundred thousand**
16 dollars without prior consultation with the attorney general and the members of the
17 litigation subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

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2 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the governor
3 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
4 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Martha S. Hess.

DIGEST

Present law provides for that the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget shall have a litigation subcommittee and further provides that no attorney representing the state or any of its departments or agencies or any of its employees entitled to indemnification under R.S. 13:5108.1 or R.S. 13:5108.2 shall sign any compromise or settlement which obligates the state to pay more than \$1,000,000 without prior consultation with the attorney general and the members of the litigation subcommittee.

Proposed law retains present law and further prohibits any person on behalf of the state or any of its departments or agencies or employees from signing any negotiation, agreement, compromise or settlement which obligates payment by the state without prior consultation with the attorney general and the members of the litigation subcommittee.

Proposed law reduces the limit to bring matters before the subcommittee from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 24:653(H)(2))