HOUSE BILL NO.   36

1   AN ACT TO DIRECT ALL STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS AND
2   INSTITUTIONS SUBMITTING BUDGET REQUESTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 AND
3   EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR TO DEVELOP THOSE BUDGET REQUESTS
4   PURSUANT TO ZERO-BASED BUDGETING; TO DIRECT THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
5   BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO DEVELOP BUDGET
6   RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO ZERO-BASED BUDGETING; TO REQUIRE THAT
7   EACH APPROPRIATION BILL ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE BE DETERMINED
8   PURSUANT TO ZERO-BASED BUDGETING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10   SECTION 1. Each state agency, department or institution that

11   is required to submit a budget request for fiscal year 2002 and

12   for each subsequent fiscal year shall develop the request pursuant

13   to zero-based budgeting to the extent that each budgetary unit

14   shall:

15   (a) Upon identifying the component programs and

16   describing the activities conducted by each program, specify the

17   legal basis for each program of the budgetary unit to conduct each

18   activity described;

19   (b) Itemize in detail by object of expenditure the

20   budgetary requirements for conducting the activities of each

21   program for the prior fiscal year actual expenditures, current

22   fiscal year estimated expenditures and budget fiscal year

23   projected expenditures by starting with a base of zero dollars and

24   adding dollar amounts for activities conducted in the prior fiscal

25 year, deemed appropriate in the current fiscal year and requested

26 in the budget fiscal year;

27   (c) Identify and itemize in detail by object of

28 expenditure the changes in the budgetary requirements for

29 conducting the activities of each program between the prior fiscal

30 year actual expenditures and the current fiscal year estimated

31 expenditures, and between the current fiscal year estimated

32 expenditures and the budget fiscal year projected expenditures;

33   (d) Develop a narrative for each program justifying

34 each line-item of the itemized budgetary requirements for

35 conducting the activities of the program for the prior fiscal year

36 actual expenditures, and justifying each line-item of the itemized

37 changes in the budgetary requirements for conducting the

38 activities of the program between the prior fiscal year actual

39 expenditures and the current fiscal year estimated expenditures,

40 and between the current fiscal year estimated expenditures and the

41 budget fiscal year projected expenditures.

42   SECTION 2. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the

43 Governor's Office shall review and evaluate only those budget

44 requests developed as prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (d) of

45 Section 1, and develop budget recommendations to the Legislature

46 starting with a base of zero dollars for each program in each

47 budgetary unit and adding dollars as necessary for actual

48 expenditures on activities approved in the prior fiscal year, and

49 adding or reducing dollars as necessary for estimated changes in

50 expenditures approved for the current fiscal year, and adding or

51 reducing dollars as necessary for recommended changes in the

52 expenditures deemed appropriate for the budget fiscal year.

53   SECTION 3. The Legislature shall determine each

54 appropriation for fiscal year 2002 and each subsequent fiscal year

55 for expenditure by any state agency, department or institution by

56 starting with a base of zero dollars for each program in each

57 budgetary unit and adding dollars as necessary for actual

58 expenditures on activities approved in the prior fiscal year, and

59 adding or reducing dollars as necessary for estimated changes in

60 expenditures approved for the current fiscal year, and adding or

61 reducing dollars as necessary for changes in expenditures deemed

62 appropriate for the budget fiscal year.

63   SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from

64 and after July 1, 2000.