

Subject Legislative Budget Office Repealed

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Overview

This bill eliminates the Legislative Budget Office (LBO), along with the legislative commission responsible for overseeing the work of the office.

The LBO was established in 2017, as part of the state government finance budget. The LBO's mission relates primarily to the administration of the legislative fiscal note process: it is required to provide the legislature with "nonpartisan, accurate, and timely information on the fiscal impact of proposed legislation, without regard to political factors." Many of the LBO's responsibilities are transferred from the commissioner of management and budget as part of the law.

The work of the LBO is overseen by a commission of legislators, equally divided between the House and Senate, and equally divided between majority and minority members.

The LBO is currently in a development and transition period; it is scheduled to take primary responsibility for administering the fiscal note process beginning September 1, 2019. The oversight commission has hired a director for the office, and the director is currently engaged in hiring additional staff. The LBO's current budget allows for a staff compliment of 6.5 FTEs.

The bill requires the LBO and the oversight commission to wind-down operations no later than July 1, 2019. As part of the wind-down, the legislature must offer comparable employment opportunities to staff of the LBO whose jobs will otherwise be terminated as a result of the office's repeal.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Legislative Budget Office (LBO) eliminated. Requires all operations of the LBO and the LBO Oversight Commission to be ended no later than July 1, 2019.

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2	<p data-bbox="355 275 1425 373">The legislature is required to offer reasonable opportunities for comparable employment in other legislative offices to staff of the LBO whose positions are terminated as a result of this bill, to the extent practical.</p> <p data-bbox="355 428 472 455">Repealer.</p> <p data-bbox="355 470 1382 569">Repeals a series of statutes and session laws, all of which establish the LBO, its mission and duties, and the legislative commission responsible for overseeing the work of the office.</p> <p data-bbox="355 604 1425 781">Many of the sections were first enacted during the 2017 legislative session, and later amended during the 2018 legislative session. All relevant changes to the law are repealed. The effect of these repealers is to revert the law to the way it was prior to 2017 – including delegating all administrative oversight responsibility for the fiscal note process to the executive branch and the commissioner of management and budget.</p>



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