

Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee

Amendment Rules

1. Amendments must relate to the spending items in Parts I and II of the PCS.
2. Amendments may not spend non-Coronavirus Relief Funds except for disaster recovery funds contained in the bill.
3. Amendments may not transfer funds from the Savings Reserve to spend on new items.
4. Amendments may not include items that would require the bill be referred to the Finance Committee.
5. Amendments may use funds appropriated to the Coronavirus Relief Fund established in S.L. 2020-4, but must identify a corresponding reduction in an existing item funded from the Fund.
6. All proposed amendments that spend funds must:
 - Be for expenditures allowable under the CARES Act and the formal guidance issued by the US Department of Treasury outlining permissible uses of the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund; and
 - Be for nonrecurring purposes only.
7. Allowable uses of the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund established in the CARES Act include:
 - Necessary expenditures incurred due to public health emergency;
 - Costs not accounted for in the most recent State budget;
 - Costs incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Treasury guidance specifically states that “revenue replacement is not a permissible use of Fund payments.”

8. Members requesting amendments agree to waive confidentiality so they can be shared with the Cochairs and staff.
9. Amendment requests must be submitted to Bill Drafting Staff for drafting by 11:00 am and turned into the Committee Clerk by 1:00 pm in order to be eligible.