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Louisiana has \$45.4 billion worth of assets, but most of these assets are not available to meet their obligations.

More than \$22.9 billion of these assets is infrastructure like roads, bridges and parks, which cannot realistically be used to pay bills. The use of almost \$7.9 billion of the assets is restricted by law or contract.

Louisiana is in Financial Jeopardy

Only \$14.6 billion of the state's assets are available to pay \$39.3 billion of bills as they come due.

More than \$24.7 billion of state employees' retirement and other costs have been pushed into the future, and thus onto our children's and grandchildren's backs.

Each taxpayer's share of the financial burden is \$19,800.

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Assets	\$45,429,609,000
Less: Capital Assets	\$22,936,696,000
Restricted Assets	\$7,876,251,000

Available Assets to Pay Bills \$14,616,662,000

Bills \$39,357,294,000

Money Needed to Pay Bills \$24,740,632,000

Each Taxpayer's Financial Burden \$19,800

So-Called "Balanced" Budgets Ignore True Costs

The state of Louisiana only reported liabilities of \$22.4 billion. IFTA's detailed analysis discovered \$16.9 billion of retirement systems' liabilities were unreported by the state. When these liabilities are included, the state's bills total more than \$39.3 billion.

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Reported Liabilities	\$22,448,285,000
Unreported Retirement Liabilities	\$16,909,009,000
Total	\$39,357,294,000

Louisiana's statutes require the legislature to pass a balanced budget. One of the reasons Louisiana is in this precarious financial position is state officials use antiquated budgeting and accounting rules to determine payroll costs.

Since retirement benefits are not immediately payable in cash, Louisiana's politicians ignore most of these payroll costs when calculating "balanced" budgets. As a result, the state set aside only 36 cents to pay for each dollar of these promised benefits.

Truthful accounting would include the portion of retirement benefits employees earn every year they work in payroll costs.

Accurate accounting requires all real and certain expenses be reported in the state's budget and financial statements when earned, not when paid.

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