Present law creates the Community and Family Support System Fund in the state treasury.

Proposed law changes the name of the fund from the Community and Family Support System Fund to the Disability Services Fund.

Present law provides that subject to annual appropriation by the legislature, the monies in the fund shall be used solely to improve the capacity of the state to meet the varying and complex needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, with emphasis on increasing the number of recipients of waiver services and that no less than 50% of the proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to present law on the gross sales of therapeutic marijuana, deposited into the fund shall be used to provide funding for the Early Steps intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families as established in present law.

Proposed law amends present law to create three separate accounts within the fund and provide for the use of each account.

Proposed law establishes one account within the fund containing the monies attributable to the sale or lease of previous Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) properties, movable and immovable, to be used to improve the capacity of the state to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, with emphasis on increasing the number of recipients of waiver services.

Proposed law establishes one account containing the monies attributable to one-half of the proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to present law on the gross sales of therapeutic marijuana, to be used to provide funding for the Early Steps program.

Proposed law establishes one account containing one-half of the monies attributable to the fee assessed on therapeutic marijuana sales and all of the proceeds of the taxes levied on sports wagering to be used to support and enhance developmental disabilities services within the Medicaid program or OCDD.

Present law provides that for purposes of present law "waiver services" means Medicaid services provided under the New Opportunities Waiver, the Children's Choice Waiver, or any other Medicaid home and community based waiver for persons with developmental disabilities as promulgated by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, now known as the La. Dept. of Hospitals. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2022.
(Amends R.S. 28:826)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Makes technical corrections to the existing statute and to incorporate the proposed new law into the existing law.

2. Establishes separate accounts within the fund and provides for the use of each account.

3. One account containing the monies attributable to the sale or lease of previous OCDD properties, movable and immovable, to be used to improve the capacity of the state to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, with emphasis on increasing the number of recipients of waiver services.

4. One account containing the monies attributable to one-half of the proceeds of the 7% fee assessed on the gross sales of therapeutic marijuana to be used to provide funding for the Early Steps program.

5. One account containing the other half of the monies attributable to the fee assessed on therapeutic marijuana sales and all proceeds of the taxes levied on sports wagering to be used to support and enhance developmental disabilities services within the Medicaid program or OCDD.