

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 461 by Representative McFarland

FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies among state funds

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Authorizes various transfers from the state general fund to special treasury funds, from the state general fund by fees and self-generated revenues to special treasury funds, and between special treasury funds in the current and ensuing fiscal years.
2. Establishes the following new special treasury funds: Modernization and Security Fund; Louisiana Economic Development Initiatives Fund; Local Infrastructure Fund; and Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.
3. Directs the division of administration to coordinate with the dept. of treasury to determine the unobligated balance of various funds containing federal monies from the American Rescue Plan. Directs the state treasurer to transfer those unobligated funds to the Water Sector Fund.
4. Provides for the uses of monies in the Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund and the Higher Education Campus Revitalization Fund for FY 25-26.
5. Amends the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund to modify the threshold amount and percentage allowable for appropriations from the fund.
6. Directs the state treasurer to transfer monies from the state general fund to the Overcollections Fund an amount equal to the amount of the State General Fund (Direct) for each line item appropriation in the Acts that originated as HB Nos. 1 and 461 of the 25 R.S. that has a State General Fund (Direct) appropriation that is vetoed by the governor.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law transfers 25% of the FY 2023-2024 surplus (\$148,771,996) to the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Present constitution creates the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund and establishes a minimum fund balance required for appropriations for certain purposes and an allowable percentage of the fund that may be appropriated. Authorizes the legislature to change the minimum fund balance and the allowable percentage. Proposed law lowers the minimum fund balance from \$5 B to \$2.7 B and increases the allowable percentage from 10% to 45% for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Proposed law also provides for the authorization of an appropriation from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund for the purpose of addressing emergency conditions across the state in Fiscal Year 2025-2026, with two-thirds of each house concurring.

Proposed law directs the division of administration to coordinate with the dept. of treasury to determine the unobligated balance of various funds containing federal monies from the American Rescue Plan. Directs the state treasurer to transfer those unobligated funds to the Water Sector Fund.

Proposed law establishes the following new special treasury funds, provides for deposits into the funds, and provides for the uses of monies in the funds:

- (1) Modernization and Security Fund.
- (2) Louisiana Economic Development Initiatives Fund.
- (3) Local Infrastructure Fund.
- (4) Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

Proposed law transfers \$50,000,000 from the state general fund by fees and self-generated revenues of the La. Dept. of Revenue to the Capital Outlay Savings Fund.

Proposed law transfers the following amounts between statutorily dedicated funds:

- (1) \$10,000,000 from the Mineral and Energy Operation Fund to the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund.
- (2) \$21,468,862 from the La. Mega-Project Development Fund to the Rapid Response Fund.
- (3) \$150,000,000 from the La. Economic Development Initiatives Fund to the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.
- (4) \$65,724,112 from the La. Economic Development Initiatives Fund to the Rapid Response Fund.
- (5) \$5,000,000 from the La. Economic Development Initiatives Fund to the Marketing Fund.
- (6) \$10,000,000 from the La. Economic Development Initiatives Fund to the Major Events Incentive Fund.
- (7) Transfers \$25,000,000 from the Higher Education Campus Revitalization Fund to the College and University Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvement Fund.

Proposed law transfers the following amounts from the state general fund to various statutorily dedicated funds:

- (1) \$8,000,000 to the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund.
- (2) \$1,000,000 to the R.E.A.D. Fund.
- (3) \$1,000,000 to the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Fund.
- (4) \$25,323,522 to the Overcollections Fund.
- (5) \$3,180,990 of FY 23-24 surplus to the Capital Outlay Savings Fund.

Proposed law provides for the uses of monies in the La. Transportation Infrastructure Fund:

- (1) Authorizes \$280,900,000 for the highway priority program.
- (2) Authorizes \$249,000,000 for highway preservation projects.
- (3) Authorizes \$100,100,000 for the bridge bundling program.
- (4) Authorizes \$63,000,000 for district maintenance funding.
- (5) Authorizes \$4,000,000 for additional mowing along state roads.

(6) Authorizes \$2,000,000 for road transfer projects.

Proposed law directs the state treasurer to transfer monies from the state general fund to the Overcollections Fund in an amount equal to the amount of the State General Fund (Direct) for each line item appropriation in the Acts that originated as HB No. 460 of the 25 R.S. that has a State General Fund (Direct) appropriation that is vetoed by the governor.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

#### **Fund Transfers in Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Proposed law transfers \$15,000,000 from the state general fund by fees and self-generated revenues of the Dept. of Insurance to the La. Fortify Homes Program Fund.

Proposed law transfers the following amounts from the state general fund to various statutorily dedicated funds in:

- (1) \$500,000 to the Fiscal Administrator Revolving Loan Fund.
- (2) \$1,030,000 to the Major Events Incentive Fund.

Proposed law directs the state treasurer to transfer monies from the state general fund to the Overcollections Fund in an amount equal to the amount of the State General Fund (Direct) for each line item appropriation in the Acts that originated as HB No. 1 of the 25 R.S. that has a State General Fund (Direct) appropriation that is vetoed by the governor.

Effective July 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.112(F)(2)(d), 100.252(E), 100.253(D)(3), 100.254 through 100.256, and R.S. 51:2316)