

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 276

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

FUNDS/FUNDING: Limits monies deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund from being used to pay for certain Dept. of Transportation and Development expenses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:78(D), relative to the Transportation Trust Fund; to provide for limited use
3 of monies in the trust fund; to limit the Department of Transportation and
4 Development from using such monies in the trust fund for certain expenses; to
5 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 48:78(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §78. Transportation Trust Fund; limitations on appropriations; limitations on
9 utilization

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11 D.(1) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and each fiscal year thereafter,
12 the Department of Transportation and Development shall not use monies deposited
13 in the Transportation Trust Fund for the payment of benefits for retired employees
14 unless authorized in a general appropriation bill.

15 (2) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
16 Department of Transportation and Development shall not use monies deposited in
17 the Transportation Trust Fund for the payment of benefits for current employees
18 unless authorized in a general appropriation bill.

19 (3) In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the Department of Transportation and
20 Development shall not use monies deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund for the

- 1 payment of more than fifty percent of the annual salary costs for current employees
- 2 unless authorized in a general appropriation bill.
- 3 (4) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
- 4 Department of Transportation and Development shall not use monies deposited in
- 5 the Transportation Trust Fund for the payment of any annual salary costs for current
- 6 employees unless authorized in a general appropriation bill.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Beginning in Fiscal Year 2021-2022, limits Transportation Trust Fund monies from being used to fund Dept. of Transportation and Development employees' and retirees' salaries and benefits.

Present constitution requires monies deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) to be appropriated or dedicated solely and exclusively for costs associated with construction and maintenance of roads and bridges of the state and federal highway systems, the Statewide Flood-Control Program, ports, airports, transit, and the Parish Transportation Fund.

Present law provides for certain limitations on appropriations and utilization of the TTF.

Proposed law adds the following limitations to utilization of the fund by the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD):

- (1) Beginning in FY 2021-2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for the benefits of retired employees.
- (2) Beginning in FY 2022-2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for the benefits of current employees.
- (3) In FY 2023-2024, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for more than 50% of the annual salary costs for current employees.
- (4) Beginning in FY 2024-2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for any annual salary costs for current employees.

Proposed law adds an exception that the limitation does not apply if authorized in a general appropriation bill.

(Adds R.S. 48:78(D))