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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the funding of bulletproof vests for peace officers in the state and requires the La. Commission of Law Enforcement to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to provide for the standards of bulletproof vests.

Present law requires the DPS&C to provide bulletproof vests to every peace officer in the state of La. provided that funds are appropriated for this purpose. Further provides that to the extent that funds are not appropriated for this purpose, the DPS&C may make available for purchase to law enforcement agencies bulletproof vests no longer utilized by the department for which the manufacturer warranty has expired.

Proposed law requires the La. Commission on Law Enforcement to promulgate rules and regulations that are necessary to provide for the standards of bulletproof vests and other rules and regulations necessary for the administration and enforcement of this matter.

Proposed law creates the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections Special Protective Equipment Fund in the state treasury for the purposes of funding bulletproof vests for peace officers.

Proposed law provides that beginning July 1, 2023, the state treasurer is directed to deposit into the fund at the beginning of each fiscal year \$8,500,000 dollars. The legislature may appropriate additional monies to the fund notwithstanding the balance in the fund.

Proposed law authorizes the DPS&C to receive funds, grants, donations, or otherwise, any sum of money, aid, or assistance from any person, firm, or corporation from the U.S., its agencies, the state of La., or any political subdivision of the state for the purchase of bulletproof vests.

Proposed law requires that unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year remain in the fund. Further requires monies in the fund to be invested in the same manner as monies in the general fund. Further provides that interest earned on investment of monies be credited to the fund.

(Amends R.S. 40:2405.1(A) and (B)(1); Adds R.S. 40:2405.1(E) and (F))