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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Original House Bill No. 550 by Representative Zeringue

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" and before "relative to" delete "R.S. 39:100.171," and  
 3 insert in lieu thereof "R.S. 22:347(A)(4), R.S. 39:100.44.1(H)(3), the heading of Subpart P-3  
 4 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
 5 and R.S. 39:100.101, 100.171, and 100.201(B) through (D) and to enact R.S. 17:4033.1(F),  
 6 R.S. 22:347(A)(5), Subpart Z of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39, to be  
 7 comprised of R.S. 39:100.211, and Subpart AA of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of  
 8 Title 39 to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.221"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 2

10 On page 1, line 6, after "Section 1." and before "Notwithstanding" insert "(A)"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

12 On page 1, delete line 11 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

13 "(B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
 14 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$1,500,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
 15 to the Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund.

16 (C) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
 17 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$20,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
 18 to the Voting Technology Fund.

19 (D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
 20 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
 21 to the Oyster Resource Management Account.

22 (E) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
 23 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$30,500,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
 24 to the Higher Education Initiatives Fund.

25 (F) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
 26 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
 27 to the Health Care Employment Reinvestment Opportunity (H.E.R.O.) Fund.

28 (G) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
 29 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
 30 to the Geaux Teach Fund.

31 (H) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
 32 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$30,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
 33 to the Power-Based Violence and Safety Fund, as established in this Act.

34 (I) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
 35 authorized and directed to transfer \$13,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
 36 Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund.

37 (J) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
 38 authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
 39 Louisiana Economic Development Fund.

40 (K) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
 41 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
 42 to the Reading Enrichment and Academic Deliverables Fund, as established in this Act.

43 (L) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
 44 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$7,500,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
 45 to the Insure Louisiana Incentive Fund.

1 (M) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
2 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$24,904,474 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
3 to the State Emergency Response Fund.

4 (N) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
5 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
6 to the Court Modernization and Technology Fund, as established in this Act.

7 (O) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
8 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$74,361,094 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
9 to the Overcollections Fund.

10 (P) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
11 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
12 to the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Fund contingent upon the Act that originated  
13 as House Bill No. 563 of this 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature becoming law.

14 (Q) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
15 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$340,000,000 from the State General Fund  
16 (Direct) to the Transportation Trust Fund.

17 (R) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
18 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$ 74,415,389 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
19 to the 2024 LASERS IUAL Payment Fund, as established in this Act.

20 (S) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
21 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$4,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
22 to the Major Events Incentive Fund.

23 Section 2.(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state  
24 treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$110,584,611 from the State General  
25 Fund (Direct) to the 2024 LASERS IUAL Payment Fund, as established in this Act.

26 (B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
27 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000,000 from the State General Fund by Fees  
28 and Self-generated Revenues of the Department of Insurance to the to the Louisiana Fortify  
29 Homes Program Fund.

30 (C) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
31 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$2,500,000 from the State General Fund by Fees  
32 and Self-generated Revenues of the Department of Insurance to the Insure Louisiana  
33 Incentive Fund.

34 Section 3. R.S. 17:4033.1(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:  
35 §4033.1. R.E.A.D. Program; establishment; student eligibility; administration;  
36 funding

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38 F. There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
39 Reading Enrichment and Academic Deliverables Fund (hereafter referred to in this  
40 Section as the "R.E.A.D. Fund"). Monies appropriated or transferred to the R.E.A.D.  
41 Fund shall be deposited by the state treasurer after compliance with the requirements  
42 of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond  
43 Security and Redemption Fund. Monies in the R.E.A.D. Fund shall be invested in  
44 the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned on the  
45 investment of monies in the R.E.A.D. Fund shall be deposited in and credited to the  
46 R.E.A.D. Fund. Subject to appropriation, the state Department of Education shall use  
47 monies from the fund for administration and implementation of the R.E.A.D.  
48 Program.

49 Section 4. R.S. 22:347(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
50 22:347(A)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

51 §347. Disposition of tax money

52 A. Monies collected under R.S. 22:342 through 349, after being first credited  
53 to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund in accordance with Article VII, Section  
54 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, shall be credited to a special fund hereby  
55 established in the state treasury and known as the "Two Percent Fire Insurance Fund"  
56 hereinafter the "fund". Monies in the fund shall be available in amounts appropriated  
57 annually by the legislature for the following purposes in the following order of  
58 priority:

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1           (4) For the state fire marshal, the sum of one million dollars per year for a  
 2 length of service award program for volunteer firefighters pursuant to rules  
 3 promulgated by the state fire marshal in consultation with the Louisiana Fire and  
 4 Emergency Training Commission.

5           (5) For distribution to each parish governing authority in accordance with  
 6 rules and regulations established by the state treasurer based upon the formula  
 7 provided for herein:

8           (a) Except in Orleans Parish, the state treasurer shall pay over to the treasurer  
 9 of each governing authority of the parish described in R.S. 22:343 the full amount  
 10 of money due as determined by the state treasurer. These funds shall be allocated,  
 11 distributed, and paid to each parish on the basis of a determination of the established  
 12 population category of each parish as shown by the latest federal census or as  
 13 determined by the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical  
 14 College Agriculture Center, Department of Agricultural Economics and  
 15 Agribusiness, under the latest federal-state cooperative program for local population  
 16 estimates. Such determination shall be submitted by the Louisiana State University  
 17 and Agricultural and Mechanical College Agriculture Center, Department of  
 18 Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, to the state treasurer annually not later  
 19 than January fifteenth of each calendar year. Any parish governing authority which  
 20 is aggrieved by such determination may file a petition for administrative review with  
 21 the state treasurer not later than March fifteenth of each calendar year. The  
 22 determination so submitted shall have no effect on the distribution for the fiscal year  
 23 in which it is made, but shall be utilized for purposes of this Subpart for distribution  
 24 during the next ensuing fiscal year as follows:

25           (i) Those regularly paid fire departments of an incorporated municipality or  
 26 fire and waterworks district in any unincorporated municipality or active volunteer  
 27 fire departments having a population within its geographical area of one to two  
 28 thousand five hundred shall receive seven hundred fifty dollars per annum.

29           (ii) Those regularly paid fire departments of an incorporated municipality or  
 30 fire and waterworks district in any unincorporated municipality or active volunteer  
 31 fire departments having a population of two thousand five hundred one to five  
 32 thousand shall receive one thousand dollars per annum.

33           (iii) Those regularly paid fire departments of an incorporated municipality  
 34 or fire and waterworks district in any unincorporated municipality or active volunteer  
 35 fire departments having a population of five thousand one or more shall receive one  
 36 thousand two hundred fifty dollars per annum.

37           (b) Additional funds shall be distributed to each parish based on the  
 38 following population formula:

39           (i) Where the population is twenty-four thousand or less, the parish shall  
 40 receive thirty-four cents for each inhabitant.

41           (ii) Where the population is twenty-four thousand one to fifty-five thousand  
 42 inclusive, the parish shall receive thirty-seven cents per inhabitant.

43           (iii) Where the population is fifty-five thousand one to one hundred thousand  
 44 inclusive, the parish shall receive forty cents per inhabitant.

45           (iv) Where the population is one hundred thousand one to two hundred fifty  
 46 thousand inclusive, the parish shall receive forty-four cents per inhabitant.

47           (v) Where the population is two hundred fifty thousand one to four hundred  
 48 twenty-five thousand inclusive, the parish shall receive forty-seven cents per  
 49 inhabitant.

50           (vi) Where the population is over four hundred twenty-five thousand, the  
 51 parish shall receive fifty cents per inhabitant.

52           (c) Any balance which remains after making the distributions required in  
 53 Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be allocated on an equal per capita basis  
 54 until all of the available funds are utilized.

55           (d) If the total amount of monies available for distribution pursuant to  
 56 Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph is less than the one hundred percent required to  
 57 fully implement such formula, the amount distributed shall be prorated equally  
 58 among the formula categories by the state treasurer prior to distribution to each  
 59 parish governing authority.

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Section 5. R.S. 39:100.44.1(H)(3), the heading of Subpart P-3 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 39:100.101, 100.171, and 100.201(B) through (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and Subpart Z of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:100.211, and Subpart AA of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:100.221, are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§100.44.1. Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program; Louisiana Rescue Plan Funds; Loggers Relief; Save Our Screens

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(3) Any remaining balance in the fund on June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024, shall be transferred to the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund.

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SUBPART P-3. POWER-BASED VIOLENCE AND SAFETY FUND

§100.101. Power-Based Violence and Safety Fund; purpose

A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the "Power-Based Violence and Safety Fund", hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".

~~B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$500,000 from the Louisiana Mega-Project Development Fund into the Power-Based Fund.~~

~~C. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.~~

~~D. C. Monies in the fund shall be appropriated and used for the establishment of Power-Based Violence, Title IX, and safety initiatives offices at every public postsecondary institution in the state. The Board of Regents shall develop a plan for the distribution of funds.~~

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 22, after "Ida" and before the period "." insert "and that were not fully compensated for such property loss or damage by insurance and other federal and state disaster resources"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 2, after "remaining" and before "to one or more" delete "funds" and insert "monies received from the fund"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

"§100.201. Political Subdivision Federal Grant Assistance Fund

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B. Monies out of the fund shall be appropriated to the division of administration ~~via the process to adjust an agency's appropriation as provided for in Section 2.A. of Act No. 199 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature~~ and the office of rural development established within the office of the Governor.

C. ~~The~~ Monies in the fund shall be used for the administration of a program to assist political subdivisions with competitive federal grant opportunities made pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58).

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 D. ~~The program's~~ Any program guidelines shall be subject to approval by  
2 the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

3 SUBPART Z. COURT MODERNIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY FUND

4 §100.211. Court Modernization and Technology Fund

5 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
6 Court Modernization and Technology Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section  
7 as the "fund". The fund shall be administered by the Judicial Council of the  
8 Supreme Court to provide funding for technology upgrades in courts under the  
9 supervisory jurisdiction of the Supreme Court pursuant to Article V of the  
10 Constitution of Louisiana.

11 B. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in  
12 the state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall  
13 be credited to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the  
14 end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

15 C. The Supreme Court shall promulgate rules, regulations, and  
16 procedures as necessary for the administration of the fund, including establishing  
17 minimum technology standards for the courts, procedures for application, audit  
18 and monitoring requirements, and annual reporting requirements.

19 D. The Judicial Council shall administer monies in the fund as follows:  
20 (1) To establish the initial framework for regional technology support for  
21 courts.

22 (2) To prioritize funding to courts that do not meet the minimum  
23 technology standards in the following areas:

- 24 (a) Hardware and software.
- 25 (b) Cybersecurity.
- 26 (c) Case and document management systems.

27 E. Beginning October 1, 2023, the Judicial Council shall submit a  
28 quarterly status report of all funding allocated pursuant to this Section to the Joint  
29 Legislative Committee on the Budget.

30 SUBPART AA. 2024 LASERS IUAL PAYMENT FUND

31 §100.221. 2024 LASERS IUAL Payment Fund

32 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
33 2024 LASERS IUAL Payment Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the  
34 "fund". Subject to appropriation, monies in the fund shall be drawn by the  
35 Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System for application to the system's  
36 IUAL. As used in this Section, the term "IUAL" shall mean the consolidated debt  
37 schedule amortizing the unfunded accrued liability of the system as of June 30,  
38 1988. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the application of  
39 such amount toward the system's IUAL shall be in lieu of any equivalent  
40 payments toward such debt that otherwise would have been made through  
41 employer contributions in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

42 B. The Public Retirement Systems Actuarial Committee shall meet as  
43 soon as practicable after the effective date of this Section and no later than June  
44 30, 2024, to adopt a new valuation for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement  
45 System for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 that accounts for payments made pursuant to  
46 the provisions of this Section."

47 AMENDMENT NO. 7

48 On page 3, delete lines 27 through 29 in their entirety and on page 4 delete lines 1 and 2  
49 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

50 "Section 6.(A) The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective  
51 July 1, 2024.

52 (B) The provisions of this Section and Sections 1 and 3 through 5 of this Act  
53 shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor,  
54 upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as  
55 provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the  
56 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of this Section and

1 Sections 1 and 3 through 5 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such  
2 approval."