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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 :**4** "R.S. 39:100.44.1(H)(3), the heading of Subpart P-3 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of  
**5** Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and R.S.  
**6** 39:100.101, 100.171, and 100.201(B) through (D) and to enact R.S.  
**7** 17:4033.1(F), Subpart Z of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39, to  
**8** be comprised of R.S. 39:100.211, and Subpart AA of Part II-A of Chapter 1  
**9** of Subtitle I of Title 39, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.221,"**10** AMENDMENT NO. 2**11** On page 1, line 6, after "Section 1." and before "Notwithstanding" insert "(A)"**12** AMENDMENT NO. 3**13** On page 1, delete line 11 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:**14** "(B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
**15** hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$1,500,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
**16** to the Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund.**17** (C) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
**18** hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$20,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
**19** to the Voting Technology Fund.**20** (D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
**21** hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
**22** to the Oyster Resource Management Account.**23** (E) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
**24** hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$30,500,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
**25** to the Higher Education Initiatives Fund.**26** (F) 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 (Direct)  
**28** to the Health Care Employment Reinvestment Opportunity (H.E.R.O.) Fund.**29** (G) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
**30** hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
**31** to the Geaux Teach Fund.**32** (H) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
**33** hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$30,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
**34** to the Power-Based Violence and Safety Fund, as established in this Act.**35** (I) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
**36** authorized and directed to transfer \$13,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
**37** Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund.**38** (J) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
**39** authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
**40** Louisiana Economic Development Fund.**41** (K) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
**42** hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)  
**43** to the Reading Enrichment and Academic Deliverables Fund, as established in this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 Section 3. R.S. 17:4033.1(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

38 §4033.1. R.E.A.D. Program; establishment; student eligibility; administration;  
 39 funding

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

52 Section 4. R.S. 39:100.44.1(H)(3), the heading of Subpart P-3 of Part II-A of Chapter  
 53 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 39:100.101,  
 54 100.171, and 100.201(B) through (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and Subpart Z of  
 55 Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
 56 comprised of R.S. 39:100.211, and Subpart AA of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of  
 57 Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:100.221, are hereby  
 58 enacted to read as follows:

1 §100.44.1. Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program; Louisiana Rescue Plan Funds;  
 2 Loggers Relief; Save Our Screens

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4 H.

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

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

10 §100.101. Power-Based Violence and Safety Fund; purpose

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

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

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

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

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26 AMENDMENT NO. 4

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

30 AMENDMENT NO. 5

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

33 AMENDMENT NO. 6

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

35 "§100.201. Political Subdivision Federal Grant Assistance Fund

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

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

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

46 SUBPART Z. COURT MODERNIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY FUND

47 §100.211. Court Modernization and Technology Fund

48 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Court  
 49 Modernization and Technology Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the  
 50 "fund". The fund shall be administered by the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court  
 51 to provide funding for technology upgrades in courts under the supervisory

1 jurisdiction of the Supreme Court pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of  
2 Louisiana.

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

7 C. The Supreme Court shall promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures  
8 as necessary for the administration of the fund, including establishing minimum  
9 technology standards for the courts, procedures for application, audit and monitoring  
10 requirements, and annual reporting requirements.

11 D. The Judicial Council shall administer monies in the fund as follows:

12 (1) To establish the initial framework for regional technology support for  
13 courts.

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

16 (a) Hardware and software.

17 (b) Cybersecurity.

18 (c) Case and document management systems.

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

22 SUBPART AA. 2024 LASERS IUAL PAYMENT FUND

23 §100.221. 2024 LASERS IUAL Payment Fund

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

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

38 AMENDMENT NO. 7

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

41 "Section 5.(A) The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective July  
42 1, 2023.

43 (B) The provisions of this Section and Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this Act shall become  
44 effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration  
45 of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article  
46 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently  
47 approved by the legislature, the provisions of this Section and Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this Act  
48 shall become effective on the day following such approval."

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