2024 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides relative to the Department of Justice Legal Support Fund

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 49:259(B)(1) and (C)(3), relative to state funds; to increase the

3   allowable annual deposits into the Department of Justice Legal Support Fund; to

4   increase the allowable balance of the fund; to provide for deposits into the fund and

5   the state general fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related

6   matters.

7   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8   Section 1. R.S. 49:259(B)(1) and (C)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read

9   as follows:

10   §259. Department of Justice Legal Support Fund

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12   B.(1) After satisfying the requirements of the Bond Security and Redemption

13   Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the

14   treasurer shall transfer into the fund each fiscal year from proceeds received as

15   provided in Subsection A of this Section an amount which together with the balance

16   in the fund as of each July first is sufficient to bring the balance in the fund to ~~ten~~

17   twenty million dollars annually. Annual deposits into the fund shall not exceed a

18   total of ~~ten~~ twenty million dollars and the balance of the fund shall not exceed ~~ten~~

19   twenty million dollars. Any proceeds received as provided in Subsection A of this

1 Section, after making the total annual deposit into the fund of ~~ten~~ twenty million

2 dollars shall be deposited into the state general fund.

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4 C.

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6 (3) Each fiscal year, monies shall be deposited into the fund in an amount

7 sufficient to bring the unencumbered balance in the fund to ~~ten~~ twenty million

8 dollars.

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10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

14 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes changes to the annual deposits and balance of the Department of Justice Legal Support Fund.

Present law requires the treasurer to transfer into the Department of Justice Legal Support Fund (fund) from certain proceeds received as provided in present law an amount which together with the balance in the fund as of each July 1st is sufficient to bring the balance in the fund to ten million dollars.

Proposed law increases the balance to twenty million dollars. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that annual deposits into the fund shall not exceed ten million dollars.

Proposed law increases the allowable annual deposits to twenty million dollars.

Present law provides that the balance of the fund shall not exceed ten million dollars.

Proposed law increases the allowable balance of the fund to twenty million dollars.

Present law provides that after making the annual deposit of ten million dollars into the fund, the remainder shall be deposited into the state general fund.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the annual deposit to twenty million dollars before the remainder is deposited into the state general fund.

<u>Present law</u> provides that each fiscal year monies shall be deposited into the fund to bring the unencumbered balance in the fund to ten million dollars.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the unencumbered balance in the fund to twenty million dollars.

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

(Amends R.S. 49:259(B)(1) and (C)(3))

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