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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Establishes the Transportation Backlog Fund and requires deposit of \$20M of state general fund to be deposited into the fund to be used for transportation infrastructure projects in parishes which have met their maximum allocation of severance tax revenues.

Proposed law establishes the Transportation Backlog Fund (fund) as a special fund in the state treasury and requires the treasurer to deposit \$20M of state general fund monies into the fund.

Proposed law provides that monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies 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.

Proposed law requires monies in the fund to be used for transportation infrastructure projects which are located entirely in a parish which has received the maximum severance tax allocation for all natural resources other than sulphur, lignite, or timber for the current fiscal year and which are included in the Highway Priority Program, Port Construction or Development Priority Program, Airport Construction and Development Priority Program, or Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Program.

Proposed law requires projects to receive approval by the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways, or Public Works prior to distribution of monies from the fund to the project.

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

(Adds R.S. 48:79)