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SB 367 Engrossed

DIGEST
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Proposed law creates the Watershed Restoration and Conservation Fund to support the reclamation, restoration, and long-term stewardship of lands and watersheds within the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District.

Proposed law requires the treasurer to deposit into the fund any monies transferred, donated, or appropriated to the fund by the legislature. Further requires that monies in the fund be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Any interest earned on the 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.

Proposed law authorizes the legislature to appropriate monies from the fund to the board of commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District for any purpose authorized pursuant to proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 38:3310)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Change the purpose of the fund to stewardship of lands and watersheds within the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District.
2. Provide for the transfer, deposit, and uses of monies in the fund.
3. Authorize the legislature to appropriate monies from the fund to the board of commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District for any purpose authorized pursuant to proposed law.
4. Remove provisions allocating severance tax revenues.
5. Remove provisions providing eligibility criteria for entities to receive monies from the fund.

6. Remove provisions requiring the secretary of conservation and energy to administer the fund and reporting requirements.