

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Engrossed House Bill No. 313
by Representative McFarland

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "repeal" insert "amend and reenact R.S.
3 17:407.30(B), R.S. 39:82(J), 100.112(F)(1), 100.118(B), 1533(A), R.S. 48:197(B)(3), and
4 R.S. 51:2316(B)(2), to enact R.S. 39:100.112(F)(2)(e), 100.171(D), 100.252(F),
5 100.253(D)(4), 100.255(D)(6), 100.257, and 100.258, R.S. 51:1260(J) and 2316(D), and to"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 2

7 On page 1, line 4, after "accounts;" and before "to repeal" insert the following:

8 "to provide for the dedication of certain monies to the Louisiana Early Childhood
9 Education Fund; to provide for use of monies in the Local Revenue Fund; to provide
10 for use of monies in the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund; to provide for use of monies
11 in the Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund; to provide for the use of monies
12 in the Higher Education Campus Revitalization Fund; to provide for the use of
13 monies in the Louisiana Economic Development Initiatives Fund; to establish the
14 Criminal Justice Technology Innovation Fund; to establish the Strategic Investments
15 Across Louisiana Fund; to restrict payments of certain monies in the Self-Insurance
16 Fund; to provide for the use of monies in the Regional Maintenance and
17 Improvement Fund; to provide for approvals for the use of certain monies in the
18 Major Events Incentive Fund; to provide for the investment and use of monies in the
19 Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund; to authorize appropriation
20 from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund; to modify threshold amounts and
21 percentages allowable for appropriations from the Revenue Stabilization Trust
22 Fund;"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 3

24 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 and insert the following:

25 "(D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is
26 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$892,093 from the State General Fund (Direct)
27 into the Criminal Justice Priority Fund.

28 (E) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is
29 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$2,400,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)
30 into the Federal Energy Settlement Fund."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 4

32 On page 2, between lines 12 and 13 insert the following:

33 "(D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is
34 authorized and directed to transfer to the Fees and Self-generated Revenues of the Board of
35 Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System the proceeds of at
36 least one hundred six thousand two hundred twenty-three dollars relating to the assignment,
37 transfer, sale, or lease of the Frazier Campus at Baton Rouge Community College.

38 (E) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is
39 authorized and directed to transfer to the Fees and Self-generated Revenues of the Board of
40 Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System the proceeds of at
41 least four million dollars relating to the assignment, transfer, sale, or lease of the Central
42 Campus at Baton Rouge Community College.

43 Section 4. R.S. 17:107.30(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

1 §407.30. Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund

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3 B. After satisfying the requirements of the Bond Security and Redemption
4 Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana,
5 except as otherwise provided by law, monies shall be deposited into the fund as
6 follows:

7 (1) The avails of the monies provided for in R.S. 39:82(J).

8 (2) Any appropriations, public or private grants, gifts, or donations received
9 by the state or the Department of Education for the purposes of this Section, other
10 than federal funds for the Child Care and Development Fund Program, shall **also** be
11 credited to the fund.

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14 Section 5. R.S. 39:82(J), 100.112(F)(1), 100.118(B) and 1533(A) are hereby
15 amended and reenacted and R.S. 39:112(F)(2)(e), 100:171(D), 100.252(F), 100.253(D)(4),
16 100.255(D)(6), 100:257, and 100:258 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

17 §82. Remission of cash balances to the state treasurer; authorized withdrawals of state
18 monies after the close of the fiscal year; reports

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20 J. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, ~~the office of behavioral~~
21 ~~health, Louisiana Department of Health, may retain any unexpended funds in~~
22 ~~accordance with the provisions of R.S. 28:26~~ for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the
23 treasurer shall deposit all cash balances of any state funds occurring from any
24 appropriations made by legislative act or the Interim Emergency Board to the
25 Department of Education at the end of the fiscal year into the Louisiana Early
26 Childhood Education Fund. Provided, however, the provisions of this Subsection
27 shall not apply to any dedicated funds that would otherwise be retained by the
28 respective funds or state funds for which a bona fide liability exists on the last day
29 of Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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31 §100.112. Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund

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33 F.(1) Except as provided in Paragraphs (2) ~~and (3)~~ through (4) of this
34 Subsection, no appropriations shall be made from the Revenue Stabilization Trust
35 Fund.

36 (2)(a) * * *

37 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of this Paragraph to the contrary, for Fiscal
38 Year 2026-2027, the minimum fund balance shall equal one billion seven hundred
39 million dollars and the allowable percentage shall equal thirty-three percent.

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41 §100.118. Local Revenue Fund

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43 B. The monies in the fund shall be used solely for ~~distribution to ad valorem~~
44 ~~tax recipient bodies within a parish to offset losses attributable to business inventory~~
45 ~~exemptions to the ad valorem tax granted by a parish. the following:~~

46 (1) Distribution to ad valorem tax recipient bodies within a parish to offset
47 losses attributable to business inventory exemptions to the ad valorem tax granted
48 by a parish.

49 (2) Beginning July 1, 2026, an amount not to exceed five million dollars
50 annually shall be used for the purposes of reimbursing political subdivisions for costs
51 to repair infrastructure damaged by the installation of broadband infrastructure.

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53 §100.171. Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund

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55 D. All eligible entities receiving money in accordance with Subsection C of
56 this Section shall expend all payments out of the fund in full no later than June 30,
57 2027. All monies paid out of the fund not expended by June 30, 2027 shall be
58 returned to the state treasury by the eligible entity.

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60 §100.252. Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund

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1 F. For Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the monies deposited in the fund shall be
2 utilized for the following:

3 (1) The amount of one hundred twenty-five million shall be used for
4 transportation infrastructure initiatives.

5 (2) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
6 2027, the amount of one hundred million dollars shall be used for the Highway
7 Priority Program.

8 (3) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
9 2027, the amount of sixty-three million dollars shall be used for district maintenance
10 funding.

11 (4) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
12 2027, the amount of thirty-five million dollars shall be used for a box culvert
13 program administered by the Department of Transportation and Development.

14 (5) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
15 2027, the amount of thirty million dollars will be used for state highway initiatives
16 administered by the division of administration.

17 (6) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
18 2027, the amount of twenty-five million dollars shall be used for a box culvert
19 program administered by the division of administration.

20 §100.253. Higher Education Campus Revitalization Fund

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22 D. The monies in the fund shall be utilized for the following:

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24 (4) For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 monies in the fund shall be used for the
25 following:

26 (a) The amount of fifty-six million shall be used for transportation
27 infrastructure initiatives.

28 (b) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
29 2027, the amount of three million eight hundred thousand dollars shall be used for
30 land acquisitions and facilities at Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

31 (c) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
32 2027, the amount of three million three hundred thousand dollars shall be used for
33 costs associated with training initiatives at River Parishes Community College.

34 (d) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
35 2027, the amount of one million dollars shall be used for start up costs for an
36 aerospace program at Elaine P. Nunez Community College.

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38 §100.255. Louisiana Economic Development Initiatives Fund

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40 D. The monies in the fund shall be utilized for the following:

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42 (6) For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 monies in the fund shall be used for the
43 following:

44 (a) The state treasurer shall deposit the first fifty million dollars of monies
45 received into the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

46 (b) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
47 2027, the amount of twenty-five million dollars shall be used for strategic
48 investments in the healthcare industry at Louisiana State University Health Sciences
49 Center at Shreveport.

50 (c) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
51 2027, the amount of ten million dollars shall be used for economic development
52 investments associated with the redevelopment of the Charity Hospital and Medical
53 Center of Louisiana at New Orleans.

54 (d) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
55 2027, the state treasurer shall deposit the amount of five million dollars into the
56 Rapid Response Fund.

57 (e) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
58 2027, the amount of five million dollars shall be used for economic development
59 initiatives aimed at the wood pellet industry.

60 (f) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
61 2027, the amount of two million dollars shall be used for innovation initiatives
62 throughout the state.

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2 §100.257. Criminal Justice Technology Innovation Fund

3 There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the
4 Criminal Justice Technology Innovation Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund".
5 Any money transferred, donated, or appropriated to the fund by the legislature shall
6 be deposited into the fund after compliance with the requirements of Article VII,
7 Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and
8 Redemption Fund. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end
9 of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested
10 by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and
11 interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund.
12 Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised
13 Statutes of 1950, monies in the fund shall be used by offices of the district attorney
14 to leverage technology to collaborate with other entities and facilitate interagency
15 communication regarding care and protection of youth.

16 §100.258. Strategic Investments Across Louisiana Fund

17 There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the
18 Strategic Investments Across Louisiana Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund".
19 Any money transferred, donated, or appropriated to the fund by the legislature shall
20 be deposited into the fund after compliance with the requirements of Article VII,
21 Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and
22 Redemption Fund. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end
23 of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested
24 by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and
25 interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund.
26 Monies in the fund shall be subject to appropriation.

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28 §1533. Self-Insurance Fund

29 A.(1) There is hereby created in the Department of the Treasury a special
30 fund to be known as the "Self-Insurance Fund". The fund shall consist of all
31 premiums paid by state agencies under the state's risk management program as
32 established by this Chapter, the investment income earned from such premiums, and
33 commissions retained in accordance with the provisions of this Title. This fund shall
34 be used only for the payment of losses incurred by state agencies under the
35 self-insurance program, premiums for insurance obtained through commercial
36 carriers, administrative expenses associated with the management of the state's risk,
37 law enforcement officers and firemen's survivors benefits as provided for in R.S.
38 40:1665(C) and 1665.2(C), law enforcement officers and firemen's disability benefits
39 as provided for in R.S. 40:1668, the payment of extraordinary medical and dental
40 expenses for firemen and law enforcement officers as provided for in R.S. 40:1668.1,
41 the payment of losses incurred by the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority in
42 accordance with R.S. 28:831(J), the payment of losses incurred by the Capital Area
43 Human Services District in accordance with R.S. 28:906, the payment of losses
44 incurred by the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority in accordance with R.S.
45 28:856, the payment of losses incurred by the Metropolitan Human Services District
46 in accordance with R.S. 28:866, the payment of losses incurred by the Northeast
47 Delta Human Services Authority in accordance with R.S. 28:896, the payment of
48 losses incurred by the South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority in
49 accordance with R.S. 28:876, and the funding of the legal services, such funds to be
50 administered by the commissioner of administration.

51 (2) Payments for law enforcement officers and firemen survivor and
52 disability benefits and extraordinary medical and dental expenses as provided for in
53 R.S. 40:1665(C), 1665.2(C), ~~and 1668,~~ and 1668.1 shall be made by the office of risk
54 management on behalf of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor
55 Benefit Review Board as a result of a specific appropriation received for that
56 purpose. Aggregate payments made pursuant to this Paragraph shall not exceed five
57 million dollars in any given fiscal year.

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59 Section 6. R.S. 48:197(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

60 §197. Motor vehicle license tax; Regional Maintenance and Improvement Fund

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2 B.(1)
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4 (3) Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to Jefferson Parish and used
5 exclusively for maintenance, ~~and~~ improvements, ~~and the construction of walkways~~
6 ~~and pedestrian bridges~~ along the Westbank Expressway US 90 Business corridor, La.
7 Hwy 45, and La. Hwy 541, all located in Jefferson Parish, including the operation
8 and maintenance of all lighting previously operated and maintained by the
9 Department of Transportation and Development.

10 Section 7. R.S. 51:2316(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 51:1260(J)
11 and 2316(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §1260. Major Events Incentive Fund; Major Events Incentive Program

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14 J. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection E of this Section, contracts
15 entered into for events which have received a specific appropriation in an Act by the
16 legislature shall not require prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the
17 Budget.

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19 §2316. Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund

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21 B.(1)

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22 ~~(2) Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the~~
23 ~~state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be~~
24 ~~deposited into the state general fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the~~
25 ~~fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The state treasurer is~~
26 hereby directed to invest the monies in the fund in a separate portfolio. All
27 investment income earned on monies in the fund, net of investment expenditures,
28 shall be credited to Louisiana Economic Development, and may be used as program
29 revenue for purposes consistent with this Section.

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31 D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, of the
32 amounts deposited into the Fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of five
33 million nine hundred thousand dollars will serve as the repayment on behalf of the
34 Vinton Harbor and Terminal District."

35 AMENDMENT NO. 5

36 On page 2, line 13, after "Section" and before "R.S." delete "4." and insert "8."

37 AMENDMENT NO. 6

38 On page 2, between lines 13 and 14 insert the following:

39 "Section 9. In accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section
40 10.15(F)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds
41 of each house concurring, does hereby authorize appropriation from the Revenue
42 Stabilization Trust Fund for the purpose of addressing emergency conditions across
43 the state in Fiscal Year 2026-2027."

44 AMENDMENT NO. 7

45 On page 2, line 14, after "Section" delete the remainder of the line and insert "10.(A) The
46 provisions of this Section and Sections 1, 2, and 4 through 9 of this Act shall"