
DIGEST

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Richmond

HB No. 101

Abstract: Authorizes Louisiana Community Development Financial Institutions to include investments in areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Present law provides for the Louisiana Community Development Financial Institution Act, the purpose of which is to further community development, diminish poverty, and provide assistance in the formation and expansion of new business which creates jobs in the state by providing for the availability of venture capital financing.

Present law provides that qualifying individuals or businesses that invest in a Louisiana Community Development Financial Institution may earn, apply for, and be granted a tax credit on any personal income, corporate income, or corporation franchise tax liability.

Present law provides that 100% of all investments must be made in low-income communities, which is defined as any census tract that has 35% of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Area Median Family Income, as determined and approved by the commissioner of financial institutions.

Proposed law retains present law and includes in the definition of "low-income community" any community located in an area with respect to which a major disaster has been declared by the president under Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of Hurricane Katrina or Rita.

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

(Amends R.S. 51:3084(11))