
DIGEST

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HB No. 604

Abstract: Provides for the distribution of unspent federal funds available for recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to the parish governing authorities.

Proposed law requires the office of community development to allocate any unspent federal funds available for the recovery to the governing authority of each parish affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita as follows:

- (1) For each recovery program, the office of community development shall determine the amount allocated to each parish and the amount spent in each parish.
- (2) For each recovery program, the amount allocated to the parish, less the amount spent in parish, shall be distributed to the parish governing authority of each affected parish.

Proposed law permits the parish governing authority to request that the state continue to operate such a program and requires the state office of community development to continue to administer the program in that parish if so requested. If a parish governing authority requests to operate a program, requires the office of community development transfer administration of any program to a parish governing authority within 30 days of the request.

Proposed law requires the office of community development to seek necessary federal approvals to permit a parish governing authority to provide an alternative use of the allocated monies.

Proposed law shall not be construed to alter or impair any contract or award pursuant to a recovery program existing on the effective date.

Effective on July 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 39:136)