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Provides relative to the casino support services contract

Current law requires the gaming control board to negotiate and agree to a casino support services contract with Orleans Parish, subject to approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB). If the JLCB disapproves or does not act upon the amount of the contract, the contract shall be null and void. Support services include fire, police, sanitation, health, transportation, and traffic services. Current law also provides that monies paid to the state by the casino operator be deposited into the Support Education in Louisiana First Fund (SELF) for K-12 and higher education salary support. Proposed law prohibits the treasurer from depositing any monies into the Casino Support Services Fund (newly created by this bill) if JLCB disapproves or does not act on a contract. If a contract is approved, the first \$1.8 million of casino receipts are allocated to the new fund. The next \$60 million of receipts are deposited to the SELF fund for both K-12 and for higher education. Receipts in excess of \$61.8 million are split between both funds up to the amount of the latest approved contract. The remainder of receipts are deposited to the SELF. Effective upon governor's signature.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The latest casino support services contract was approved by the JLCB on 3/22/2013 for \$3.6 million for 2013-2014. An appropriation of \$3.6 million was made from SELF for FY12. Appropriations from the state general fund of \$3.6 million were made in FY07-10, \$1 million in FY04-06, and \$6m in FY00.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

From casino receipts, the bill requires the first \$1.8 million to be deposited into the Casino Support Services Fund, newly created by this bill. The next \$60 million of receipts are allocated to the SELF fund (supports salary expenses for pre-K through 12th grade teachers in the MFP and for college faculty). Receipts beyond that are split evenly between the two funds, up to the amount of the latest approved contract. Once the contract is fully funded, the remainder of receipts are deposited to the SELF.

In five of the eleven years since 2002, the SELF fund has had end-of-year balances in excess of \$3.6 million (as little as -\$636,000 and as much as \$20.5 million). This subset of historical ending balances suggests that in some years receipts from casino operations could be sufficient to fully cover the salary obligations of the SELF fund and the allocation to the support services contract (at the \$3.6 million level).

However, in five of the eleven years since 2002, the SELF fund's end-of-year balances have been less than the \$3.6 million (as little as -\$636,000 and as much as \$1.3 million). For three recent complete fiscal years, FY09, FY10, and FY11 the SELF ending balance has been only \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million per year, and FY12 ended -\$636,000. This subset of historical ending balances suggests that in some years, and especially in recent years, receipts from casino operations could be insufficient to fully cover the salary obligations of the SELF fund and the allocation to the support services contract (at the \$3.6 million level).

Although the bill provides that the Casino Support Service Fund receives it's full allocation (at the \$3.6 million level) only after \$61.8 million of casino receipts have been deposited to the SELF (\$65.4 million of total receipts), and any additional funding of the contract occurs from receipts above that level, it is possible that in some years the SELF fund obligations would not be fully covered. In those instances the state general fund would presumably be required to supplement the SELF obligations. This has occurred in FY11, FY12, FY13, and the FY14 proposed budget as state general fund financing has been added to the Minimum Foundation Program to supplement SELF fund and Lottery fund financing in the MFP (\$7.581 million, \$209,000, \$2.9 million, and \$7 million respectively), as the result of insufficient gaming activity revenue relative to SELF fund requirements.

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[X] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} [ ] 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
[ ] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} [ ] 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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