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## DIGEST

Morrell (SB 441)

Proposed law requires that the office of community development disaster recovery unit (office) terminate procedures in effect on the effective date of proposed law under which disaster recovery monies paid as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including monies paid under the Road Home program, are to be recovered by the office which are alleged to have been improperly paid to or misspent by the recipients.

Proposed law prohibits the office from initiating recovery of disaster monies paid as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including recovery of monies paid under the Road Home program, until procedures for recovery of these monies are adopted by the office in accordance with the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law requires that procedures to recover such funds include, at a minimum, the following items:

- (1) Documentation that any letter to a person seeking confirmation that disaster monies paid were used in accordance with the program rules was received at the person's correct municipal address.
- (2) That the letter to a recipient clearly indicate the information needed to verify that disaster monies were used in accordance with program rules.
- (3) That the recipient is given a minimum of 90 days within which to respond to the office by mail, return receipt requested or in person.
- (4) That all issues concerning program compliance rules be resolved within 60 days after receipt by the office of the information requested by the office.

Proposed law provides that the office of community development disaster recovery unit will develop the procedures by October 1, 2014.

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

(Amends R.S. 49:663.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Relative to the recovery of hurricane disaster recovery funds improperly paid to or misspent by recipients, persons who have received letters to verify their proper use of program funds are given a minimum of 90 days to respond by mail or in person.