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Analyst: Alan M. Boxberger **Subject:** Eliminate certain statutory dedications and certain Page 1 of 2

OR +\$678,126,280 GF RV See Note FUNDS/FUNDING Eliminates certain statutory dedications and eliminates certain dedications of certain funds (Item #7)

Proposed law eliminates 61 statutorily dedicated funds and authorizes the treasurer to transfer any unencumbered balances remaining in the funds repealed and abolished by proposed law to the State General Fund (SGF) after satisfying appropriations for FY 2015-16.

Proposed law eliminates certain dedications into three specified statutory dedications: eliminating SGF as a source of revenue into the New Opportunities Waiver Fund; eliminating distributions to the State Fire Marshal and the Fire and Emergency Training Institute at LSU from the Two Percent Fire Insurance Fund and requiring unencumbered balances to be deposited into the SGF; and eliminating the allocation to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Department of Justice from the Video Draw Poker Device Fund and requiring unencumbered balances to be deposited into the SGF.

Proposed law has an effective date of July 1, 2016.

EXPENDITURE	s <u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2016-17	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	2019-20	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$678,126,280	\$619,940,000	\$619,940,000	\$619,940,000	\$619,940,000	\$3,157,886,280
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	(\$678,126,280)	(\$619,940,000)	(\$619,940,000)	(\$619,940,000)	(\$619,940,000)	(\$3,157,886,280)
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	) \$0

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

While proposed law eliminates 61 statutorily dedicated funds, it does not eliminate the existing expenditures currently supported by these dedications. To the extent that the legislature continues to fund these programs in subsequent fiscal years, the funding source must be replaced by SGF or another revenue source to supplant the loss of the eliminated statutorily dedicated funds. The activities and services supported by these statutory dedications will then compete for annual SGF resources along with other significant SGF supported services. The activities and services currently supported by statutory dedications, if supplanted with SGF support in future fiscal years, would lose the 5% reduction limitation currently provided by the constitution and Title 39.

## Technical Issues to be considered:

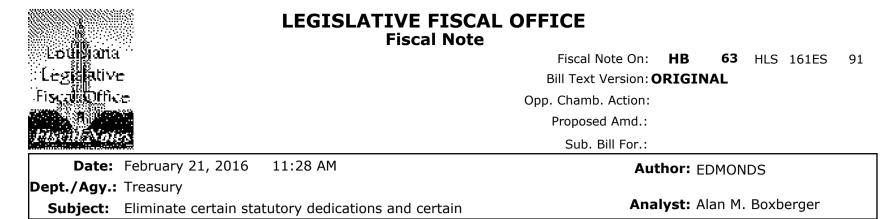
Proposed law eliminates the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund. The La Agricultural Finance Authority has outstanding debt that is secured by lease revenues, net slot machine proceeds pursuant to R.S. 27:392(B)(4), and income and revenues of the Feed and Fertilizer Fund pursuant to R.S. 3:1421. The total outstanding debt remaining at the end of the current fiscal year (FY 17 through FY 23 debt service schedule) is approximately \$23.95M according to the most recent Financial Statement Audit released by the Legislative Auditor on 12/17/14. FY 17 payments are estimated at \$9.5 M.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Due to the elimination of 61 statutorily dedicated funds, the requirement that the revenue source of such funds flow into the SGF, and the additional elimination of certain dedications within 3 specific statutory dedications, the SGF will receive a remaining statutory dedicated fund balance transfer of approximately \$58.2 M at the end of FY 16 (transferred in FY 17) and an annual supplanting of revenue deposits from statutory dedications into the SGF of approximately \$619,940,000 beginning in FY 17 and annually thereafter. The fund balance estimate is based upon information provided to the Legislative Fiscal Office by the State Treasury, consisting of the estimated FY 16 ending year fund balance and the FY 17 adopted revenue forecast (2/10/16). The revenue impact listed in the revenue table above will likely change. The estimate is based upon the current fund balance projection, which includes current revenue and expenditure projections which will likely change and which may be impacted by actions during the 1st Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana. NOTE: Three of the statutory dedications to be eliminated have no projected fund balance at the end of FY 16 and also owe an outstanding seed balance to the treasury that must be repaid. The outstanding seed balances are \$11.3 M La Fire Marshal Fund, \$15.6 M La State Police Salary Fund and \$3.4 M Tobacco Tax Health Care Fund, for a total seed balance due of \$30.2 M.

Proposed law eliminates a potential funding mechanism to the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Fund. The fund may receive **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}	$6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 \text{ SGF Fiscal Cost } \{H \& S\}$	
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}	John D. Carpenter Legislative Fiscal Officer



## **CONTINUED EXPLANATION from page one:**

12% of all recurring state general fund recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference in excess of the official forecast at the beginning of the fiscal year, up to a maximum of \$50 million in any year. Proposed law eliminates this potential funding mechanism.

The specific funds eliminated are as follows:

The specific funds for which certain dedications are adjusted are as follows:

New Opportunities Waiver Fund - Eliminates SGF as a potential source of revenue (see explanation above). Two Percent Fire Insurance Fund - Eliminates distributions to the State Fire Marshal and the Fire and Emergency Training Institute at LSU and requires unencumbered balances to be deposited into the SGF at the end of each fiscal year Video Draw Poker Device Fund - Eliminates the allocation to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Department of Justice to enforce the laws and regulations governing video draw poker devices and requires unencumbered balances to be deposited into the SGF.

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