

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 356

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

TRANSPORTATION: Renews the Freight Railroad Intermodal Grant Program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:388.1(C) and to repeal R.S. 48:388.1(B), relative to rail; to  
3 repeal a provision authorizing the Freight Railroad Intermodal Grant Program to  
4 begin by a certain date and to continue for a certain period of time; to authorize  
5 certain funds to be used for the Freight Railroad Intermodal Program; to provide for  
6 an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 48:388.1(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §388.1. Freight Railroad Intermodal Grant Program

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11 C. ~~No~~ Transportation Trust Fund ~~money shall~~ monies may be used for this  
12 program. However, this program shall not utilize Transportation Trust Fund monies  
13 for the operating costs of any railroad.

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15 Section 2. R.S. 48:388.1(B) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

16 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
20 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 356 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Removes a provision allowing the Freight Railroad Intermodal Grant Program to operate for only 10 years and permits the use of Transportation Trust Fund monies for the grant program.

Present law provides for the Freight Railroad Intermodal Grant Program (program) within the Dept. of Transportation and Development.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the program to be implemented not later than Jan. 1, 1998, for a 10-year period and to be evaluated at the end of that period.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law prohibits the use of Transportation Trust Fund monies for the grant program.

Proposed law removes the prohibition and permits the use of Transportation Trust Fund monies for the grant program.

Proposed law prohibits the use of Transportation Trust Fund monies by the grant program for the operating costs of any railroad.

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

(Amends R.S. 48:388.1(C); Repeals R.S. 48:388.1(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Prohibit the use of Transportation Trust Fund monies by the grant program for the operating costs of any railroad.
2. Make proposed law effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.