

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2020 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 189 by Senator White

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, between "R.S. 39:100.36" and the comma "," insert "and 100.37"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, change "2020 Capital Project Fund" to "Coronavirus Local Recovery
5 Allocation Fund"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 6, between "effective date;" and "and to" insert "to provide for the powers
8 and duties of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; to
9 provide with respect to the powers and duties of the legislative auditor; to provide with
10 respect to the allocation and disbursement of monies in the fund;"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 1, line 10, between "R.S. 39:100.36" and the comma "," insert "and 100.37"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 1, line 12, change "**2020 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND**" to "**CORONAVIRUS**
15 **LOCAL RECOVERY ALLOCATION FUND**"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 6

17 On page 1, line 13, change "**2020 Capital Project Fund**" to "**Coronavirus Local Recovery**
18 **Allocation Fund**"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 7

20 On page 1, at the beginning of line 15, change "**2020 Capital Project Fund**" to
21 "**Coronavirus Local Recovery Allocation Fund**"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 8

23 On page 1, delete lines 16 and 17 in their entirety and on page 2 delete lines 1 through 10
24 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

25 **"B. After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption**
26 **Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana,**
27 **the treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the fund eight hundred eleven million**
28 **one hundred seventy-eight thousand seven hundred dollars of the federal**
29 **monies allocated to Louisiana pursuant to Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid,**
30 **Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136."**

31 AMENDMENT NO. 9

32 On page 2, delete lines 19 through 29 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

1 "(1)(a) Two hundred million dollars shall fund a program for small
 2 business grants, as provided by law.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this paragraph to the contrary, of
 4 the monies allocated to the small business grants program pursuant to
 5 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, twenty-five million dollars shall be
 6 awarded to minority and women-owned small businesses.

7 (2) The remainder of the funds allocated pursuant to Subsection B of
 8 this Section shall be used to reimburse local governments for coronavirus-
 9 related expenses, as provided in R.S. 39:100.37.

10 §100.37. Administration and Allocation of Coronavirus Local Recovery
 11 Allocation Fund Monies

12 A.(1) The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
 13 Preparedness (hereafter GOHSEP) shall develop an allocation for
 14 administration of monies in the coronavirus local recovery allocation fund. The
 15 allocation shall provide a distribution of funds for each parish as follows:

16 (a) Thirty percent of the funds shall be allocated according to the
 17 population of each parish as a proportion of the total state population, using the
 18 latest federal decennial census data for the calculation.

19 (b) The remaining seventy percent shall be allocated using the number
 20 of cases reported by the Louisiana Department of Health on May 30, 2020,
 21 based on the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within a parish as a
 22 proportion of the statewide total.

23 (2) GOHSEP shall report the proposed allocation to the Joint Legislative
 24 Committee on the Budget no later than May 31, 2020, and the report shall be
 25 reviewed for approval at the committee's June 2020 meeting.

26 B. No funds may be disbursed to a parish or political subdivision in the
 27 parish until all of the following criteria have been met for the parish:

28 (1) The parish governing authority has designated a parish liaison to be
 29 the sole intermediary for reimbursement pursuant to the provisions of this
 30 Section.

31 (2) The parish liaison has collected documentation of actual
 32 expenditures incurred by the parish and other political subdivisions within the
 33 parish and submitted such documentation to the division of administration in
 34 a manner determined by the commissioner of administration.

35 (3)(a) Within fifteen calendar days after receiving a parish's submission,
 36 GOHSEP shall review the submission and forward documentation of all
 37 expenditures deemed eligible for reimbursement to the legislative auditor. The
 38 legislative auditor shall review the documentation to determine whether each
 39 expenditure can be verified as eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this
 40 Section and within fifteen calendar days after receipt report his findings and
 41 conclusions to GOHSEP.

42 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of Subparagraph (a) of this
 43 Paragraph, if the legislative auditor requires more documentation in order to
 44 make a determination on the eligibility of submitted expenditures for
 45 reimbursement, he may request such documentation from the division of
 46 administration and the parish liaison, and the deadline for the auditor to submit
 47 his findings and conclusions on such expenditure shall be extended by fifteen
 48 days from when he receives the requested documentation.

49 C. Only expenditures incurred due to COVID-19 between March 1, 2020
 50 and September 30, 2020, shall be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to the
 51 provisions of this Section. Any claim submitted to the division of administration
 52 after September 30, 2020, is ineligible for payment pursuant to the provisions
 53 of this Section.

54 D. Funds for approved claims shall be disbursed by GOHSEP within
 55 fourteen days of receipt of the legislative auditor's verification of the
 56 expenditure.

57 E. No later than the fifteenth of each month, the director of GOHSEP
 58 in conjunction with the executive director of the office of community
 59 development shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the

1 **Budget detailing by parish the amounts requested for reimbursement pursuant**
2 **to this Section and the amounts actually reimbursed, the percentage of allocated**
3 **funds remaining by parish, and the average time for disbursing funds to each**
4 **parish.**

5 **F. The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget shall meet in October**
6 **of 2020 to review the amount of funds remaining and may, by majority vote,**
7 **reallocate remaining funds, if necessary.**

8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
10 signed by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
12 effective on the day following such approval."