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## DIGEST

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HB 34 Original

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**Abstract:** Establishes the La. Opioid Settlement Fund for monies received from opioid settlements and provides for uses of the fund.

Proposed law establishes the La. Opioid Settlement Fund and requires that all monies received by the state from any opioid settlement be deposited into the fund.

Proposed law provides that the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM), in conjunction with the ULM College of Pharmacy, shall be the administrator of the fund and shall disburse the funds as follows:

- (1) 20% shall be used for prevention efforts including:
  - (a) Education programs and addiction and overdose prevention programs in colleges, universities, and elementary and secondary schools.
  - (b) Continuing medical education for medical providers.
  - (c) Training for medical students and residents.
- (2) 50% shall be used to address the current opioid crisis including:
  - (a) Rehabilitation and treatment services, including those provided by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, corrections services.
  - (b) Drug courts.
  - (c) Counseling services and training.
  - (d) Opioid antagonist training.
  - (e) Medication assisted treatment education.
  - (f) Law enforcement operations, including those conducted by sheriffs, state police, and municipal police.
- (3) 30% shall be used for addiction and treatment research and development of opioid

alternatives including:

- (a) Non-addictive pharmaceutical research.
- (b) Alternative pain management strategies.

Proposed law provides that ULM, in conjunction with the ULM College of Pharmacy, shall administer any prescription medicine received by the state from any opioid settlement and shall establish a procedure for distribution.

Proposed law requires ULM to submit an annual report to Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget that includes information on grant applications received, funding distributed, and recipients of the funding.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.41-100.43)