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## DIGEST

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HB 34 Engrossed

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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 fund shall be used exclusively for the following purposes:

- (1) Improving access to medications proven to prevent or reverse an overdose.
- (2) Supporting behavioral health services providers and referral to treatment services for hospitals, correctional facilities, and other high-risk populations.
- (3) Increasing access to medications that support recovery from substance abuse disorders.
- (4) Expanding access to crisis identification and stabilization services and residential treatment services.
- (5) Expanding and establishing safe stations, mobile crisis response systems, and crisis stabilization centers.
- (6) Organizing primary and secondary school education campaigns to prevent opioid use, including for administrative expenses.
- (7) Enforcing the laws regarding opioid prescriptions and sales, including for administrative expenses.
- (8) Research and training for substance use treatment and overdose prevention, including for administrative expenses.
- (9) Supporting and expanding evidence-based interventions for substance abuse treatment and overdose prevention.

Proposed law requires the governor, in consultation with the attorney general and legislature, to develop a plan for the allocation of monies in the fund and submit the plan and proposed budget to

the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget for approval no later than Jan. 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.41)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Remove ULM as the administrator of the fund.
2. Remove the requirement that specific percentages of the fund be spent on specific purposes.
3. Add exclusive uses of the fund.
4. Require the governor, in consultation with the attorney general and legislature, to develop a plan for the allocation of monies in the fund and submit the plan and proposed budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget for approval no later than Jan. 1, 2021.