

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 686

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY CARTER

FUNDS/FUNDING: Dedicates funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to Hudson Initiative and Veteran Initiative certified small businesses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart V of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana  
3 Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.171, relative to the  
4 dedication of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; to create the Small  
5 Business Development Fund; to provide for the deposit of federal monies into the  
6 fund; to provide for uses of the monies in the fund; to provide for effectiveness; and  
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Subpart V of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the  
10 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:100.171, is hereby enacted to read  
11 as follows:

12 SUBPART V. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND

13 §100.171. Small Business Development Fund

14 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Small  
15 Business Development Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".

16 B. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit in and  
17 credit to the fund fifty million dollars of the federal monies allocated to Louisiana  
18 pursuant to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue  
19 Plan Act of 2021.

1           C. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the  
2           state general fund. Interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be  
3           deposited in and credited to the fund.

4           D. Monies in the fund shall be used to provide grants for business  
5           development and expansion for small Louisiana entrepreneurships that are certified  
6           pursuant to the Hudson Initiative, as provided in R.S. 39:2001 et seq., and the  
7           Veteran Initiative, as provided in R.S. 39:2171 et seq. The grants shall be  
8           administered by the Department of Economic Development.

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

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the Small Business Development Fund to use American Rescue Plan Act funds to provide grants to small Louisiana entrepreneurships that are certified pursuant to the Hudson Initiative and the Veteran Initiative.

Proposed law creates the Small Business Development Fund (fund) and directs the treasurer to deposit \$50 million of federal monies allocated to La. pursuant to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into the fund.

Proposed law provides grants for business development and expansion for small Louisiana entrepreneurships that are certified pursuant to present law (Hudson Initiative-R.S. 39:2001 et seq. and the Veteran Initiative-R.S. 39:2171 et seq.).

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

(Adds R.S. 39:100.171)