
DIGEST

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HB 175 Engrossed

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Abstract: Creates the Veterans Service Grant Board and provides for allocation and distribution of lottery proceeds for the benefit of La. veterans.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:9031) creates the Veterans Service Grant Bd. and provides for composition, recordkeeping, meeting requirements, and other matters relative to board functions.

Proposed law requires the Veterans Service Grant Bd. to disburse funds through one-time grants. Further provides certain criteria for grant applicants.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:9032) provides for the Veterans Service Grant Fund (Fund) and requires the treasurer to deposit \$500,000, pursuant to the Constitution of La., into the Fund. Further requires the treasurer to invest proceeds in the same manner as monies in the state general fund.

Proposed law requires unused principal funds at the end of each year to be deposited in and credited to the minimum foundation program. Further requires interest earned on investments to remain in the Fund.

(Adds R.S. 47:9031 and 9032)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Delete provisions creating a new lottery game to benefit veterans.
2. Change the name of the board from the "Veterans Game Board" to the "Veterans Service Grant Board".
3. Change the initial chairman of the board from the chief executive officer of the La. Lottery Corp. to the secretary of the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
4. Delete language relative to the deposit of all generated lottery proceeds into the Fund to instead require a deposit of \$500,000 pursuant to the Constitution of La.
5. Require all unexpended and unencumbered monies to be deposited and credited to the

minimum foundation program instead of being returned to the Dept. of Treasury.

6. Make technical changes.