

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 149

2026 Regular Session

Foil

May 18, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 149 by Senator Foil, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That House Committee amendments proposed by the House Committee on Ways and Means and adopted by the House of Representatives on April 23, 2026, be adopted.
2. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "(10)" and before the comma "," insert "and to enact R.S. 17:3394.3(D)(6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "dates;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide relative to the issuance of bonds to finance certain capital improvements within the Louisiana Community and Technical College system; to provide relative to match requirements;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 17:3394.3(D)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3394.3. Authority of board to execute agreements related to the finance of capital improvements and enhancements; nonprofit corporation; administration and management of projects

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(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection to the contrary, the Northshore Technical Community College-Hammond Area Campus project shall not require a match in order to be financed in accordance with this Section.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the beginning of line 6, change "Section 1." to "Section 2."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, at the beginning of line 4, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Franklin J. Foil

Representative Tony Bacala

Senator Eddie J. Lambert

Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass

Senator William "Bill" Wheat Jr.

Representative Joseph A. Orgeron

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

BONDS. Provides relative to the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds. (gov sig)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Change requirement from a wire transfer of federal funds to a wire transfer of funds through the Federal Reserve Bank wire service.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Provide an exemption to the match requirement for certain projects within the Louisiana Community and Technical College System funded through the issuance of bonds.
2. Make technical changes.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides requirements for authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds by the state or any of its agencies. Further requires each bid to be either in writing, signed by the bidder and sealed, or by facsimile or other electronic transmission device pursuant to procedures established by the State Bond Commission.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires each bid, except for bids by the federal government or the state of Louisiana, to be accompanied by either a certified check or cashier's check for 2% of the par value of the bonds offered for sale or a surety bond in an amount equal to 2% of the par value of the bonds offered for sale, pursuant to procedures established by the State Bond Commission. Further requires the check or bond to be payable to the state treasurer.

Proposed law requires the winning bidder, within the timeframe established by the State Bond Commission for the sale, to provide for an amount equal to 2% of the par value of the bonds offered for sale on one of the following:

- (1) A wire transfer of funds through the Federal Reserve Bank wire service originated by a bank or trust company authorized to transact business in the state of Louisiana or in the state of New York.
- (2) A certified check or cashier's check drawn on a bank or trust company authorized to transact business in the state of Louisiana or in the state of New York.
- (3) A surety bond in the form and upon such terms and provisions approved and authorized by the State Bond Commission.

Further requires the check or bond to be payable to the state treasurer.

Proposed law provides that the requirement to provide 2% of the par value of the bonds offered for sale does not apply to bids by the federal government or the state of Louisiana or any of their respective agencies or corporations.

Present law requires that the maturity dates and mandatory sinking fund installment dates be at annual or semiannual intervals from the date of bonds.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes a specific list of projects within the Louisiana Community and Technical College system to be funded through the issuance of bonds or certain financing programs.

Present law further requires a match of not less than 12% of the total project cost for authorized projects, including projects at the Northshore Technical Community College-Hammond Area Campus.

Proposed law provides an exemption to the 12% match requirement for projects at the Northshore Technical Community College-Hammond Area Campus and otherwise retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 39:1365(7) and (10); adds R.S. 17:3394.3(D)(6))