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DIGEST

Morrell (SB 441)

Proposed law requires that the office of community development disaster recovery unit (office) terminate procedures in effect on the effective date of proposed law under which disaster recovery monies paid as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including monies paid under the Road Home program, are to be recovered by the office if such monies are alleged to have been improperly paid to or misspent by the recipients.

Proposed law prohibits the office from initiating recovery of disaster monies paid as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including recovery of monies paid under the Road Home program, until procedures for recovery of these monies are adopted by the office in accordance with the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law requires that procedures to recover such funds include, at a minimum, the following items:

- (1) The office must provide documentation that any letter sent to a recipient seeking confirmation that disaster monies paid were used in accordance with the program rules and was received at the person's correct municipal address.
- (2) The letter to a recipient must clearly indicate the information needed to verify that disaster monies were used in accordance with program rules.
- (3) The recipient will have a minimum of 90 days within which to respond to the office by mail, return receipt requested or in person.
- (4) All issues concerning program compliance will be resolved within 60 days after the office receives the information requested.

Proposed law provides that the office of community development disaster recovery unit will develop the procedures by October 1, 2014.

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

(Amends R.S. 49:663.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Relative to the recovery of hurricane disaster recovery funds improperly paid to or misspent by recipients, persons who have received letters to verify their proper use of program funds are given a minimum of 90 days to respond by mail or in person.

Senate Floor amendments to Engrossed Bill

1. Makes technical changes.