

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 250

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FUNDS/FUNDING: Authorizes additional deposits into the Workforce Training Rapid Response Fund and requires a private match for the use of the additional deposits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1874(B)(3) and (C)(4) and to enact R.S. 17:1874(B)(4) and
3 (5) and (C)(5), relative to the Workforce Training Rapid Response Fund; to authorize
4 additional deposits into the fund; to require a private match for the use of additional
5 deposits into the fund; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:1874(B)(3) and (C)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 17:1874(B)(4) and (5) and (C)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1874. Workforce Training Rapid Response Fund

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11 B.

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13 (3) The state treasurer is directed to deposit into the fund at the beginning of
14 each fiscal year an amount sufficient to bring the unencumbered balance in the fund
15 to ten million dollars. ~~Monies in the fund shall be appropriated, administered, and~~
16 ~~used solely as provided in Subsection C of this Section.~~

17 (4) Money from other sources, such as donations, appropriations, or
18 dedications, may be deposited in and credited to the fund. The unencumbered fund
19 balance provided for in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection shall not include monies
20 deposited into the fund pursuant to this Paragraph.

1 (5) Monies in the fund shall be appropriated, administered, and used solely
2 as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

3 C.

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5 (4) Funding from monies deposited into the fund pursuant to Paragraph
6 (B)(4) of this Section shall be distributed by the board only upon the board's receipt
7 of certification by the public postsecondary education board on behalf of the
8 receiving public postsecondary institution that a match of no less than twenty-five
9 percent of the amount of funding to be distributed to that institution from monies
10 deposited into the fund pursuant to Paragraph (B)(4) of this Section has been
11 guaranteed by a private entity. Match certification shall be reported to the executive
12 director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the secretary of the Department
13 of Economic Development, the commissioner of higher education, the chairman of
14 the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council, and the chief executive officer of the
15 Louisiana Community and Technical College System within thirty days of receipt
16 of certification from the education board. The certification shall detail the type of
17 private match to be provided, which may include cash, in-kind donations of
18 technology, personnel, construction materials, facility modification, or tangible
19 property, internships, scholarships, sponsorship of staff or faculty, or faculty
20 endowment.

21 ~~(4)~~(5) The executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the
22 secretary of the Department of Economic Development, and the chief executive
23 officer of the system, collectively, shall monitor whether the funds are being used in
24 accordance with the strategic plan and the effectiveness of the board's workforce
25 development efforts and report these findings to the Board of Regents on an annual
26 basis.

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DIGEST

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Leger

Abstract: Authorizes other sources of funding to be deposited into the Workforce Training Rapid Response Fund and requires public higher education institutions to demonstrate a 25% private match prior to receiving distributions of monies from these other sources.

Present law establishes the Workforce Training Rapid Response Fund as a special treasury fund to be administered by the Board of Supervisors of the La. Community and Technical College System (the board) and requires the state treasurer to deposit enough into the fund at the beginning of each year to bring the unencumbered fund balance to \$10 million.

Proposed law authorizes money from other sources, such as donations, appropriations, or dedications, to be deposited in and credited to the fund. These additional deposits shall not be factored into the determination of the unencumbered fund balance in present law.

Proposed law prohibits the board from distributing monies from the other sources to a public postsecondary education institution unless that institution's management board certifies to the executive director of the La. Workforce Commission, the secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development, the commissioner of higher education, the chairman of the La. Workforce Investment Council, and the CEO of the LCTCS that a private entity guarantees a private match of no less than 25% of the amount distributed from other sources. Specifies that an in-kind match may include cash, in-kind donations of technology, personnel, construction materials, facility modification, or tangible property; internships; scholarships; sponsorship of staff or faculty; or faculty endowment.

(Amends R.S. 17:1874(B)(3) and (C)(4); Adds R.S. 17:1874(B)(4) and (5) and (C)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Clarify that match requirements only apply to distributions of additional deposits into the fund authorized by proposed law.