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 DIGEST

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SB 22 Engrossed

2019 Regular Session

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Proposed law creates the Calcasieu Parish Bridge Fund as a special fund in the state treasury.

Proposed law provides that after allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in the Louisiana Constitution, and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the fund, the proceeds received by the state from the settlement, judgment, or final disposition of the litigation filed by the state or DOTD claiming damages for actual or alleged subsurface contamination within two miles of the Interstate 10 Calcasieu River Bridge for incidents occurring prior to August 1, 2019, and alleged to require remediation.

Proposed law provides that all unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and the treasurer shall invest the monies in the fund in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and interest earned on the investment of monies shall be credited to the fund.

Proposed law further provides that subject to legislative appropriation, monies in the fund shall be used solely for the planning and construction of a new I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge in Lake Charles.

Proposed law provides the dedications of recovered funds in the Calcasieu River Bridge Fund shall not be admissible in any trial or litigation filed by the state or DOTD claiming damages for actual or alleged subsurface contamination within two miles of the Interstate 10 Calcasieu River Bridge for incidents occurring prior to August 1, 2019, and alleged to require remediation.

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

(Adds R.S. 39:100.35)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Remove reference to the ethylene dichloride spill in the Calcasieu River in Lake Charles.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Clarify the source of the proceeds in the fund.
2. Prohibit the dedication of recovered funds in the Calcasieu River Bridge Fund from being admissible in any trial or litigation.