

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 260

BY SENATOR HEWITT

FUNDS/FUNDING. Provides relative to the Community and Family Support System Fund.
(8/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 28:826(A) and (C)(1), and to repeal R.S. 28:826(C)(3), relative
3 to the Community and Family Support System Fund; to change the name of the fund
4 from the Community and Family Support System Fund to the Disability Services
5 Fund; to provide for the purposes of the Disability Services Fund; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 28:826(A) and (C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §826. ~~Community and Family Support System~~ **Disability Services** Fund

11 A. There is hereby created, as a special fund in the state treasury, the
12 ~~Community and Family Support System~~ **Disability Services** Fund, hereafter
13 sometimes referred to as "the fund."

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15 C.(1) Subject to annual appropriation by the legislature, the monies in the
16 ~~Community and Family Support System~~ **Disability Services** Fund shall be used
17 solely to improve the capacity of the state to meet the varying and complex needs of

1 individuals with developmental disabilities, ~~with emphasis on increasing the number~~
2 ~~of recipients of waiver services~~ and no less than fifty percent of the proceeds of the
3 fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a) deposited into the
4 fund shall be used to provide funding for the Early Steps intervention program for
5 infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families as established in R.S. 28:461
6 et seq.

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8 Section 2. R.S. 28:826(C)(3) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

9 Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to change the name
10 of the Community and Family Support System Fund to the Disability Services Fund
11 wherever it may appear in law.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Martha S. Hess.

DIGEST

SB 260 Original 2022 Regular Session Hewitt

Present law creates the Community and Family Support System Fund in the state treasury.

Proposed law changes the name of the fund from the Community and Family Support System Fund to the Disability Services Fund.

Present law provides that subject to annual appropriation by the legislature, the monies in the fund shall be used solely to improve the capacity of the state to meet the varying and complex needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, with emphasis on increasing the number of recipients of waiver services.

Proposed law retains present law except to delete the language about emphasis on increasing the number of recipients of waiver services.

Present law provides that no less than 50% of the proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of present law deposited into the fund shall be used to provide funding for the Early Steps intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families as established in present law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that for purposes of present law "waiver services" means Medicaid services provided under the New Opportunities Waiver, the Children's Choice Waiver, or any other Medicaid home and community based waiver for persons with developmental disabilities as promulgated by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, now known as the La. Dept. of Hospitals.

Proposed law repeals this provision of present law.

(Amends R.S. 28:826(A) and (C)(1); repeals R.S. 28:826(C)(3))