

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 242 (SB 260)

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

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

Prior law provided that subject to annual appropriation by the legislature, the monies in the fund were to 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 and that no less than 50% of the proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to prior law on the gross sales of therapeutic marijuana, deposited into the fund were to be used to provide funding for the Early Steps intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families as established in prior law.

New law amends prior law to create three separate accounts within the fund and provide for the use of each account.

New law establishes one account within the fund containing the monies attributable to the sale or lease of previous Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) properties, movable and immovable, to be used to improve the capacity of the state to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, with emphasis on increasing the number of recipients of waiver services.

New law establishes a second account containing the monies attributable to one-half of the proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to existing law on the gross sales of therapeutic marijuana, to be used to provide funding for the Early Steps program.

New law establishes a third account containing one-half of the monies attributable to the fee assessed on therapeutic marijuana sales and all of the proceeds of the taxes levied on sports wagering to be used to support and enhance developmental disabilities services within the Medicaid program or OCDD.

Existing law provides that for purposes of existing 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. New law retains existing law.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 28:826)