

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE BILL NO. 167

BY SENATOR GRAY

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

HOUSING. Requires not less than five million dollars of CDBG recovery funding to be allocated for emergency rental assistance if approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (See Act)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:220.5(A)(2), relative to the Louisiana Recovery Authority;  
3 to provide relative to housing for victims of disasters; to require funding for  
4 emergency rental assistance; to provide for effective date; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 49:220.5(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §220.5. Louisiana Recovery Authority; powers; duties; functions

9 A. The authority shall have the following powers, duties, and functions:

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11 (2)(a) To propose, implement, and promote the implementation of special  
12 programs dedicated to the recovery which may be funded by state or federal funds  
13 or other monies, including but not limited to The Road Home Program, the Public  
14 Assistance Program, the Hazard Mitigation Program, an Emergency Rental  
15 Assistance Program, and the Alternative Housing Pilot Program. Implementation  
16 of programs shall be at the direction of the governor.

17 (b) For Fiscal Year 2009-2010, not less than five million dollars of



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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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DIGEST

Present law provides that the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA), as part of its power, duty and function, shall propose, implement and promote the implementation of special programs dedicated to the recovery which may be funded by state or federal or other monies, including but not limited to The Road Home Program, the Public Assistance Program, the Hazard Mitigation Program, and the Alternative Housing Pilot Program. Provides that implementation of the programs shall be at the direction of the governor.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Provides that for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, not less than \$5M of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster funding shall be allocated for emergency rental assistance. Provides that an "Emergency Rental Assistance Program" is a program that provides rental assistance to families expiring out of FEMA's temporary housing program or HUD's Disaster Housing Program and whose income is less than 80% of the area median income and who are not receiving permanent housing vouchers.

Requires the LRA to prepare an Action Plan Amendment for implementing proposed law as appropriate within 30 days of enactment. Provides that proposed law will become effective when the Action Plan Amendment is approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(Amends R.S. 49:220.5(A)(2))