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DIGEST

Gray Evans (SB 167)

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 not less than \$5M of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster funding, supplemental disaster Social Service Block Grant funding, or other available federal and state resources 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 or other permanent affordable housing assistance.

Proposed law provides that a priority of households for funding as follows:

- (1) Households that participated in hurricanes Katrina or Rita temporary housing assistance programs such as HUD's Disaster Housing Program or FEMA's temporary housing program and continue to be in need and do not qualify for housing choice voucher program assistance or other programs established to address the housing needs of transitioning households.
- (2) Households participating in hurricanes Gustav or Ike temporary housing assistance programs.
- (3) Households in need who either did not qualify or did not participate in temporary housing assistance programs of hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, or Ike.

Proposed law requires LRA or any other agency of the state designated to coordinate disaster recovery programs to partner with the Dept. of Social Services (DSS) and other relevant state agencies for the implementation of emergency rental assistance programs.

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); adds R.S. 49:220.8)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill.

1. Removes requirement that allocation be for Fiscal Year 2010.
2. Adds funding streams in addition to CDBG to be considered.
3. Adds to program criteria families who are not receiving permanent affordable housing assistance other than vouchers.
4. Adds priority households for funding.
5. Adds requirement for LRA to partner with DSS and other relevant state agencies on implementation of programs.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Technical correction made.
2. Clarifies "supplemental disaster" Social Service Block Grant funding to be considered for emergency rental assistance.