

New law provides for an individual income tax checkoff under which an individual can donate a portion of his state income tax refund, or other monies, to the Louisiana Association of United Ways/LA 2-1-1, hereinafter the "United Ways/LA 2-1-1".

New law requires that donated monies be used for the 2-1-1 help line, for purposes of alerting and educating the public on important services, opportunities, crises, and facts, and for staff and administrative costs associated with the United Ways/LA 2-1-1 program.

New law provides that donated monies be administered and disbursed by the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue in accordance with existing law governing the administration of donated refund monies.

New law authorizes the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs or the House Committee on Ways and Means, at its discretion, to request reports from the United Ways/LA 2-1-1 relative to its operations with the form and content of the report being prescribed by the chairman of the committee, but at a minimum containing a detailed explanation of the revenues and expenditures, as well as a description of the organization's activities.

Effective upon signature of the governor (April 25, 2012), and applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 47:120.102)