

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 745

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS AND SENATOR HEWITT

FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for the Dedicated Fund Review Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and submission and approval of plans related to special funds and dedications

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:653(N)(3) and R.S. 49:308.5(B)(3) and (4), relative to certain

3 funds in the state treasury; to provide for meeting dates of the Dedicated Fund

4 Review Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide

5 for the review of certain funds in the state treasury by the subcommittee; to provide

6 for the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the subcommittee, including

7 the recommendation for the reclassification, elimination, and expenditure of certain

8 funds in the treasury; to provide for the reclassification of funds in the treasury; to

9 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 24:653(N)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §653. Duties and functions

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14 N.

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16 (3) No later than September 1, 2017, and every ~~two years~~ year thereafter, the

17 committee shall provide for the dedicated fund review subcommittee.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 49:308.5(B)(3) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
2 follows:

3 §308.5. Legislative review and recommendation on special funds and dedication of  
4 money

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6 B.

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8 (3)(a) No later than October 1, 2017, and every ~~two years~~ year thereafter, the  
9 division of administration shall submit a plan of special funds and dedications to the  
10 Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget that specifies at least fifty percent of the  
11 special dedicated funds in law as of the date of the submission of the plan. The Joint  
12 Legislative Committee on the Budget shall review the plan and may add special  
13 funds to the plan submitted by the division of administration prior to approval by the  
14 committee.

15 (b) The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget shall ensure that after two  
16 consecutive plans have been approved, all special funds established by law on the  
17 date of the submission of the second consecutive plan will have been approved in a  
18 plan at least once in the previous ~~four~~ two years.

19 (4) Once the plan for review of special funds is approved by the Joint  
20 Legislative Committee on the Budget, the Dedicated Fund Review Subcommittee of  
21 the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, hereinafter referred to as "the  
22 subcommittee", shall conduct a review of the special funds and dedications specified  
23 in each such plan, resulting in a recommendation for each specified fund in the plan.  
24 ~~The subcommittee shall meet only on a day in which the Joint Legislative Committee~~  
25 ~~on the Budget is scheduled to convene.~~

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27 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018; if vetoed by the governor  
28 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
29 2018, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) to approve a special fund and dedications plan at least once every two years and removes the Dedicated Fund Review Subcommittee meeting restriction of only meetings on days that the JLCB convenes a meeting.

Present law establishes the Dedicated Fund Review Subcommittee of the JLCB to review special funds and dedications in the state treasury. Present law requires no later than Sept. 1, 2017, and every two years thereafter, JLCB to provide for the Dedicated Fund Review Subcommittee.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the requirement that the JLCB provide for the subcommittee from every two years to every year.

Present law provides that the Division of Administration (DOA) establish a procedure to assure that the activities supported by a special fund are subject to the same level of transparency and accountability as activities supported by the state general fund.

Present law requires no later than Oct. 1, 2017, and every two years thereafter, the DOA to submit a plan for review of special funds and dedications to the JLCB that specifies the review of at least 50% of the special dedicated funds in law as of the date of the submission of the plan. The JLCB shall ensure that after two consecutive plans have been approved, all special funds established by law on the date of the submission of the second consecutive plan shall have been approved in a plan at least once in the previous four years.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the time period that all special funds shall have been approved in a plan from at least once in the previous *four* years to once in the previous *two* years.

Present law requires the Dedicated Fund Review Subcommittee to meet only on a day the JLCB is scheduled to convene.

Proposed law deletes the meeting restriction provision in present law.

Effective July 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 24:653(N)(3) and R.S. 49:308.5(B)(3) and (4))