

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 680 by Representative Leger

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Provides relative to the Major Events Incentive Program Fund and Louisiana Economic Development

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds the Bayou Classic, the Essence Festival, and the Zurich Classic to the definition of "Qualified event" or "qualified major event".
2. Changes the amount the treasurer shall transfer in and credit to the subfund from "an amount equal to the sum of the incremental increase in state tax receipts generated by the occurrence of all qualified events" to "the amount appropriated to the fund by the legislature".
3. Requires the legislature to consider the contracts which have been entered into pursuant to present law and proposed law, as well as any recruitment efforts being made by the local organizing committee for qualified events, when determining the amount of the annual appropriation to the fund.
4. Requires the secretary of the Department of Economic Development to obtain the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget prior to executing a contract pursuant to present law.
5. Removes the requirement that the financial commitment of a contract be no more than the incremental increase in certain state tax receipts as determined by the secretary of the Department of Economic Development.
6. Removes language requiring the secretary of the Department of Economic Development to provide notice of his determination regarding the amount of the incremental increase in certain state tax receipts generated within the designated area.
7. Removes language limiting the types of taxes that may be included in the determination by the secretary of the Department of Economic Development.
8. Authorizes the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget to meet in executive session when the members believe that the discussion may result in the public disclosure of information which may negatively impact the ability of the local organizing committee, endorsing parish, or endorsing municipality to recruit, solicit, or acquire for Louisiana any qualified event.
9. Provides that the treasurer shall disburse monies to an eligible entity only in accordance with a legislative appropriation.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides certain definitions. Defines "event support contract" or "event contract", "local organizing committee", and "qualified event" or "qualified major event".

Proposed law amends the definitions in present law. Adds the definition of "treasurer".

Present law establishes in the state treasury a special subfund in the Mega-Project Development Fund known as the "Major Events Incentive Program Subfund" (hereinafter "Subfund").

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the treasurer to transfer in and credit to the Subfund an amount equal to the sum of the incremental increase in state tax receipts generated by the occurrence of all qualified events.

Proposed law amends present law.

Proposed law requires the treasurer to transfer in and credit to the Subfund the amount appropriated to the fund by the legislature.

Proposed law requires the legislature to consider the contracts which have been entered into pursuant to present law and proposed law, as well as any recruitment efforts being made by the local organizing committee for qualified events, when determining the amount of the annual appropriation to the fund.

Subject to legislative appropriation and the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (hereinafter "JLCB"), present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development to enter into contracts with local governmental entities for any qualified event intended to have a significant positive impact on La. economic development. Proposed law amends present law.

Proposed law removes the condition of legislative appropriation for authorizing the secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development to enter into contracts pursuant to present law.

Proposed law provides that prior to executing the contract, the secretary shall obtain the approval of the commissioner of administration and the approval of the JLCB.

Present law provides for the treasurer's disbursement of monies from the Major Events Incentive Program Subfund in the La. Mega-Project Development Fund (hereinafter "Fund") to eligible entities pursuant to a legislative appropriation. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law modifies present law and redesignates the statutory placement of present law.

Proposed law provides that the treasurer shall disburse monies to an eligible entity only in accordance with a legislative appropriation.

Present law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development to determine and report the amount of the incremental increase in certain state tax receipts generated within the designated area by the occurrence of the qualified event and provides guidelines for him to use in making that determination.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides that the JLCB may meet in executive session pursuant to the procedures and requirements of present law when the members have reason to believe that the discussion at such meeting may otherwise result in the public disclosure of information which may negatively impact the ability of the local organizing committee, endorsing parish, or endorsing municipality to recruit, solicit, or acquire for Louisiana any qualified event.

Present law prohibits an event not defined as a qualified event from receiving funding relative to the Fund. Provides a qualified event may receive such funding only if such event meets three conditions in present law.

Proposed law amends present law. Proposed law permits the qualified event to receive such

funding if the event meets either of the following first two conditions and the third condition:

- (1) After considering through a highly competitive selection process one or more sites that are not located in this state, a site selection organization selects a site located in this state for an event to be held once, or for an event scheduled to be held annually for a period of years under an event contract.
- (2) A site selection organization selects a site in this state as the sole site for the event.
- (3) The event is held not more frequently than annually.

(Amends R.S. 51:2365.1(A)(3)-(5) and (B)-(D); adds R.S. 51:2365.1(A)(8))