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<u>Proposed law</u> states that it is the public policy of the state that all payments, grants, or loans made by the United States, any state of the union, or any federal or state agency as a result of a national or statewide extraordinary emergency event shall be used by the payee, grantee, or borrower for the purposes intended by the governmental authority which pays, grants, or lends the funds.

Provides that by way of illustration and not exclusion, an "extraordinary emergency event" includes but is not limited to, any of the following:

(1) An act of war or terrorism.

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- (2) A riot or insurrection against the lawful governing authority.
- (3) A declared natural disaster or state of emergency.
- (4) An economic crisis.
- (5) A pandemic or other declared public health emergency.

Provides that any and all government payments or grants made to, and the proceeds of any governmental loans received, as a result of an extraordinary emergency event by any natural or juridical person who is a citizen of the United States and domiciled in this state:

- (1) Are exempt from seizure, sale, attachment, or restraint under any writ, mandate, or process whatsoever, except for the payment of alimony and child support as may be otherwise allowed by law.
- (2) May not be assigned as security or otherwise for the payment of any debt existing prior to the extraordinary emergency event for which the payment was made.

Provides that after receipt by the person, all grant payments or proceeds shall continue to be exempt from seizure and shall retain their exempt status, and shall not be liable to attachment, garnishment, or other process, or to be levied, seized, taken, appropriated, or applied by any legal or equitable process or operation of law to pay any debt of the payee, grantee, or borrower, provided that said funds or loan proceeds are clearly traceable and identifiable as grant payments or loan proceeds and as are held separately in an escrow account expressly identified as an account opened under <u>proposed</u> law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 20:34)