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Present law created the La. Public Defender Fund (LPD Fund) in the state treasury, with monies in the fund appropriated, administered, and used solely and exclusively for purposes of the La. Public Defender Act.

Proposed law requires the minimum amount appropriated to the LPD Fund be determined by multiplying the combined number of district attorney and assistant district attorney warrants by the actual assistant district attorney warrant value in addition to a supplement of \$15,000 per district attorney and assistant district attorney warrant.

Proposed law authorizes the supplement of \$15,000 per district attorney and assistant district attorney warrant to be used to fund the office's administrative and contractual obligations.

Proposed law grants the state public defender the authority to allocate the LPD Fund to provide supplemental assistance as required by present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 15:167(C), (D), and (E); adds R.S. 15:167(F) and (G))