

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1123

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

FUNDS/FUNDING: Establishes the Transportation Backlog Fund to be used to fund certain transportation projects

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:79, relative to special treasury funds; to establish the Transportation
3 Backlog Fund; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the fund; to
4 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 48:79 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §79. Transportation Backlog Fund

8 A. The legislature recognizes that the contributions of certain parishes to the
9 state general fund in the form of severance tax revenue far exceeds the benefits that
10 these parishes receive. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to establish a more
11 equitable distribution of revenue to promote the development of transportation
12 infrastructure in these parishes and the development of oil, gas, and other revenue-
13 generating industries.

14 B. There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the
15 Transportation Backlog Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund".

16 C. The treasurer is authorized to transfer and deposit twenty million dollars
17 of state general fund monies into the fund after compliance with the requirements of
18 Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond
19 Security and Redemption Fund to be used solely as provided for in Subsection E of
20 this Section.

to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

Proposed law requires monies in the fund to be used for transportation infrastructure projects which are located entirely in a parish which has received the maximum severance tax allocation for all natural resources other than sulphur, lignite, or timber for the current fiscal year and which are included in the Highway Priority Program, Port Construction or Development Priority Program, Airport Construction and Development Priority Program, or Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Program.

Proposed law requires projects to receive approval by the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways, or Public Works prior to distribution of monies from the fund to the project.

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

(Adds R.S. 48:79)