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## DIGEST

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HB 981 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Establishes the Law Enforcement Retention Incentive Program.

Present law establishes the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Program to aid in the recruitment of law enforcement officers in the state. Establishes the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Fund to fund the program. Provides for the termination of the program on July 1, 2027, and requires the state treasurer to transfer the remaining balance of the fund to the state general fund. Proposed law requires the state treasurer to transfer the remaining balance of the fund to the Law Enforcement Retention Incentive Subfund, as created in proposed law.

Proposed law establishes the Law Enforcement Retention Incentive Program to aid in the retention of law enforcement officers employed by a public postsecondary education institution. Establishes the Law Enforcement Retention Incentive Subfund within the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Fund to fund the program. Provides for a monthly stipend to be paid from the subfund in the same amount as paid to law enforcement officers as provided by R.S. 40:1667.1 (supplemental pay to municipal law enforcement officers).

Proposed law requires law enforcement officers to complete one year of employment as a full-time law enforcement officer at a public postsecondary education institution and attain P.O.S.T. certification within one year from the date on which employment begins to qualify for the monthly stipend.

Proposed law requires the monthly stipend to be paid upon a warrant by a public postsecondary education institution drawn on the state treasury. Requires the warrant to be approved and certified by the chief of police of a public postsecondary education institution. Provides for other information that may be required by the state treasurer.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:1669)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original

bill:

1. Restore the termination date of the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Program as provided in present law.
2. Establish the Law Enforcement Retention Incentive Program to aid in the retention of law enforcement officers employed at public postsecondary education institutions and provides for the amount and payment of monthly stipends to such officers.
3. Provide for qualifications of law enforcement officers eligible for the stipends.
4. Establish the Law Enforcement Retention Incentive Subfund within the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Fund and for use of the monies in the subfund.
5. Require the state treasurer to transfer any remaining balance in the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Fund on July 1, 2027, to the Law Enforcement Retention Incentive Subfund.
6. Make technical changes.