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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Original Senate Bill No. 143 by  
Senator Edmonds

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line and insert "enact R.S.  
3 40:2405.2, relative"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 4, after "create the" delete the remainder of the line

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, delete lines 5 through 7, and insert the following:

8 "Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement Bulletproof Vest Fund; to provide for  
9 the purpose and use of the fund; to provide for eligibility; to provide for  
10 administration by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and  
11 Administration of Criminal Justice; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of  
12 monies in the fund; to provide for definitions; to require the promulgation of rules  
13 and"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 4

15 On page 1, line 11, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 12 and  
16 insert "R.S. 40:2405.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 5

18 On page 1, delete lines 13 through 17 and insert the following:

19 **§2405.2. Commission on Law Enforcement Bulletproof Vest Fund;**  
20 **creation of fund; eligibility**

21 **A. The legislature hereby finds and declares all of the following:**

22 **(1) Smaller local law enforcement agencies within this state often**  
23 **lack sufficient financial resources to provide adequate protective**  
24 **equipment, including bulletproof vests, for their commissioned peace**  
25 **officers.**

26 **(2) The provision of bulletproof vests is essential to protect the**  
27 **lives and safety of those officers who serve and protect the public.**

28 **(3) The establishment of a dedicated fund is necessary to assist**  
29 **local law enforcement agencies with limited financial capacity in**  
30 **acquiring bulletproof vests, thereby saving lives and enhancing officer**  
31 **safety.**

32 **B. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall**  
33 **mean:**

34 **(1) "Commission" means the Louisiana Commission on Law**  
35 **Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.**

36 **(2) "Eligible law enforcement agency" means any local,**  
37 **municipal, or parish law enforcement agency within this state that**  
38 **employs fifteen or fewer full-time commissioned peace officers.**

39 **(3) "Fund" means the Commission on Law Enforcement**  
40 **Bulletproof Vest Fund established pursuant to this Section.**

41 **(4) "Peace officer" shall have the same definition as provided in**  
42 **R.S. 40:2402.**

43 **C.(1) There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special**  
44 **fund, the "Commission on Law Enforcement Bulletproof Vest Fund"**

that shall be administered by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.

(2) After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer shall deposit into the fund any monies transferred, donated, or appropriated to the fund by the legislature. The source of monies deposited into the fund may include grants, donations, gifts, and any federal funds received for the purchase of bulletproof vests, or any other monies that are made available from any other sources that are collected for the purposes of this Section.

(3) Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Any interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

(4) The legislature may appropriate monies from the fund to the commission for any purpose authorized pursuant to this Section.

D.(1) Monies in the fund shall be used solely to provide financial assistance to eligible law enforcement agencies for the purchase of bulletproof vests for commissioned peace officers.

(2) In awarding funds pursuant to this Section, the commission shall give priority to eligible law enforcement agencies that demonstrate a lack of adequate bulletproof vests for their commissioned peace officers.

(3) The commission may consider the extent to which an agency lacks bulletproof vests, the number of officers without vests, and the agency's financial needs when determining awards.

(4) The commission may establish matching fund requirements or cost-sharing provisions as it deems appropriate."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 6

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 7, change "E." to "E. (1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 10, after "Section" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line and insert the following:

"(2) The commission shall adopt rules with respect to all of the following:  
(a) Standards for the"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, delete lines 15 through 28 and insert the following:

"(b)Application procedures and requirements.  
(c) Criteria for awarding funds.  
(d) Reporting and accountability requirements for recipient agencies."