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## DIGEST

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HB 175 Re-Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the Veterans Service Grant Board and provides for allocation and distribution of lottery proceeds for the benefit of La. veterans.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:9031) creates the Veterans Service Grant Bd. and provides for composition, recordkeeping, meeting requirements, and other matters relative to board functions.

Proposed law requires the Veterans Service Grant Bd. to disburse funds through one-time grants. Further provides certain criteria for grant applicants.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:9032) establishes the Veterans Service Grant Fund (fund) and requires the treasurer to deposit \$500,000 from the Lottery Proceeds Fund into the fund. Provides for monies in the fund to be appropriated for grants awarded by the Veterans Service Grant Bd. Requires the state treasurer to transfer any unencumbered and unexpended monies at the end of the fiscal year to the Lottery Proceeds Fund.

Proposed law becomes effective upon adoption of the constitutional amendment contained in House Bill No. 165 of the 2026 R.S.

(Adds R.S. 47:9031 and 9032)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Delete provisions creating a new lottery game to benefit veterans.
2. Change the name of the board from the "Veterans Game Board" to the "Veterans Service Grant Board".
3. Change the initial chairman of the board from the chief executive officer of the La. Lottery Corp. to the secretary of the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
4. Delete language relative to the deposit of all generated lottery proceeds into the Fund to

instead require a deposit of \$500,000 pursuant to the Constitution of La.

5. Require all unexpended and unencumbered monies to be deposited and credited to the minimum foundation program instead of being returned to the Dept. of Treasury.
6. Make technical changes.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide for the appropriation of monies in the Veterans Service Grant Fund.
2. Require the transfer of unencumbered and unexpended monies at the end of the fiscal year in the Veterans Service Grant Fund to the Lottery Proceeds Fund.
3. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill:

1. Provide for an effective date.