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HOUSE BILL NO. 313

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.30(B), R.S. 39:100.118(B), 100.256(D) and (E), 1533(A), R.S. 48:197(B)(3), R.S. 49:259(B)(1) and (C)(3), and R.S. 51:2316(B)(2), to enact R.S. 39:82(L), 100.112(F)(2)(e), 100.171(D), 100.252(F), 100.253(D)(4), 100.255(D)(6), 100.257, and 100.258 and R.S. 51:1260(I) and 2316(D), and to repeal R.S. 39:100.49 and 100.50, relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to provide for the dedication of certain monies to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund; to provide for use of monies in the Local Revenue Fund; to provide for use of monies in the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund; to provide for use of monies in the Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund; to provide for the use of monies in the Higher Education Campus Revitalization Fund; to provide for the use of monies in the Louisiana Economic Development Initiatives Fund; to establish the Criminal Justice Technology Innovation Fund; to establish the Strategic Investments Across Louisiana Fund; to restrict payments of certain monies in the Self-Insurance Fund; to provide for the use of monies in the Regional Maintenance and Improvement Fund; to provide for approvals for the use of certain monies in the Major Events Incentive Fund; to provide for the investment and use of monies in the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund; to authorize appropriation from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund; to modify threshold amounts and percentages allowable for appropriations from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund; to repeal certain treasury funds; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

2 Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer
3 is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$144,268,468 to be comprised wholly of
4 nonrecurring revenues out of the State General Fund from the Fiscal Year 2024-2025
5 surplus, as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference, to the Budget Stabilization
6 Fund.

7 Section 2.(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state
8 treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$12,760,000 from the State General
9 Fund (Direct) into the Voting Technology Fund.

10 (B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is
11 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)
12 into the Oil and Gas Regulatory Dedicated Fund Account.

13 (C) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is
14 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$1,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)
15 into the Carbon Dioxide Geologic Storage Trust Fund.

16 (D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is
17 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$892,093 from the State General Fund (Direct)
18 into the Criminal Justice Priority Fund.

19 (E) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is
20 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$2,400,000 from the State General Fund (Direct)
21 into the Federal Energy Settlement Fund.

22 (F) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is
23 hereby authorized and directed to deposit into the Overcollections Fund from the revenues
24 in the state general fund an amount equal to the amount of the State General Fund (Direct)
25 for each line item appropriation in the Act that originated as House Bill No. 312 of the 2026
26 Regular Session of the Legislature that has a State General Fund (Direct) appropriation that
27 is vetoed by the governor other than pursuant to his authority under Article IV, Section
28 5(G)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana and that is not overridden by the legislature.

1 (2)(a)

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3 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of this Paragraph to the contrary, for
4 Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the minimum fund balance shall equal one billion five
5 hundred thirty-two million one hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred eighty-five
6 dollars and the allowable percentage shall equal thirty-six percent.

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8 §100.118. Local Revenue Fund

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10 B. The monies in the fund shall be used solely for ~~distribution to ad valorem~~
11 ~~tax recipient bodies within a parish to offset losses attributable to business inventory~~
12 ~~exemptions to the ad valorem tax granted by a parish.~~ the following:

13 (1) Distribution to ad valorem tax recipient bodies within a parish to offset
14 losses attributable to business inventory exemptions to the ad valorem tax granted
15 by a parish.

16 (2) Beginning July 1, 2026, the treasurer shall annually deposit five million
17 dollars of these monies into the Local Infrastructure Fund for reimbursement of
18 qualifying expenses of a political subdivision incurred in the repair or mitigation of
19 damage caused by the expansion of broadband services.

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21 §100.171. Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund

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23 D. All monies received by a recipient entity pursuant to the provisions of this
24 Section shall be expended no later than June 30, 2027. All such monies not
25 expended by this date shall be returned to the state treasury by the recipient entity no
26 later than August 1, 2027. As used in this Section, the term "expended" does not
27 include obligation of funds without payment in full having been made.

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29 §100.252. Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund

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1 (b) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
2 2027, the amount of three million three hundred thousand dollars shall be used for
3 costs associated with training initiatives at River Parishes Community College.

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5 §100.255. Louisiana Economic Development Initiatives Fund

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7 D. The monies in the fund shall be utilized for the following:

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9 (6) For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 monies in the fund shall be used for the
10 following:

11 (a) The state treasurer shall deposit the first fifty million dollars of monies
12 received into the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

13 (b) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
14 2027, the amount of twenty-five million dollars shall be used for strategic
15 investments in the healthcare industry at Louisiana State University Health Sciences
16 Center at Shreveport.

17 (c) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
18 2027, the amount of ten million dollars shall be used for economic development
19 investments associated with the redevelopment of the Charity Hospital and Medical
20 Center of Louisiana at New Orleans.

21 (d) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
22 2027, the state treasurer shall deposit the amount of five million dollars into the
23 Rapid Response Fund.

24 (e) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
25 2027, the amount of five million dollars shall be used for economic development
26 initiatives aimed at the wood pellet industry.

27 (f) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-
28 2027, the amount of two million dollars shall be used for innovation initiatives
29 throughout the state.

1 §100.258. Strategic Investments Across Louisiana Fund

2 There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the
 3 Strategic Investments Across Louisiana Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section
 4 as the "fund". Any money transferred or appropriated to the fund by the legislature
 5 shall be deposited into the fund after compliance with the requirements of Article
 6 VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and
 7 Redemption Fund. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end
 8 of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested
 9 by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and
 10 interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund.
 11 Monies in the fund shall be subject to appropriation.

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13 Section 6. R.S. 39:1533(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §1533. Self-Insurance Fund

15 A.(1) There is hereby created in the Department of the Treasury a special
 16 fund to be known as the "Self-Insurance Fund". The fund shall consist of all
 17 premiums paid by state agencies under the state's risk management program as
 18 established by this Chapter, the investment income earned from such premiums, and
 19 commissions retained in accordance with the provisions of this Title. This fund shall
 20 be used only for the payment of losses incurred by state agencies under the
 21 self-insurance program, premiums for insurance obtained through commercial
 22 carriers, administrative expenses associated with the management of the state's risk,
 23 law enforcement officers and firemen's survivors benefits as provided for in R.S.
 24 40:1665(C) and 1665.2(C), law enforcement officers and firemen's disability benefits
 25 as provided for in R.S. 40:1668, the payment of extraordinary medical and dental
 26 expenses for firemen and law enforcement officers as provided for in R.S. 40:1668.1,
 27 the payment of losses incurred by the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority in
 28 accordance with R.S. 28:831(J), the payment of losses incurred by the Capital Area
 29 Human Services District in accordance with R.S. 28:906, the payment of losses
 30 incurred by the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority in accordance with R.S.

1 28:856, the payment of losses incurred by the Metropolitan Human Services District
 2 in accordance with R.S. 28:866, the payment of losses incurred by the Northeast
 3 Delta Human Services Authority in accordance with R.S. 28:896, the payment of
 4 losses incurred by the South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority in
 5 accordance with R.S. 28:876, and the funding of the legal services, such funds to be
 6 administered by the commissioner of administration.

7 (2) Payments for law enforcement officers and firemen survivor and
 8 disability benefits and extraordinary medical and dental expenses as provided for in
 9 R.S. 40:1665(C), 1665.2(C), ~~and 1668,~~ and 1668.1 shall be made by the office of risk
 10 management on behalf of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor
 11 Benefit Review Board as a result of a specific appropriation received for that
 12 purpose. Aggregate payments made pursuant to this Paragraph shall not exceed five
 13 million dollars in any given fiscal year.

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15 Section 7. R.S. 48:197(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16 §197. Motor vehicle license tax; Regional Maintenance and Improvement Fund

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18 B.(1)

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20 (3) Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to Jefferson Parish and used
 21 exclusively for maintenance and improvements along the Westbank Expressway US
 22 90 Business corridor and Louisiana Highway 45 (LA 45), and the construction of
 23 walkways and pedestrian bridges along Louisiana Highway 541 (River Road), all
 24 located in Jefferson Parish, including the operation and maintenance of all lighting
 25 previously operated and maintained by the Department of Transportation and
 26 Development.

27 Section 8. R.S. 49:259(B)(1) and (C)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
 28 as follows:

29 §259. Department of Justice Legal Support Fund

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1 (C) The provisions of Section 6 of this Act shall take effect and become operative
2 if and when the Act which originated as House Bill No. 145 of this 2026 Regular Session
3 of the Legislature is enacted and becomes effective.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____