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HB No. 790

Abstract: Increases the appropriations to the governor's office of elderly affairs for distribution to each parish council on aging. Removes the appropriation to the Louisiana Association of Councils on Aging.

Present law requires an appropriation to the office of elderly affairs to be distributed to the parish councils on aging consisting of an allocation of \$1.25 for each person age 60 and older or \$12,500, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$62,500 to any one parish. Additionally, mandates an appropriation of \$83,750 to the Louisiana Association of Councils on Aging. The total annual appropriation cannot be for an amount less than \$1,076,867.

Proposed law changes present law by requiring an appropriation to the office of elderly affairs to be distributed to the parish councils on aging consisting of an allocation of \$2.50 for each person age 60 and older or \$37,500.00, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$100,000 to any one parish. The total annual appropriation cannot be for an amount less than \$2,776,800.

Present law mandates the balance of any funds appropriated pursuant to present law which are not allocated to a particular parish council pursuant to the formula provided in present law be allocated on a quarterly basis to the Louisiana Association of Councils on Aging for administrative costs and continuing education and training for members of the parish voluntary councils on aging. Proposed law requires the balance of the excess funds be distributed to the office of elderly affairs instead of the Louisiana Association of Councils on Aging.

Present law requires each voluntary parish council on aging and the Louisiana Association of Councils on Aging annually to file with the office of elderly affairs a financial statement for the previous fiscal year of all receipts and disbursements of funds allocated pursuant to this Section no later than 30 days after the close of each fiscal year. Additionally provides that present law does not require any other proposals, reports, or conditions of the councils on aging or the Louisiana Association of Councils on Aging as a condition of eligibility for receipt of funds under present law.

Proposed law requires each voluntary parish council on aging to annually file with the office of elderly affairs a financial statement for the previous fiscal year of all receipts and disbursements

of funds allocated pursuant to present law, such statement to be filed no later than 30 days after the close of each fiscal year.

Proposed law contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated by the legislature for such purposes.

(Amends R.S. 46:1606(A), (B)(1),(D)(2), and (E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill.

1. Changes the total annual appropriation from \$2,070,800 to \$2,776,800.
2. Makes provisions contingent upon sufficient funding by the legislature.