
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the funding of bulletproof vests for peace officers in the state and requires the La. Commission of Law Enforcement to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to provide for the standards of bulletproof vests.

Present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to provide bulletproof vests to every peace officer in the state of La. provided that funds are appropriated for this purpose. Further provides that to the extent that funds are not appropriated for this purpose, the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections may make available for purchase to law enforcement agencies bulletproof vests no longer utilized by the department for which the manufacturer warranty has expired.

Proposed law amends present law to authorize the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to receive funds, grants, donations, or otherwise, any sum of money, aid, or assistance from any person, firm, or corporation from the U.S., its agencies, the state of La., or any political subdivision of the state for the purchase of bulletproof vests.

Proposed law further provides that beginning July 1, 2020, the state treasurer is directed to deposit into the fund at the beginning of each fiscal year \$8,500,000 dollars. The legislature may appropriate additional monies to the fund notwithstanding the balance in the fund.

Proposed law requires the La. Commission on Law Enforcement to promulgate rules and regulations that are necessary to provide for the standards of bulletproof vests and other rules and regulations necessary for the administration and enforcement of this matter.

(Amends R.S. 40:2405.1(A) and (B)(1); Adds R.S. 40:2405.1(E))