## **DIGEST**

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HB 17 Original

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McFarland

**Abstract:** Makes changes to the annual deposits and balance of the Department of Justice Legal Support Fund.

<u>Present law</u> requires the treasurer to transfer into the Department of Justice Legal Support Fund (fund) from certain proceeds received as provided in <u>present law</u> an amount which together with the balance in the fund as of each July 1<sup>st</sup> is sufficient to bring the balance in the fund to ten million dollars.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the balance to twenty million dollars. Otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

Present law provides that annual deposits into the fund shall not exceed ten million dollars.

Proposed law increases the allowable annual deposits to twenty million dollars.

Present law provides that the balance of the fund shall not exceed ten million dollars.

Proposed law increases the allowable balance of the fund to twenty million dollars.

<u>Present law</u> provides that after making the annual deposit of ten million dollars into the fund, the remainder shall be deposited into the state general fund.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the annual deposit to twenty million dollars before the remainder is deposited into the state general fund.

<u>Present law</u> provides that each fiscal year monies shall be deposited into the fund to bring the unencumbered balance in the fund to ten million dollars.

Proposed law increases the unencumbered balance in the fund to twenty million dollars.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 49:259(B)(1) and (C)(3))