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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Original House Bill No. 786 by Representative McFarland

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, delete line 2, and insert the following:

"To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.30(D)(1)(a), (E), (F), and (G), to enact R.S. 17:407.30(H) and R.S. 40:1046.5, and to repeal R.S. 24:586, relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 4, after "date;" and before "and" insert "to provide for uses of the monies in the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund; to create the Therapeutic Marijuana Fund; to repeal the Louisiana Transparency Fund;"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 1, line 6, after "Section 1." insert "(A)"

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following

"(B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$15,000,000 from the State General Fund by Fees and Self-generated Revenues of the Department of Insurance to the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program Fund.

(C) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$500,000 from the Small Business Innovation Recruitment Fund to the Small Business Innovation Retention Fund.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000,000 from the Major Events Fund to the Major Events Incentive Fund.

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the Voting Technology Fund.

1 (F) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
2 authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
3 Louisiana Economic Development Fund.

4 (G) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
5 authorized and directed to transfer \$500,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
6 Small Business Innovation Retention Fund.

7 (H) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
8 authorized and directed to transfer \$80,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
9 Transportation Trust Fund - Regular.

10 (I) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
11 authorized and directed to transfer \$7,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
12 Louisiana State Parks Improvement and Repair Dedicated Fund Account.

13 (J) Notwithstanding any provision law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
14 authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
15 Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund.

16 (K) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized  
17 and directed to transfer \$8,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the Riverboat  
18 Gaming Enforcement Fund.

19 (L) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
20 authorized and directed to transfer \$54,261 from the Scenic Rivers Fund to the Conservation  
21 Fund.

22 (M) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is  
23 hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$197,328 from the Natural Heritage Account to  
24 the Conservation Fund.

25 (N) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
26 authorized and directed to transfer \$1,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
27 Louisiana Outdoors Forever Fund.

28 (O) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
29 authorized and directed to transfer \$2,900,000 from the Water Sector Fund, from the State

1 General Fund (Direct) transferred to the fund in Act 410 of the 2023 Regular Session, to the  
2 Main Street Recovery Rescue Plan Fund.

3 (P) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
4 authorized and directed to transfer \$2,900,000 from the Main Street Recovery Rescue Plan  
5 Fund to the Water Sector Fund.

6 (Q) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
7 authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
8 Capital Outlay Savings Fund.

9 (R) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby  
10 authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the  
11 State Emergency Response Fund.

12 Section 2. R.S. 17:407.30(D)(1)(a), (E), (F), and (G) are hereby amended and  
13 reenacted and R.S. 17:407.30(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §407.30. Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund

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16 D.(1)(a) The fund shall be administered by the State Board of Elementary  
17 and Secondary Education. ~~Subject~~ Except as provided in Subsection E of this Section  
18 and subject to legislative appropriation, monies in the fund shall be awarded annually  
19 to local entities approved by the board for the purpose of funding projects that will  
20 expand the number of early childhood care and education quality slots for families  
21 who are eligible for the Child Care Assistance Program in Type III early learning  
22 centers that have at least one classroom with children age fifteen months or younger  
23 if a local entity provides funds from nonstate and nonfederal sources. No such award  
24 shall be made unless the local entity's financial commitment to the project proposed  
25 for funding provides matching funds from nonstate and nonfederal sources at a rate  
26 of at least one-to-one.

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28 E. Subject to appropriation, monies in the fund shall also be awarded to each  
29 public school system that applies for funding and uses the funding solely for the  
30 purpose of providing a program pursuant to The Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early

1 Childhood Program, hereafter referred to in this Section as "LA 4", in accordance  
 2 with R.S. 17:407.26. The monies in the fund allocated to the LA4 program shall be  
 3 administered by the state Department of Education.

4 ~~E.F.~~ Monies from the fund shall not be used to displace, replace, or supplant  
 5 the amount appropriated to the Child Care Assistance Program.

6 ~~F.G.~~ The department shall actively solicit and use resources to fund the Child  
 7 Care Assistance Program slots.

8 ~~G.H.~~ The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall  
 9 promulgate rules and regulations to administer the distribution of monies from the  
 10 fund to the Child Care Assistance Program.

11 Section 3. R.S. 40:1046.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §1046.5. Therapeutic Marijuana Fund

13 A. There is hereby created, as a special fund in the state treasury, the  
 14 Therapeutic Marijuana Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".  
 15 Monies appropriated or transferred into the fund shall be deposited by the state  
 16 treasurer after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the  
 17 Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund.  
 18 Monies in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as state  
 19 general fund monies. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be  
 20 credited to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end  
 21 of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

22 B. Fees collected by the Department of Revenue pursuant to R.S. 40:1046(H)  
 23 shall be transferred to the treasurer for deposit into the fund. Monies in the fund  
 24 shall be appropriated as follows:

25 (1) Two million dollars or two percent, whichever is greater, shall be  
 26 appropriated and split evenly between the Louisiana State University Agricultural  
 27 Center and the Southern University Agricultural Center.

28 (2) The remainder shall be appropriated to the Department of Public Safety  
 29 and Corrections, office of state police.

30 Section 4. R.S. 24:586 is hereby repealed in its entirety."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 5

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 11, delete "Section 2. This" and insert "Section 5.(A)  
3 This Section and Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 6

5 On page 1, line 14, after "legislature," and before "this Act" insert "this Section and Sections  
6 1, 2, and 4 of"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 7

8 On page 1, after line 15, add the following:

9 "(B) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective if and when the Act which  
10 originated as Senate Bill No. 228 of this 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted  
11 and becomes effective."