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<u>Present law</u> creates the Major Events Incentive Program to provide funding for specific qualifying major events in the state of La. <u>Present law</u> further creates the Major Events Incentive Fund as a source of funding for the program.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> defines a "qualified major event" as being from a list of specific events provided in <u>present law</u>. <u>Proposed law</u> instead redefines a "qualified major event" as any event with a significant positive impact in the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "significant positive impact" as having an economic impact of at least \$25 million, as verified by an economic study provided by the applicant and approved by LED.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the secretary of LED to enter into contracts for qualified events that have significant positive impact to the state. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires the major event to have a specific appropriation from the Major Events Incentive Fund.

Effective July 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 51:1260(C)(5) and (6) and (E); adds R.S. 51:1260(C)(7))