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**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Brass to Engrossed House Bill No. 517 by Representative Brass

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 47:841(F)" and before the comma "," insert "and to enact R.S.  
3 47:841.2"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 4, after "calculated;" and before "to provide" insert the following:

6 "to establish the Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund as a special fund in the state  
7 treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of the monies in the fund;"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, line 8, after "reenacted" and before "to" insert "and R.S. 47:841.2 is hereby  
10 enacted"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 1, after line 20, insert the following:

13 "§841.2. Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund

14 A. There is hereby created as a special fund in the state treasury the "Youth  
15 Cessation and Prevention Fund", hereinafter referred in this Section as the "fund".  
16 After satisfying the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of  
17 Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund and after a sufficient  
18 amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations secured by the full  
19 faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the  
20 state treasurer shall annually deposit into the fund an amount equal to twenty percent  
21 of the avails of the tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:841(E).

22 B. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the  
23 fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the  
24 state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund and all  
25 earnings on investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited into the fund.  
26 Monies appropriated from the fund shall be used solely as provided in Subsection C  
27 of this Section.

28 C. Subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature, monies in the fund  
29 shall be appropriated as follows:

30 (1) Forty percent to the Louisiana Cancer Research Center, established  
31 pursuant to R.S. 17:1922, to be used solely for statewide planning and funding the  
32 establishment of school, community-based, and mass-media cessation and other  
33 evidence-based initiatives to prevent and control the use of all tobacco products  
34 including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, smoking tobacco,

1 vapor products, and all emerging tobacco and nicotine products by youth and young  
 2 adults in schools and the community.

3 (2) Forty percent to the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public  
 4 Health, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Healthcare Access, for the  
 5 tobacco related disease program administered by the Well-Ahead Louisiana Program  
 6 to be used solely as follows:

7 (a) To administer the Louisiana Quitline that provides cessation services to  
 8 youth and adults across the state.

9 (b) To fund evidence-based prevention and cessation initiatives, outreach,  
 10 and media strategies.

11 (c) To fund contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, or other similar  
 12 agreements with organizations to expand education and cessation in target  
 13 communities.

14 (d) To fund expenses related to administering the programs provided for in  
 15 Subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this Paragraph.

16 (3) Ten percent to the Cancer Center of Louisiana State University Health  
 17 Sciences Center in Shreveport to be used solely for funding the establishment of  
 18 smoking prevention mass-media programs and evidence-based tobacco control  
 19 programs within the public hospital system and the screening, prevention, and  
 20 treatment of tobacco use and dependence among individuals with diseases caused or  
 21 exacerbated by tobacco use.

22 (4) Ten percent to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Gonzales,  
 23 Louisiana to be used solely for funding the establishment of smoking prevention  
 24 mass media programs and evidence-based tobacco control programs within the  
 25 public hospital system and for the screening, prevention, and treatment of tobacco  
 26 use and dependence among individuals with diseases caused or exacerbated by  
 27 tobacco use.

28 D. No amount appropriated as required in this Section shall displace, replace,  
 29 or supplant appropriations from the state general fund for the recipients of the fund.  
 30 This shall mean that no appropriation for any fiscal year from the fund shall be made  
 31 for any purpose for which a general fund appropriation was made in the previous  
 32 year unless the total appropriations for the fiscal year from the state general fund for  
 33 such purpose exceed general fund appropriations for the previous year."