
DIGEST

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Pylant

HB No. 961

Abstract: Provides that local governing authorities which receive more than 50% of its income or revenue from traffic citations shall be labeled as speed traps, and requires the posting of signs at the entry of the community or incorporated area of the speed trap.

Proposed law requires that any local governing authority which acquires 50% or more of its income or revenue from traffic citations issued for violation of speed limit laws or speed related ordinances be designated as a speed trap.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to create signs equipped with blinking lights to post at the entry of the community or incorporated area that is designated a speed trap. Specifies that the cost of such signs shall be borne by the local governing authority.

Proposed law provides that any local governing authority that fails to erect the speed trap signs will not receive the money from traffic citations issued in that area. Specifies that the money will be deposited into the state treasury.

Proposed law provides that if a local governing authority is suspected of being in violation of proposed law, the legislative auditor, with the assistance of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, shall investigate the local governing authority. Requires the legislative auditor to submit a report to the attorney general, and requires the attorney general to notify the legislative auditor and the secretary of the department within 60 days of receipt of the report whether or not the local governing authority is in violation of proposed law.

Proposed law defines "local governing authority" as the governing authority of a parish or municipality.

(Adds R.S. 32:66)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Added the word "incorporated" to modify "area" to clarify that speed trap signage should be erected at the beginning of the community or incorporated area.