
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the La. Opioid Restitution Fund for monies received from opioid settlements and provides for uses of the fund.

Proposed law establishes the La. Opioid Restitution Fund and requires that all monies received by the state from any opioid settlement be deposited into the fund.

Proposed law requires that the monies in the fund shall be used exclusively for the following purposes:

- (1) Improving access to medications proven to prevent or reverse an overdose.
- (2) Supporting behavioral health services providers and referral to treatment services for hospitals, correctional facilities, and other high-risk populations.
- (3) Increasing access to medications that support recovery from substance abuse disorders.
- (4) Expanding access to crisis identification and stabilization services and residential treatment services.
- (5) Expanding and establishing safe stations, mobile crisis response systems, and crisis stabilization centers.
- (6) Organizing primary and secondary school education campaigns to prevent opioid use, including for administrative expenses.
- (7) Enforcing the laws regarding opioid prescriptions and sales, including for administrative expenses.
- (8) Research and training for substance use treatment and overdose prevention, including for administrative expenses.
- (9) Supporting and expanding evidence-based interventions for substance use treatment and overdose prevention.

Proposed law requires the governor to do the following:

- (1) Develop key goals, objectives, and performance indicators relating to substance use treatment and prevention efforts.
- (2) Consult with stakeholders to identify recommended appropriations from the fund.
- (3) Submit an annual report to the legislature that includes an accounting of spending in the previous fiscal year and a recommendation for appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.41)