

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 389

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:247 and 270(A)(3)(a), relative to the casino support services
3 contract; to provide funding for such contract; to establish the Casino Support
4 Services Fund as a special treasury fund; to provide for deposits into the fund; to
5 provide for uses of monies in the fund; to provide for an effective date; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 27:247 and 270(A)(3)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §247. Casino support services contract; Casino Support Services Fund

11 A. Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, the
12 gaming control board shall enter into a casino support services contract with the
13 governing authority of the parish where the official gaming establishment is located
14 in order to compensate the parish for the cost to the parish for providing support
15 services resulting from the operation of the official gaming establishment and the
16 activities therein. Support services as used in this Section shall include but not be
17 limited to fire, police, sanitation, health, transportation, and traffic services. The
18 amount of the contract shall be determined by negotiation and agreement between
19 the gaming control board and the parish, subject to approval by the Joint Legislative
20 Committee on the Budget. In the event that a new contract is not agreed upon by the

1 gaming control board and the parish by March thirty-first of any year, the contract
 2 currently in effect shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the
 3 Budget for approval of the amount of the contract at the next meeting of the
 4 committee. If the committee approves the amount of the contract the chairman shall
 5 notify the treasurer of the amount of the contract and, the contract shall remain in full
 6 force and effect. If the committee disapproves or does not act upon the amount of
 7 the contract, the contract shall be null, void, and of no effect and the treasurer shall
 8 be prohibited from depositing monies into the Casino Support Services Fund.

9 B.(1) There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the
 10 Casino Support Services Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund", to provide
 11 compensation to the parish governing authority pursuant to a casino support services
 12 contract executed pursuant to Subsection A of this Section.

13 (2) Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the
 14 general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be credited
 15 to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the
 16 fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

17 C. Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the parish governing authority
 18 and used to compensate the parish for its costs for providing support services
 19 resulting from the operation of the official gaming establishment and the activities
 20 therein.

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22 §270. Deposit of revenues; expenditures and investments authorized; transfer of
 23 revenues to state treasury; corporation operating account; audit of
 24 corporation books and records; audits

25 A.

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27 (3)(a) Daily, the corporation shall transfer to the state treasury for deposit
 28 into certain funds in the treasury, as provided in this Paragraph, the amount of net
 29 revenues which the corporation determines are surplus to its needs. After first being
 30 credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund in accordance with Article VII,

1 Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, and after satisfying any other
2 requirements of the Constitution and laws of Louisiana, such net revenues shall be
3 deposited as follows:

4 (i) In each year for which the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget
5 disapproves or does not act upon the amount of the casino support services contract
6 as provided in R.S. 27:247 and no monies are deposited in and credited to the Casino
7 Support Services Fund:

8 (aa) Ten percent shall be deposited in and credited to the Support Education
9 in Louisiana First Fund as provided in R.S. 17:421.7 and shall be used solely and
10 exclusively for the same purposes provided for in Paragraph (B)(1) of that Section.

11 (ii) ~~(bb)~~ Ninety percent shall be deposited in and credited to the Support
12 Education in Louisiana First Fund as provided in R.S. 17:421.7.

13 (ii) In each year for which the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget
14 approves the amount of the casino support services contract as provided in R.S.
15 27:247:

16 (aa) The first one million eight hundred thousand dollars shall be deposited
17 in and credited to the Casino Support Services Fund.

18 (bb) The next sixty million dollars shall be deposited in and credited to the
19 Support Education in Louisiana First Fund as provided in R.S. 17:421.7.

20 (cc) After satisfying the requirements of Subitems (aa) and (bb) of this Item,
21 monies shall be deposited into the Casino Support Services Fund until the casino
22 support services contract is fully funded for that year.

23 (dd) After satisfying the requirements of Subitem (cc) of this Item, the
24 remainder of the monies shall be deposited in and credited to the Support Education
25 in Louisiana First Fund as provided for in R.S. 17:421.7.

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27 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
28 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
29 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____