

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 516

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, ABRAMSON, ARNOLD, AUSTIN BADON,  
BISHOP, BROSSETT, HENDERSON, HINES, MORENO, AND STIAES AND  
SENATORS MORRELL, PETERSON, AND WILLARD-LEWIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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 for the funding of such contract; to establish the Casino Support  
4 Services Fund as a special treasury fund; to provide for uses of monies in the fund;  
5 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

1           the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. In the event that a new contract is  
 2           not agreed upon by the gaming control board and the parish by March thirty-first of  
 3           any year, the contract currently in effect shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
 4           Committee on the Budget for approval of the amount of the contract at the next  
 5           meeting of the committee. If the committee approves the amount of the contract, the  
 6           contract shall remain in full force and effect. If the committee disapproves or does  
 7           not act upon the amount of the contract, the contract shall be null, void, and of no  
 8           effect. If the committee disapproves or does not act upon the amount of the contract  
 9           and the contract is null, void, and of no effect, the treasurer shall not deposit any  
 10          monies into the fund.

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

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

19                   C. Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the parish governing authority  
 20          and used to compensate the parish on a quarterly basis for the cost to the parish of  
 21          providing support services resulting from the operation of the official gaming  
 22          establishment and the activities therein.

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

27                  A.(1)

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29                   (3)(a) Daily, the corporation shall transfer to the state treasury for deposit  
 30                  into certain funds in the treasury, as provided in this Paragraph, the amount of net

1 revenues which the corporation determines are surplus to its needs. After first being  
2 credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund in accordance with Article VII,  
3 Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, and after satisfying any other  
4 requirements of the Constitution and laws of Louisiana, such net revenues shall be  
5 deposited as follows:

6 (i) ~~Ten percent~~ The first one million eight hundred thousand dollars shall be  
7 deposited in and credited to the Casino Support Services Fund; the next seventy-four  
8 million dollars shall be deposited in and credited to the Support Education in  
9 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) Any net revenues in excess of the above amounts shall be divided equally  
12 between the Casino Support Services Fund and the Support Education in Louisiana  
13 First Fund up to the actual casino support services contract amount.

14 (iii) Except in a year when the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget  
15 disapproves or does not act upon the amount of the casino support services contract  
16 as provided in R.S. 27:247 and no revenues are required to be deposited in and  
17 credited to the Casino Support Services Fund, and after satisfying the requirements  
18 of Item (i) of this Subparagraph, all such net revenues shall be deposited in and  
19 credited to the Casino Support Services Fund as provided in R.S. 27:247, not to  
20 exceed the amount required to fully fund the casino support services contract most  
21 recently approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

22 (iv) ~~Ninety percent~~ The remainder shall be deposited in and credited to the  
23 Support Education in Louisiana First Fund as provided in R.S. 17:421.7.

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25 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
26 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
27 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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_