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HOUSE BILL NO. 726

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

FUNDS/FUNDING: Authorizes certain statutorily dedicated funds to be used for special law enforcement initiatives

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:545(D), R.S. 15:598, R.S. 22:831(B), R.S. 40:1379.3.1(D)and
3 1379.7(B), and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 895.1(F)(3)(a), relative to special
4 treasury funds; to provide for the uses of the Department of Public Safety Police
5 Officers Fund, the Criminal Identification and Information Fund, the Louisiana State
6 Police Salary Fund, the Concealed Handgun Permit Fund, the Public Safety DWI
7 Testing, Maintenance, and Training Fund, and the Sex Offender Registry
8 Technology Fund; to authorize the use of certain monies in such funds for special
9 law enforcement initiatives; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 11:545(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §545. Department of Public Safety Peace Officers Fund

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14 D. The monies in the fund shall be used for funding retirement benefits for
15 peace officers, as defined in R.S. 40:2402(1)(a), employed by the Department of
16 Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, other than state troopers. Any
17 monies in the fund not used for retirement benefits as provided in this Section may
18 be used for special law enforcement initiatives and to support the operations of the
19 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Capitol Complex Police Force.

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21 Section 2. R.S. 15:598 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

1 §598. Criminal Identification and Information Fund

2 All fees imposed and collected pursuant to R.S. 15:587 or any other provision
3 of law in this Chapter shall be forwarded upon receipt to the state treasurer for
4 immediate deposit into the state treasury. After compliance with the requirements
5 of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond
6 Security and Redemption Fund, and prior to monies being placed in the state general
7 fund, an amount equal to that deposited as required in this Section shall be credited
8 to a special fund hereby created in the state treasury designated as the Criminal
9 Identification and Information Fund. All monies in this fund shall annually be
10 appropriated by the legislature to the state police, may be withdrawn only pursuant
11 to such appropriation, and shall be used solely and exclusively by the state police to
12 assist in carrying out the provisions of this Chapter and for special law enforcement
13 initiatives. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same
14 manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned on the investment of
15 monies shall be credited to this fund following compliance with the requirements of
16 Article VII, Section 9(B) relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. All
17 unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall
18 remain in the fund.

19 Section 3. R.S. 22:831(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

20 §831. Fire, marine, transportation, casualty, surety, or other insurance

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22 B. There is hereby created in the state treasury the Louisiana State Police
23 Salary Fund. Monies in the Louisiana State Police Salary Fund shall be used in
24 amounts appropriated by the legislature to cover the cost of salary increases and
25 related benefits for members of the state police service and for special law
26 enforcement initiatives. Taxes collected under the provisions of this Section in
27 Fiscal Year 2002-2003 and ensuing fiscal years that are in excess of total collections
28 under the provisions of this Section in Fiscal Year 2000-2001, after first having been
29 credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as required by Article VII,

1 Section 9(B) of the Louisiana Constitution, shall be deposited into the Louisiana
2 State Police Salary Fund until the amount deposited in each fiscal year is equal to
3 fifteen million six hundred thousand dollars.

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5 Section 4. R.S. 40:1379.3.1(D)and 1379.7(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to
6 read as follows:

7 §1379.3.1. Concealed Handgun Permit Fund; assessment and disposition of fees

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9 D. The monies in the Concealed Handgun Permit Fund shall be used solely
10 for administration of the concealed handgun permit process and for special law
11 enforcement initiatives.

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13 §1379.7. Public Safety DWI Testing, Maintenance, and Training Fund; uses

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15 B. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of
16 the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund,
17 and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, the treasurer shall credit
18 an amount equal to the total amount of such costs received to a special fund which
19 is hereby created in the state treasury and designated as the Public Safety DWI
20 Testing, Maintenance, and Training Fund. The monies in the described fund shall
21 be used solely to fund activities of the office of state police in executing its
22 responsibilities in the purchase and maintenance of equipment and supplies for use
23 in breath, blood, or urine analysis as related to violations of R.S. 14:98 or 98.1;
24 training in the maintenance and usage of testing equipment; ~~and~~ other such related
25 expenses as may be necessary in the efficient and effective administration of those
26 duties; and for special law enforcement initiatives. The monies in the fund shall be
27 used only in the amounts appropriated by the legislature. All unexpended and
28 unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the
29 fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same manner

1 as monies in the state general fund. All interest earned on monies in the fund
2 invested by the treasurer shall be credited to the Public Safety DWI Testing,
3 Maintenance, and Training Fund.

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5 Section 5. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 895.1(F)(3)(a) is hereby amended and
6 reenacted to read as follows:

7 Art. 895.1. Probation; restitution; judgment for restitution; fees

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9 F. When the court places the defendant on supervised probation, it shall
10 order as a condition of probation the payment of a monthly fee of eleven dollars.
11 The monthly fee established in this Paragraph shall be in addition to the fee
12 established in Paragraph C of this Article and shall be collected by the Department
13 of Public Safety and Corrections and shall be transmitted, deposited, appropriated,
14 and used in accordance with the following provisions:

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16 (3) The monies in the Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund shall be
17 appropriated as follows:

18 (a) For Fiscal Year 2006-2007, the amount of one hundred ninety thousand
19 dollars to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, to
20 be used in the administration of programs for the registration of sex offenders in
21 compliance with federal and state laws, and support of community notification
22 efforts by local law enforcement agencies. For Fiscal Years 2007-2008 through
23 2009-2010, the amount to be appropriated under this Subparagraph shall be twenty-
24 five thousand dollars. For Fiscal Years 2010-2011, and thereafter, the amount to be
25 appropriated to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state
26 police, shall be twenty-five thousand dollars for the purposes of maintaining and
27 administering the programs for the registration of sex offenders pursuant to this
28 Subparagraph and special law enforcement initiatives.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Permits monies in certain special treasury funds dedicated to the office of state police for specific purposes to also be used for special law enforcement initiatives. The funds are: the Dept. of Public Safety Peace Officers Fund, the Criminal Identification and Information Fund, the Concealed Handgun Permit Fund, the Public Safety DWI Testing, Maintenance, and Training Fund, and the Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund.

Present law provides that monies in the Dept. of Public Safety Peace Officers Fund shall be used for funding retirement benefits for peace officers employed by office of state police other than state troopers. Any monies in the fund not used for retirement benefits may be used to support the operations of the Capitol Complex Police Force.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally permits any monies in the fund not used for retirement benefits to be used for special law enforcement initiatives.

Present law provides that monies in the Criminal Identification and Information Fund shall be used solely and exclusively by the state police to assist in carrying out the provisions of present law regarding the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

Proposed law additionally permits the fund to be used by state police for special law enforcement initiatives.

Present law provides that money in the Louisiana State Police Salary Fund shall be used to cover the cost of salary increases and related benefits for members of state police.

Proposed law additionally permits monies in the fund to be used for special law enforcement initiatives.

Proposed law provides that the monies in the Concealed Handgun Permit Fund shall be used solely for administration of the concealed handgun permit process.

Proposed law additionally permits monies in the fund to be used for special law enforcement initiatives.

Present law provides that monies in the Public Safety DWI Testing, Maintenance, and Training Fund shall be used solely to fund activities of the office of state police in executing its responsibilities in the purchase and maintenance of equipment and supplies for use in breath, blood, or urine analysis as related to certain violations; training in the maintenance and usage of testing equipment; and other such related expenses as may be necessary in the efficient and effective administration of those duties.

Proposed law additionally permits monies in the fund to be used to fund activities of the office of state police for special law enforcement initiatives.

Present law provides for distributions out of the Sex Offender Registration Technology Fund. Provides that \$25,000 shall be distributed annually to the office of state police for the purposes of maintaining and administering the programs for the registration of sex offenders.

Proposed law permits the allocation for state police to also be used for special law enforcement initiatives.

(Amends R.S. 11:545(D), R.S. 15:598, R.S. 22:831(B), R.S. 40:1379.3.1(D), and 1379.7(B), and C.Cr.P. Art. 895.1(F)(3)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Removed provisions authorizing additional uses of the Insurance Fraud Investigation Fund.