

# ACT No. 497

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 755

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER, BUTLER, HORTON, LACOMBE,  
MCFARLAND, CHARLES OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, THOMPSON,  
AND ZERINGUE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:100.44.1(B)(4), (D), (E), (H)(3), and (J), and to enact R.S.  
3 39:100.44.1(K) and Subpart Y of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of  
4 the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.192, relative  
5 to the disbursement of state monies; to provide with respect to monies received from  
6 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; to provide for creation of certain funds for  
7 a program to assist political subdivisions in securing federal grants; to make changes  
8 to the Louisiana Loggers Relief Program; to make changes to the Louisiana Save  
9 Our Screens Program; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
10 matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 39:100.44.1(B)(4), (D), (E), (H)(3), and (J) are hereby amended and  
13 reenacted to read as follows:

14 §100.44.1. Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program; Louisiana Rescue Plan Funds;  
15 Loggers Relief; Save Our Screens

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17 B. Any business receiving funding from a program within the Louisiana  
18 Main Street Recovery Program pursuant to this Section shall meet the following  
19 criteria:

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1                   (2) ~~(b)~~ Is certified by the Louisiana Forestry Association as a master logger:  
2                   headquartered in Louisiana.

3                   ~~(3)~~ (c) Is not a subsidiary of a business with more than fifty full-time  
4                   equivalent employees, is not part of a larger business enterprise with more than fifty  
5                   full-time equivalent employees, and is not owned by a business with more than fifty  
6                   full-time equivalent employees.

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8                   H.

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10                   (3) Any remaining balance in the fund on ~~June 30, 2022~~ June 30, 2023, shall  
11                   be transferred to the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund.

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13                   J.(1) For the Louisiana Loggers Relief Program, no ~~No~~ grants shall be  
14                   awarded pursuant to this Section after ~~January 30, 2022~~. December 31, 2022.

15                   (2) For the Louisiana Save Our Screens Program, no grants shall be awarded  
16                   pursuant to Subsection F of this Section after January 30, 2022. In the event that  
17                   monies allocated in the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Rescue Plan Fund for the  
18                   Louisiana Save Our Screens Program are available after January 30, 2022,  
19                   supplemental grants shall be awarded on a pro-rata, per-screen basis to all movie  
20                   theater businesses that applied for a grant on or before January 30, 2022. For the  
21                   Louisiana Save Our Screens Program, no supplemental grants shall be awarded  
22                   pursuant to this Subsection after December 31, 2022.

23                   Section 2. R.S. 39:100.44.1(K) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

24                   §100.44.1. Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program; Louisiana Rescue Plan Funds;  
25                   Loggers Relief; Save Our Screens

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27                   K. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary, three  
28                   million dollars from the money granted to the Louisiana Loggers Relief Program  
29                   pursuant to Paragraph (E)(1) of this Section shall be deposited into the Louisiana  
30                   Agriculture Transportation Group Self-Insured Fund in furtherance of supply chain

1           resiliency and the remaining money allocated to the Louisiana Loggers Relief  
 2           Program shall be granted pursuant to the requirements provided in Paragraph (E)(2)  
 3           of this Section.

4           Section 3. Subpart Y of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the  
 5 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:100.192 is hereby enacted to read  
 6 as follows:

7           SUBPART Y. POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FEDERAL GRANT ASSISTANCE FUND

8           §100.192. Political Subdivision Federal Grant Assistance Fund

9           A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Political  
 10           Subdivision Federal Grant Assistance Fund, hereafter referred to in this Section as  
 11           the "fund". After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as  
 12           provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer  
 13           shall deposit in and credit to the fund all monies appropriated, transferred, or donated  
 14           for the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as state general  
 15           fund monies and interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be  
 16           credited to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end  
 17           of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

18           B. Monies out of the fund shall be appropriated to the Division of  
 19           Administration via the process to adjust an agency's appropriation as provided for  
 20           in Section 2.A. of the Act that originated as House Bill No. 1 of the 2022 Regular  
 21           Session of the Legislature.

22           C. The fund shall be used for the administration of a program to assist  
 23           political subdivisions with competitive federal grant opportunities made pursuant to  
 24           the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts (P.L. 117-58).

25           D. The program's guidelines shall be subject to approval by the Joint  
 26           Legislative Committee on the Budget.

27           Section 4.(A) Prior to June 30, 2022, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and  
 28 directed to transfer four hundred ninety-seven thousand two hundred sixty-six dollars from  
 29 the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund into the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Rescue Plan Fund  
 30 for the Louisiana Save Our Screens Program.

1 (B) Prior to June 30, 2022, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to  
2 transfer twenty-five million dollars from the Capital Outlay Savings Fund into the Political  
3 Subdivision Federal Grant Assistance Fund.

4 Section 5. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall take effect and become  
5 operative if and when the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 437 of the 2022 Regular  
6 Session of the Legislature is enacted and becomes effective.

7 Section 6. The provisions of Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this Act shall become  
8 effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration  
9 of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article  
10 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently  
11 approved by the legislature, the provisions of Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this Act shall  
12 become 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: \_\_\_\_\_