

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:134(C), relative to the expenditure of federal funds; to modify
3 requirements for Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget approval of the
4 expenditure of federal funds received under certain circumstances; to provide for
5 certain requirements; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:134(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §134. Legislative appropriation authority

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10 C.(1) When the legislature is not in session, the Joint Legislative Committee
11 on the Budget may approve the expenditure of available federal funds and
12 appropriate necessary state matching funds. However, the delegated authority shall
13 apply only when new or additional federal funds are available at a time which
14 precludes their appropriation by the legislature in session.

15 (2) Federal funds received pursuant to a federally declared disaster or
16 emergency may be expended prior to approval by the Joint Legislative Committee
17 on the Budget when both of the following occur:

18 (a) The secretary of the agency requesting the funds certifies in writing to the
19 governor and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget that any delay would
20 be detrimental to the state.

21 (b) The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget is unable to meet to
22 approve the expenditure. However, the inability of the committee to meet shall not

1 prohibit the expenditure of any federal funds received for testing, treatment, and
2 prevention of COVID-19 prior to approval by the committee.

3 (3) The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget shall meet to consider
4 approval of the expenditure at its next meeting following receipt of the certification
5 made pursuant to Subparagraph (2)(a) of this Subsection. The agency requesting the
6 funds shall submit a request in writing for approval of the expenditure prior to the
7 meeting on a form and according to procedures determined by the committee.

8 (4) Once the committee meets to consider the request, no new or additional
9 federal funds shall be expended by any agency for the same disaster or emergency
10 unless approved by the committee or appropriated by the legislature prior to
11 expenditure.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____