

2016 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 1

BY SENATOR MARTINY

FUNDS/FUNDING. Provides relative to the definition of qualified event or qualified major event for purposes of the Major Events Incentive Program. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2365.1(A)(5), relative to the definition of a qualified event
3 or qualified major event for purposes of the Major Events Incentive Program; to
4 include a college tournament or championship in the definition of a qualified event
5 or qualified major event; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 51:2365.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2365.1. Major Events Incentive Program and the Major Events Incentive Program

10 Subfund

11 A. Definitions

12 As used in this Section:

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14 (5) "Qualified event" or "qualified major event" means a National Football
15 League Super Bowl, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four
16 tournament game, the National Basketball Association All-Star Game, the X Games,
17 a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision

1 postseason playoff or championship game, **a college tournament or championship,**
 2 the World Games, a national collegiate championship of an amateur sport sanctioned
 3 by the national governing body of the sport that is recognized by the United States
 4 Olympic Committee, an Olympic activity including a Junior or Senior activity,
 5 training program, or feeder program sanctioned by the United States Olympic
 6 Committee's Community Olympic Development Program, a mixed martial arts
 7 championship, the Breeders' Cup World Championships, a Bassmasters Classic, a
 8 National Motorsports race, the Red Bull Signature Series, a National Collegiate
 9 Athletic Association football kickoff game, a national championship or Olympic
 10 trials of an amateur or professional sport sanctioned by the national governing body
 11 of the sport, the United States Bowling Congress Tournament, a national military
 12 event, or a national political convention of the Republican National Committee or
 13 of the Democratic National Committee. The term includes any activities related to
 14 or associated with a qualified event.

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16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 20 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Martha S. Hess.

DIGEST

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Present law establishes the Major Events Incentive Program and authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development (DED) to enter into a contract with a local organizing committee, endorsing parish, or endorsing municipality to recruit, solicit, or acquire for Louisiana qualified major specified events that have a significant positive economic development impact on the state. Subject to legislative appropriation and the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the contract shall provide for financial commitment to the local organizing committee, endorsing parish, or endorsing municipality, which shall be paid with funds dedicated for such purposes.

Present law defines "qualified event" or "qualified major event" and includes, among others:

- (1) The NFL Super Bowl.
- (2) The NCAA Final Four.
- (3) The NBA All-Star Game.
- (4) The X Games.
- (5) An NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason playoff or championship game.
- (6) The World Games.
- (7) A national collegiate championship of an amateur sport recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).
- (8) An Olympic activity, including a Junior or Senior activity, training program, or feeder program sanctioned by the USOC.
- (9) A mixed martial arts championship.
- (10) The Breeders' Cup World Championships.
- (11) A Bassmasters Classic.
- (12) A National Motorsports race.
- (13) Red Bull Signature Series.
- (14) An NCAA football kickoff game.
- (15) A national championship or Olympic trials of an amateur or professional sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the sport.
- (16) United States Bowling Congress Tournament.
- (17) A national military event.
- (18) A national political convention of the Republican National Committee or the Democratic National Committee.

Proposed law adds "college tournaments and championships" to the definition of "qualified event" or "qualified major event".

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 51:2365.1(A)(5))