## **DIGEST**

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HB 313 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Beginning in Fiscal Year 2021, limits Transportation Trust Fund monies from being used to fund Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) employees' and retirees' salaries and benefits.

<u>Present constitution</u> requires monies deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) to be appropriated or dedicated solely and exclusively for costs associated with construction and maintenance of roads and bridges of the state and federal highway systems, the Statewide Flood-Control Program, ports, airports, transit, and the Parish Transportation Fund.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present constitution</u> but beginning in FY 2020-2021, unless authorized in a general appropriation bill, prohibits DOTD from using monies deposited into the TTF to pay for expenses related to retired and current employees as follows:

- (1) For FY 2020-2021, and each fiscal year thereafter, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for the benefits of retired employees.
- (2) For FY 2021-2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for the benefits of current employees.
- (3) For FY 2022-2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for more than 50% of the annual salary costs for current employees.
- (4) For FY 2023-2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for the annual salary costs for current employees.

Eff. July 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 48:78(D))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Appropriations</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Delay implementation of each phase of the limitation placed on the Dept. of Transportation and Development's use of the monies deposited into the TTF by one fiscal

year.

2. Require authorization in a general appropriation bill for the DOTD to use monies in the TTF for employees' and retirees' salaries and benefits.