

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 487

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

FUNDS/TRANSPORT TRUST: Prohibits the Dept. of Transportation and Development from using Transportation Trust Fund monies for certain expenses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:78(D), relative to the Transportation Trust Fund; to provide for incremental
3 reductions and an eventual prohibition on the Department of Transportation and
4 Development's use of Transportation Trust Fund monies for payment of current
5 employee salaries; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 48:78(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §78. Transportation Trust Fund; limitations on appropriations; limitations on
9 utilization

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11 D.(1) In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the Department of Transportation and
12 Development shall not use monies deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund for the
13 payment of more than seventy-five percent of annual salary costs for current
14 employees.

15 (2) In Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Department of Transportation and
16 Development shall not use monies deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund for the
17 payment of more than fifty percent of annual salary costs for current employees.

18 (3) In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the Department of Transportation and
19 Development shall not use monies deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund for the

1 payment of more than twenty-five percent of annual salary costs for current
2 employees.

3 (4) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
4 Department of Transportation and Development shall not use monies deposited in
5 the Transportation Trust Fund for the payment of any annual salary costs for current
6 employees.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Beginning in Fiscal Year 2021-2022, provides for incremental reductions and an eventual prohibition on the Department of Transportation and Development's use of Transportation Trust Fund monies for payment of current employee salaries.

Present constitution 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.

Present law provides for certain limitations on appropriations and utilization of the TTF.

Proposed law adds the following limitations to utilization of the fund by the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD):

- (1) In FY 2021-2022, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for more than 75% of annual salary costs for current employees.
- (2) In FY 2022-2023, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for more than 50% of annual salary costs for current employees.
- (3) In FY 2023-2024, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for more than 25% of annual salary costs for current employees.
- (4) Beginning in FY 2024-2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for any annual salary costs for current employees.

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