ACT No. 497

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	(4)(a) For movie theaters, experienced Experienced a revenue loss of ten
2	percent or greater of gross revenue for the period of January 1, 2020, through
3	December 31, 2020, as compared to the gross revenue of the business during the
4	same period in 2019.
5	(b) For loggers, experienced a revenue loss of gross revenue for the period
6	of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, as compared to the gross revenue
7	of the business during the same period in 2019.
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9	D.(1) Priority shall be given to businesses that previously submitted
10	applications to the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program as provided in R.S.
11	39:100.44 but whose applications were not considered due to exhaustion of monies
12	in the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Fund.
13	(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,
14	priority shall be given to timber harvesting and timber handling businesses that
15	previously submitted applications to the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program
16	as provided in R.S. 39:100.44 but whose applications were denied.
17	E.(1) The Louisiana Loggers Relief Program shall have priority for ten
18	million dollars of the money granted by the Louisiana Main Street Recovery
19	Program.
20	(2) Grants shall be distributed to eligible timber harvesting and timber
21	hauling businesses impacted by COVID-19. Any grant received pursuant to this
22	Subsection shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per business. In addition
23	to the criteria provided in Subsection B of this Section, a timber harvesting or timber
24	hauling business shall meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to receive a
25	grant:
26	(1) (a) Is assigned a North American Industry Classification System Code
27	of 113310 or 484220. classified as one of the following Internal Revenue Service
28	Principal Business Activity Codes:
29	(i) 113000, 113110, 113210, 113310, or 115310.
30	(ii) 484110, 484120, 484200, or 484220.

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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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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
26	* * *
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

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1	resinency and the remaining money anocated to the Louisiana Loggers Rener
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.

HB NO. 755 **ENROLLED** 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. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____