



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 574** HLS 21RS 911
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Court Fees		

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 RE SEE FISC NOTE LF RV
 Provides relative to fees dedicated to the operational costs of the office of the coroner in Concordia Parish

Purpose of Bill: This bill increases court fees, from a fee not to exceed \$5 to a fee between \$5 and \$10, that all courts in Concordia Parish may impose on defendants who are convicted or plea guilty in criminal cases, including traffic violations. This fee is to be used to defray the operational costs of Concordia Parish Coroner’s Office.

This bill specifies that this fee does not have to be approved by the Judicial Council prior to implementation.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in local fund expenditures by the amount collected in fees as a result of this measure.

According to the Concordia Parish Coroner, there may be an increase in local fund expenditures by the amount of fees collected. The Coroner plans to use the funds for training, equipment, uniforms, fuel, investigative tools, and possible salaries, if funds are available.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local fund revenues by up to \$26,940 annually.

Based on criminal case data provided by the Concordia Parish District Attorney’s Office and the City/Mayors’ Courts in Clayton, Ferriday, Ridgecrest, and Vidalia, we estimate that this bill may increase the Concordia Parish Coroner’s Office’s revenue by up to \$26,940 annually (2,694 cases annually x \$10 per case) for criminal cases handled by these entities.

Note: The \$5 fee provided for in current law was never imposed because the Judicial Council did not approve the fee.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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