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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 196** HLS 22RS 215

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Creates fund for awarding grants to support research		

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Creates the Stimulating More Advanced Research and Technology (SMART) Program and the SMART Fund for the purpose of awarding grants to support research at public postsecondary education institutions

Proposed law creates the Stimulating More Advanced Research and Technology (SMART) program and for the purpose of awarding grants to support research in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at public postsecondary education institutions. Provides for program administration by the Board of Regents (BOR). Grants awarded through the program shall be awarded on a competitive basis for the following: (1) matching research grants from federal agencies and other sources; (2) awarding hiring bonuses and startup packages to attract distinguished faculty; (3) construction, improvement, or procurement of research facilities, laboratories, equipment, and supplies; and (4) scholarships and stipends for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. At least 20% of grants shall be awarded to institutions outside of the Baton Rouge and New Orleans metropolitan regions and grant amounts awarded to historically black colleges and universities small be approximately equal to the percentage of students enrolled. No more than 1.5% may be used for administrative costs. Creates the SMART fund within the state treasury. Provides for reporting requirements. Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation creates the Stimulating More Advanced Research Technology (SMART) fund; monies in the fund are subject to appropriation by the legislature. To the extent monies are available, public postsecondary education institutions will experience increases in statutory dedications expenditures to the extent they are recipients of grant awards through the SMART fund; however, actual amounts by institution will vary by award and are indeterminable.

The Board of Regents (BOR) plans to utilize the 1.5% allowable SMART funds for costs associated with administering the program. Administrative costs will vary based on funding made available for the program. For illustrative purposes, if the legislature appropriates \$15 M, administrative costs could be up to \$225,000.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be a reduction in state general fund to the extent the legislature transfers funds from the state general fund to the SMART fund.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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