



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 276** HLS 25RS 350  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 30, 2025	10:22 AM	<b>Author:</b> BERAULT
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> St. Tammany Parish		
<b>Subject:</b> Local Ethics Entities		<b>Analyst:</b> Jamie Mergist

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 Authorizes St. Tammany Parish to create and provide for local ethics entities

**Purpose of the Bill:** This bill authorizes St. Tammany Parish to create and administer local ethics entities (e.g. Ethics Review Board or Office of Inspector General).

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>SEE BELOW</b>					
<b>Annual Total</b>						

  

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase local fund expenditures for the St. Tammany Parish Government (Parish) by an indeterminable amount to extent that the Parish creates and administers a local ethics entity.**

A Parish official indicated that the bill may increase Parish expenditures related to creating and administering a local ethics entity, including staffing and startup costs (e.g. equipment). This official indicated that the amount of the increase is currently indeterminable as the expenditures/staffing requirements for such an entity have not yet been determined.

Note: To provide context on potential costs, the following expenditure data was presented in the 2025 budgets of similar entities located in other jurisdictions that are authorized to create and administer local ethics entities:

Entity	Budgeted Expenditures
Office of the Inspector General (City of New Orleans)	\$4,488,636
Inspector General (Jefferson Parish)	\$1,709,504
Ethics Review Board (City of New Orleans)	\$305,093
Ethics and Compliance (Jefferson Parish)	\$145,609

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.**

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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