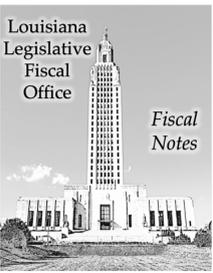


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MENTAL HEALTH OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to group and community homes

Proposed law prohibits camping in public areas and rights of way not specifically intended for camping. A political subdivision may designate property within its boundaries by majority vote of its governing body to be used for camping for a period of one year, as long as certain conditions are met, such as bed shortage in homeless shelters, property value will not be affected, and safety of children is not negatively affected.

Proposed law requires political subdivisions to seek certification from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Upon receipt of request, LDH shall respond with any errors or omissions within 10 days of receipt. LDH shall certify the designation within 45 days. If LDH takes no action, the property is deemed certified.

Proposed law requires minimum standards to be established regarding, safety and security, sanitation, restrooms and running water, access to behavioral health, prohibition of illegal substances, requirements during an emergency declaration.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</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>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law is anticipated to have an indeterminable expenditure impact to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), and political subdivisions by allowing political subdivisions to designate property within their boundaries to be used for public camping for a period of one year. This property is subject to the following conditions: (a) there are not sufficient beds in homeless shelters for the homeless population of the political subdivision; (b) property is not contiguous with property designated for residential use; (c) the designated property will not adversely and materially affect property value or security of other property. Any such costs are speculative and subject to actions by political subdivisions.

**Louisiana Department of Health - Health Standards Section**

LDH reports an indeterminable expenditure impact associated with the requirement to certify, inspect, and establish minimum housing standards considering critical aspects such as safety, sanitation, privacy and habitability. In addition, this legislation requires LDH to seek waivers from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain funding to provide healthcare and housing to individuals experiencing homelessness and suffering from illness.

**Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)**

OSFM reports an indeterminable expenditure impact to assist with housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness by conducting inspections of emergency shelters, community facilities, group homes, and halfway houses to verify that the housing options available to individuals experiencing homelessness are safe and sanitary. The agency reports that the impact is indeterminable because there is no way to estimate the number of emergency shelters, community facilities, group homes, and halfway houses that will require inspections resulting from this measure.

**Political Subdivisions**

This legislation appears to have an indeterminable expenditure impact to political subdivisions/local governments, by requiring that if they designate property for public camping to establish minimum standards and procedures to: (a) ensure safety and security of property and residents; (b) maintain sanitation, including but not limited to clean and operable restrooms and running water; (c) coordinate with federal, state, local, and private entities to provide access to behavioral health services; (d) prohibiting and enforcing illegal substance use on designated property. In addition to the above, a resident, business owner of a business located in the political subdivision, or the Attorney General (AG) may bring civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction against the political subdivision for violations. If the resident, business owner or AG prevails in a civil action, the court may award reasonable expenses incurred in bringing the civil action, including court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, investigative costs, witness fees, and deposition costs.

**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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