

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 120** HLS 25RS 391

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Military Affairs/Veteran's Affairs		Analyst: Kimberly Fruge
Subject: Death and Disability Benefits for State Guard Members		

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Provides relative to death benefits for members of the La. State Guard

Proposed law provides for death and disability benefits for Louisiana State Guard members; provides for changes to periods of activation dates; requires all claims for state disability benefits for injuries incurred by guardsmen while on Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code be submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs no later than June 30, 2026.

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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

As a result of proposed legislation, when a member of the Louisiana state guard dies while on active duty, the Louisiana Military Department will be responsible for a one-time payment of \$200,000 for death benefits. The Louisiana Military Department, based on existing data, reports instances of death while on active duty are rare; as a result, an annual appropriation of funding for this purpose is not required. The LA Department of Veterans Affairs reports that qualifying for a disability benefit as part of the Louisiana State Guard is unlikely. To the extent that a State Guard member qualifies for either the death benefit or a disability benefit, the LFO anticipates the respective department to seek a supplemental appropriation, assumed in this fiscal note to be SGF.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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