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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 335** SLS 26RS 643

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Authorizes an additional funding for legislative assistants for legislators representing three or more parishes. (8/1/26)

Present law requires the Legislative Budgetary Control Council (LBCC) to establish and implement a salary schedule for legislative assistants employed by members of the Louisiana Legislature, with no specific provisions for additional staffing based on district size.

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes the LBCC to provide additional funding for legislative assistants for legislators whose districts include more than four parishes, allocating a specified amount per year for each parish beyond four. This additional funding is intended solely for hiring extra legislative assistants and does not alter the base salary schedule.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is anticipated to increase state expenditures to provide additional funding for legislative assistants for legislators whose districts include more than four parishes. Based on current district composition, 13 of 144 legislators would be eligible for the additional allocation.

Actual expenditures are indeterminable and will be based on the additional personnel funding authorized by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council (LBCC). However, for informational purposes, legislative members currently receive between \$2,250 and \$3,500 per month for the hiring of legislative assistants. If the LBCC were to allocate funding based on this range, expenditures would be expected to increase by approximately \$351,000 to \$546,000 annually.

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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