

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 542** HLS 26RS 307

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Supplemental pay for certain law enforcement in Baton		

SUPPLEMENTAL PAY OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides relative to supplemental pay to certain law enforcement officers whose agency is headquartered in Baton Rouge

Proposed law expands state supplemental compensation for certain full-time, sworn law enforcement officers employed by agencies headquartered in Baton Rouge. Current law authorizes state supplemental payments to eligible law enforcement officers employed by a bona fide police agency of the state or its political subdivisions, excluding the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Current law further limits eligibility to officers headquartered in New Orleans or Lake Charles who patrol levees, waterways, riverfront areas, or bridges. Proposed law extends eligibility by including additional law enforcement officers employed by agencies headquartered in Baton Rouge within the scope of officers eligible to receive monthly state supplemental pay. Proposed law provides for an effective date of July 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**


Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in state general fund expenditures by expanding eligibility for state supplemental pay to include additional law enforcement officers employed by agencies headquartered in Baton Rouge. Each eligible officer would receive \$600 per month, or \$7,200 annually. The total increase in expenditures will depend on the number of additional officers who qualify under the proposed law. The Department of Public Safety has indicated that the number of potentially eligible officers is unknown; therefore, a reliable cost estimate cannot be determined at this time.

**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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