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**Fiscal Note**

**ACT 251**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 472** HLS 16RS 1231

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:



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Provides relative to the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund

Present law enumerates the powers and authority of the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners (the Board). Proposed law authorizes the board to allocate up to 10% of license renewal and delinquency fees collected each fiscal year to a new fund: the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund. The fund seeks to better prepare students for internships and future careers as architects. Proposed law limits the fund's uses to one or more of the following purposes: Integration of practice and education in the professional National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) degree curriculum; implementation of path to licensure to obtain an architectural license upon graduation from a NAAB-accredited degree program; facilitation of enrollment and completion of training requirements for the Intern Development Program by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards; assistance of students and interns preparing to take the Architectural Registration Exam; methods for raising awareness of the responsibilities of architects and of the ways that public health, safety, and welfare are impacted by architects. Proposed law requires an accredited university architectural program to submit an annual proposal and budget to be considered for any award from the Board. Proposed law requires the Board to submit an annual report to the appropriate legislative oversight.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law allows the Board to dedicate up to 10% of agency SGR related to license renewal and delinquency fees collected to a new fund named the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund. The LFO assumes this fund will be a sub-account within the Board's SGR account. Proposed law does not appear to create a state statutory dedication. The Board estimates a fee collection amount of \$461,744 in FY 17. The Board's estimate derives from license and renewal fees collected from individual architects, professional architectural corporations, architectural-engineering corporations, and limited liability companies. The Board also estimates a 2% annual increase in fee collection revenue.

Deposits into the fund are at the discretion of the Board. To the extent 10% of SGR is placed annually into the fund, the Board could utilize these funds for purposes detailed in proposed law.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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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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