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Fiscal Note



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Prohibits questions regarding criminal history on an initial application for admission to a public postsecondary education institution

Proposed law prohibits a public postsecondary education institution from inquiring on an initial application form about a prospective student's criminal history until after the prospective student has been given an opportunity to interview for acceptance for admission or, if no such interview is to be conducted, until after the prospective student has been given a conditional offer of acceptance for admission. Proposed law prohibits the inclusion on the common application of questions pertaining to criminal history. Proposed law provides, however, that a public postsecondary education institution may consider the criminal history of a prospective student in making the final determination of whether to accept the person for admission. Proposed law authorizes the institution to consider the nature and gravity of the criminal conduct, the time that has passed since the occurrence, and the specific parameters of the institution or the prospective student's course of study and the bearing, if any, that the criminal conduct will have on the ability of the prospective student to meet these requirements. Proposed law allows the Health Sciences Centers (New Orleans and Shreveport) to consider criminal conviction history if information pertaining to such history is provided on an application designed for applying for admission to specified degree programs including Doctor of Medicine; Master of Science in Dentistry, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental Medicine, Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, and Bachelor of Science or Associate of Science in Dental Laboratory Technology; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing; Doctor of Physical Therapy; Master of Occupational Therapy; Master of Physician Assistant Studies; Master of Communication Disorders; Doctor of Audiology; Master of Public Health; Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy in Biostatistics; Doctor of Philosophy in Community Health; and Doctor of Philosophy in Epidemiology.

EXPENDITURES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed law is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact to institutions. Any changes that will be required to an institution's application are assumed to be immaterial and can be absorbed within their current operating budget.

This legislation allows the Health Sciences Centers (New Orleans and Shreveport) to consider criminal conviction history if information pertaining to such history is provided on an application designed for applying for admission to specified degree programs. There are several institutions that have similar programs that are not included in this exemption including University of Louisiana at Monroe (Dental Hygiene, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy), Southern University Shreveport (Dental Hygiene, Nursing), and Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Delgado, Fletcher, La Delta Community College, Northshore Technical Community College, Sowela Technical Community College, Sowela Technical Community College, Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Southern University Baton Rouge, Southern University Shreveport, Louisiana State University Eunice, and Louisiana State University Alexandria (Nursing).

Furthermore, to the extent an institution awards degrees to students which may have a criminal history in these (and other) fields, restrictions imposed by other entities may keep the graduate from working in the field. Therefore, these students will be able to earn a degree in an area but would not be able to be licensed or certified.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
 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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