

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 286** HLS 18RS 613

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Increase Fees for Accident Reports Exceeding Two (2) Pages	

TRAFFIC/VIOLATIONS OR +\$900,000 SG RV See Note
Changes the fee applicable to certain accident reports

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Present law requires state police, any local police department, or any sheriff's office to provide copies of crash reports upon request to any interested person and authorizes a fee of \$5 per report that does not exceed two pages, and \$7.50 per report that exceeds two pages.

Proposed law increases the fee for reports that exceed two pages from \$7.50 to \$20. Proposed law changes "crash report" to "accident report."

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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>	\$0
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$4,500,000
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						INCREASE

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) reports that the proposed legislation will require a vendor contract in the amount of \$2,500 for one-time upgrades to existing software and systems to reflect the new \$20 fee. The Legislative Fiscal Office believes that the department can potentially accomplish these tasks utilizing existing resources and budget authority. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted that require additional programming efforts, DPS may require additional resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase the fee for accident reports that exceed two pages by \$12.50, from \$7.50 to \$20 for state police, local police departments, and sheriff's offices.

For DPS, proposed law will generate an additional \$900,000 per year (72,000 annual reports * \$12.50) for a 5-year total increase of \$4.5 million. DPS reports that it generates 72,000 accident reports per year on average, and due to the format of the report, all accident reports exceed two pages.

Furthermore, the proposed law will increase local revenues by an indeterminable amount for all local police departments and sheriff's offices with the exception of those located within Orleans parish which already have authority under R.S. 32:398(K) (1)(b) to charge up to \$20 for providing copies of accident reports. For all other local police departments and sheriff's departments, revenues will increase by \$12.50 for each accident report that exceeds two pages.

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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