

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



Fiscal Note On: **HB 286** HLS 18RS 613  
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 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
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 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Increase Fees for Accident Reports Exceeding Two (2) Pages	

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 Changes the fee applicable to certain accident reports

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 maximum fee for reports that exceed two pages from \$7.50 to \$20, inclusive of all service fees and other charges.

Proposed law provides that if state police establishes a lesser charge for electronic copies of crash reports, then local police departments and sheriff's offices shall charge the same amount for electronic copies of crash reports.

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

  

REVENUES	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**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 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 maximum fee for crash reports that exceed two pages by \$12.50, from \$7.50 to \$20, inclusive of all service fees and other charges, for state police, local police departments, and sheriff's offices.

For DPS, proposed law may increase SGR revenue by an indeterminable amount. To the extent that DPS elects to increase the fee for a crash report that exceeds two pages, SGR will increase by an amount equal to the fee increase for each crash report that exceeds two pages. DPS reports that it generates 72,000 crash reports per year on average, and due to the format of the report, all crash reports exceed two pages. For reference, proposed law could generate up to \$900,000 per year (72,000 annual reports \* \$12.50) for a maximum 5-year total increase of \$4.5 million if the maximum fee of \$20 is adopted.

Note: DPS testified in House Judiciary Committee on April 18, 2018 that the department had no intention of raising the fee for all crash reports to \$20 maximum. DPS further testified in Senate Transportation, Highways, and Public Works Committee on May 8, 2018 that the department intended to charge a lesser amount for electronic copies of crash reports to steer customers towards electronic copies.

Furthermore, the proposed law may 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 crash reports. Proposed law further establishes that if state police establishes a lesser charge for electronic copies of crash reports, then local police departments and sheriff's office must charge the same amount for electronic copies of crash reports. Because each local police department and sheriff's office can adopt its own fee for a crash report that exceeds two pages, the revenue increase is indeterminable. To the extent that a local police department or sheriff's department elects to increase the fee for a crash report that exceeds two pages, revenues will increase by an amount equal to the fee increase for each crash 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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