

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



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 Provides relative to the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program (Item #18)

Present law establishes the Main Street Program and the La. Main Street Recovery Fund to award grants to eligible businesses impacted by COVID-19. Proposed law establishes the Bar Assistance Relief Program within the Main Street Program to provide economic support to eligible businesses operating as bars; provides for definitions and eligibility requirements; provides that an eligible bar shall receive a grant equal to \$2,000; establishes the Bar Assistance Relief Subaccount within the La. Main Street Recovery Fund while requiring that it shall be held separate and apart from the Main Street Recovery Fund, that it shall not be comprised of any monies from the CARES Act and exempting the subaccount monies from being swept pursuant to present law on December 1, 2020, with other Main Street Recovery Fund monies; authorizes the treasurer to promulgate rules to administer the Bar Assistance Relief Program; authorizes the treasurer to enter into certain emergency procurements; requires the treasurer to work with the Department of Revenue and Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control to implement the program; provides for reporting requirements; and provides for public notice.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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>						
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

In its current posture, there is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law creates the Bar Assistance Relief Program within the Main Street Program and the Bar Assistance Relief Subaccount within the La. Main Street Recovery Fund. Proposed law provides that eligible businesses operating as a bar shall receive a grant equal to \$2,000, but does not provide for a transfer of monies into the subaccount. As such, no expenditures will be incurred by enactment of proposed law until the legislature takes action to appropriate monies into the subaccount.

Once monies have been deposited into the Bar Assistance Relief Subaccount, proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in expenditures for the following departments/agencies.

The La Department of Treasury will be required to administer the program to provide grants of up to \$2,000 to eligible bars (paid from the statutory dedication subaccount). Proposed law provides that all monies in the bar subaccount after payment of administrative expenses shall be appropriated as grants. The Treasury reports that it does not anticipate additional costs to implement the provisions of proposed law, but will evaluate the scope of the program once collecting all relevant data. The treasurer is also directed to provide monthly reports to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB).

The Dept. of Revenue will realize a workload increase (SGR expenditures) as the treasurer is required to verify applicant tax information before dispersing grants to eligible bars. Additionally, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) shall provide a list of qualifying bars to the treasurer at no cost. This will result in a minor workload increase and may generate de minimis expenditures related to producing the report (SGR).

The Commissioner of Administration shall be provided a notice of the Bar Assistance Relief Program and the availability of awards from the bar subaccount to be published on the web pages of each department in the executive branch.

The Louisiana Legislature shall receive and include the same notice referenced above for the Commissioner on its web page.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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