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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 926** HLS 22RS 1604  
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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Law enforcement		
<b>Subject:</b> Information regarding certain drug related arrests		<b>Analyst:</b> Jodie Debetaz

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 Provides relative to publication of arrests for certain offenses involving heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil

**Purpose of this bill:** This bill requires local law enforcement agencies or officers to publish certain information about drug related arrests involving heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil in the official journal of the parish or state or on the law enforcement agency's website and to provide this information to the Louisiana State Police within 72 hours of the arrest.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase local government expenditures by an indeterminable amount.**

This bill requires local law enforcement to publish certain information about arrests involving heroin, fentanyl and carfentanil in an official journal (parish or state) or on the local law enforcement agency's website. The cost of publishing the required information is currently indeterminable due to a lack of information regarding the number of arrests statewide that would fall under this bill; which agencies would publish the information in an official journal rather than on their website; the timing of these publications; and the price that individual official journals would charge agencies to publish the information. According to several law enforcement agencies we contacted, it appears that posting on their websites would cause no fiscal impact while posting in official journals would cause expenditures to increase.

Note: An official with the Louisiana Public Defender Board indicated that there were roughly 20,400 drug charges in 2021, approximately 15,000 of which were arrests for schedule I and schedule II drugs (including heroin, fentanyl, and carfentanil). It is unclear how many of these arrests would have met the offense criteria provided by the bill.

Also, according to staff at the Advocate, the publication cost for public notices is \$2.50 per line, which includes 30 to 40 characters, including spaces. If an affidavit is requested, it results in an additional \$25 charge. According to an official with the Louisiana Municipal Association, the publication cost for public notices can vary across the state.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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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