



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 65** HLS 22RS 502
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Courts		
Subject: Uniform reporting for court funding		Analyst: Rebecca Robinson

JUDGES EG +\$120,055 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides with respect to annual financial reports on district and local court funding and expenses

Proposed legislation requires annual reporting for district courts, courts of appeal, city courts, municipal courts, and traffic court. Provides for the Louisiana Supreme Court to develop a uniform budget document to show itemized revenues and expenditures for all courts to be presented annually to the legislature.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$120,055	\$121,799	\$126,671	\$131,737	\$137,007	\$637,269
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$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	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be an increase in SGF expenditures of the Louisiana Supreme Court (LSC) as a result of the proposed measure. The LSC reports a need for 1 additional position, a Financial Analyst, to compile the data from the 104 courts throughout the state and prepare the annual report. The LSC has indicated that has utilized existing staff to perform this function but can no longer absorb this level of workload.

Financial Analyst		
Salary	\$70,000	
Retirement	\$27,650	
Medicare	\$1,015	
Health Insurance	\$13,702	
Dental Insurance	\$1,094	
Total for Salary and Related Benefits	\$113,461	(FY 24 - FY 27 include standard salary and related benefits adjustments)

Parking	\$2,904	
Equipment	\$3,690	(fiscal years FY 24 - FY 27 reflect lower expenses of approximately \$800 annually for software licenses and maintenance fees)

There may be an increase in expenditures to local courts to the extent the compilation of data causes an increase in workload, which will depend on the size of the court and its staff. Local courts may need to hire additional staff or may contract with accounting firms to compile the data required by LSC.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input checked="" 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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