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Proposed Amd.:

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Provides for licensure and regulation of nurse staffing agencies by the Louisiana Department of Health

Proposed law requires LDH to license nurse staffing agencies. Proposed law requires that a separate license shall be obtained for each location from which a nurse staffing agency is operated unless owned and managed by the same entity or person. Upon receipt and after review of an application for a license, the secretary shall issue a license if it is determined that the applicant is qualified to operate a nurse staffing agency.

Proposed law provides a license shall remain in effect for one year. Proposed law provides for the license renewal process. Proposed law provides for reasons for license denial.

Proposed law provides for minimum standards for the operation of nurse agencies. Proposed law provides for nursing nurse staffing agency initial licensing fees, renewal fees, and fees for penalty and fines for non compliance. Proposed law provides for exclusions.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	$254,189	$265,024	$265,024	$265,024	$265,024	**$1,314,285**
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	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total	**$254,189**	**$265,024**	**$265,024**	**$265,024**	**$265,024**	**$1,314,285**

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.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Requiring the LDH to license and regulate nurse staffing agencies and investigate complaints and allegations regarding the practices of nurse staffing agencies to ensure compliance with regulations is anticipated to result in additional expenditures in the Office of the Secretary, LDH. Projected annual expenditures include additional staffing and IT costs associated with monitoring a new licensing provider type. FY 23 anticipated expenditures are reflected below.

$197,730 - 4 positions for licensure, oversight, inspection, and investigation duties (9 months of salary in FY 23)
  $50,000 - Professional services contract (one time expense) to update licensing system (including maintenance/support)
   $6,459 - Equipment
$254,189   Total

Note: Any employees required by the LDH for the implementation and execution of these duties is anticipated to be filled utilizing existing department vacancies and associated funding. Based on HB 1, funding and positions reflected above is transferred from Medical Vendor Administration to the Office of the Secretary to carry out the functions of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure provides for the assessment and collection of an initial licensing fee of $1,200 to operate a nurse staffing agency, and $1,200 biennially thereafter. This measure further provides for a delinquent fee of $100 for failure to timely renew a license. In addition, in the event of a staffing agency complaint investigation performed by LDH, the department shall assess an investigation fee not to exceed $1,000.   Total revenue generated under this measure is indeterminable.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
[x] 13.5.1 >= $100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		[x] 6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	*Evan Brasseaux*
[ ] 13.5.2 >= $500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		[ ] 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	**Evan Brasseaux** **Interim Deputy Fiscal Officer**