

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 6** SLS 24RS 10

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Unlawful Distribution of Misleading Synthetic Media	

CRIME/PUNISHMENT

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Prohibits the distribution of misleading synthetic media. (8/1/24)

Proposed law creates the crime of unlawful distribution of misleading synthetic media and provides that it is unlawful for any person to knowingly and intentionally distribute or make publicly available any synthetic media purported to depict any natural person without consent of the natural person being depicted in the synthetic media, without constantly displaying an obvious notice within the synthetic media identifying the media as synthetic media, or with the intent to mislead others about the acts of the natural person depicted in the synthetic media; provides the definition of synthetic media; provides a sentence of imprisonment of no more than 6 months, or a fine of no more than \$750, or both, for those convicted of the crime of unlawful distribution of misleading synthetic media; becomes effective 8/01/24.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of unlawful distribution of misleading synthetic media. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it creates a crime, and is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term is no more than six months at the local level.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure because this legislation creates a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders are not sentenced to Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C).

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of unlawful distribution of misleading synthetic media. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines imposed for conviction of proposed law are optional, and the amount of the fines imposed on those convicted may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

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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