

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



Fiscal Note On: **HB 853** HLS 24RS 2071

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> office of surgeon general		

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Creates the office of surgeon general within the Louisiana Department of Health

Proposed law creates the office of surgeon general within the Louisiana Department of Health. There shall be a surgeon general within LDH who shall be appointed by the governor with consent from the state Senate, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor at a salary fixed by the governor, subject to legislative approval. The surgeon general shall be an employee of LDH. Proposed law provides for job qualifications.

The surgeon general shall serve as the chief medical officer of LDH, and state health officer. Proposed law provides for functions and duties of the surgeon general, including reporting requirements to the governor and legislature.

Proposed law provides for purposes and functions of the office of surgeon general.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</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>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law creates a new position of surgeon general and the new office of the surgeon general within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). LDH indicates existing funding in the Office of the Secretary (OS) budget will be utilized to fund both the new position and administrative support function of the new office. The surgeon general position will act as the state health officer, which is currently a vacant funded position within LDH, Office of the Secretary. Existing funding will be utilized as follows:

- \$366,288 - salary and related benefits for the new surgeon general position (salary for previous state health officer)
- \$118,308 - salary and related benefits for executive management officer providing admin. support for the state health officer
- \$484,596 - total personal services

It is assumed any administrative costs related to the prior position, including travel and operating expenses, will be utilized to support the new office.

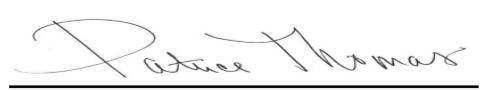
Note: Adjustments to the budget will be required to move both positions and funding from the office of the secretary to the newly created office of the surgeon general.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate  
 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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