

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 50** SLS 24RS 210  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Prohibits Sports Wagering by Certain Persons		

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 Prohibits certain persons from wagering on sports events. (gov sig)

Current law restricts certain persons from placing a wager on a sports event based on age, location, affiliation with an individual participant or team event, and other factors; provides for a uniform compulsive and gambling problem program that allows an individual to request their placement on a list to be excluded from gaming activities at all gaming establishments. Proposed law creates the crime of a prohibited player placing a wager on a sports event, personally or through another individual or proxy; creates the crime of facilitating or placing a sports wager on behalf of a prohibited player; provides definition for prohibited player; assesses a penalty of imprisonment of no more than 6 months, or a fine of no more than \$500, or both, and on 2nd or subsequent conviction, imprisonment for no more than one year, w/ or w/o hard labor, or a fine of \$1,000, or both; provides that whoever conducts, finances, manages, supervises, directs, leases, or owns all or a part of a business when the person knowingly allows a prohibited player to wager on a sports event, shall be subject to imprisonment for no more than 5 years, w/ or w/o hard labor, or a fine of no more than \$20,000, or both; mandates that a sports wagering platform provider, a person, business, or entity licensed, or sports wagering operator permitted, pursuant to sports wagering law, not be subject to penalties if commercially reasonable methods are made to prevent prohibited players from placing sports wagers.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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**

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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 being a prohibited player placing a wager on a sports event, personally or through another individual or proxy, or facilitating or placing a sports wager on behalf of a prohibited player. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, as it creates a crime, and it 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 one year at the local level.

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in either SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS) or Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities for those convicted of conducting, financing, managing, supervising, directing, leasing, or owning all or a part of a business when such persons knowingly allow a prohibited player to wager on a sports event. Proposed law is a relative felony, and any impact on either local or state expenditures is contingent on whether offenders sustain either misdemeanor or felony-grade convictions for its violation. DPS&C-CS advises that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to impact the number of offenders held in local facilities, and that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities. For those convicted and sentenced for a second or subsequent felony conviction of unlawful wagering or for a felony conviction of conducting, financing, managing, supervising, directing, leasing, or owning all or a part of a business when such persons knowingly allow a prohibited player to wager on a sports event, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day to the extent that an offender is convicted and then housed in a state facility or \$26.39 per offender per day housed in local facilities. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation is indeterminable, because it is not known how many people will be convicted and subject to a sentence of imprisonment as a result of its enactment. The maximum imprisonment term is no more than one year for second or subsequent convictions of unlawful wagering and no more than five years for business owners who knowingly allow a prohibited player to engage in unlawful wagering.

To the extent that an offender sustains a misdemeanor conviction for violation of the proposed law, local governing authorities may sustain an increase in Local Funds expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it 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 1 year or 5 years at the local level.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of being a prohibited player placing a wager on a sports event or facilitating or placing a sports wager on behalf of a prohibited player. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable, as the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional and variable in nature, and the number of fines that will be imposed on offenders convicted of proposed law is unknown. 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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