



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 245** SLS 25RS 1512
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.: SB 184

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Subject: T.R.U.S.T. Act		

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Creates the "Transparent Responsible Use of State Tax-dollars (T.R.U.S.T.) Act" to provide for appropriation requirements for nongovernmental entities. (2/3-CA7s2.1(A)) (gov siq)

Proposed law creates the "Transparent Responsible Use of State Tax-dollars (T.R.U.S.T.) Act" to provide for appropriation requirements for nongovernmental entities; provides that the commissioner of administration create a searchable nongovernmental entity database; provides for information nongovernmental entities must submit to the department or agency prior to receiving a disbursement of funds; provides that failure to submit a report will make the nongovernmental entity ineligible to receive any appropriation or state funding for a period of three years or until compliance.

Current law provides for criminal penalties for filing or maintaining false public records. Proposed law applies current law to nongovernmental entities submitting false reports pursuant to proposed law.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Annual Total

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Division of Administration

Proposed law requires the commissioner of administration to create and maintain a searchable nongovernmental entity database. The Office of Technology Services (OTS) anticipates being able to incorporate the nongovernmental entity database into the ongoing changes being made to the Louisiana Checkbook website. Therefore, OTS does not anticipate any increase in expenditures.

Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services, to the extent that a person sustains a conviction for filing or maintaining false public records pursuant to proposed law. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to state or local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted nor the length of the sentences assessed as a result of its potential enactment. Proposed law is a relative felony with a maximum sentence of five years, and any impact on either state or local expenditures is contingent on whether offenders sustain either a misdemeanor or felony-grade conviction for its violation.

To the extent that offenders sustain a felony-grade conviction for violation of the proposed law, DPS&C-CS will sustain an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures. For those convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day. For those housed in local facilities, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$26.39 per offender per day. 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.

To the extent that offenders sustain a misdemeanor conviction for violation of the proposed law, local governing authorities will sustain 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.

Various Departments and Agencies

Proposed law requires all state agencies to provide information to the commissioner for the nongovernmental entity database. A survey of state agencies indicate that any increase in workload required by proposed law can be absorbed within their operating budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions for filing or maintaining false public records pursuant to proposed law. 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 the amount of the fines, if imposed, may vary, but not exceed \$5,000. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority. The state may also collect restitution if the state suffers a loss as a result of filing or maintaining false public records pursuant to proposed law; however, any restitution that would be imposed is indeterminable.

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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