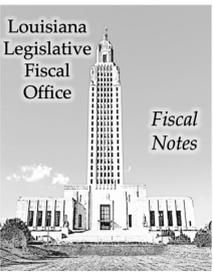


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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 378** HLS 26RS 445  
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
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<b>Subject:</b> Obstruction of First Responders and Law Enforcement	

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 Provides relative to using a vehicle to obstruct first responders and law enforcement

Current law provides for the crime of obstructing public passages and assesses a sentence of imprisonment of no more than six months, or a fine of no more than \$500, or both, for its violation. Proposed law provides that it is unlawful to obstruct public passages using a motorized vehicle with the intent to hinder, delay, hamper, obstruct, or impede a first responder, when the first responder is acting in the course and scope of his duty, and assesses a sentence of imprisonment of no more than six months, a fine of no more than \$1,000, or both for its violation. Proposed law provides that it is unlawful to obstruct public passages using a motorized vehicle with the intent to hinder, delay, hamper, obstruct, or impede a law enforcement officer when the officer is in pursuit or is engaged in making an arrest, and assesses a sentence of imprisonment of no more than two years, with or without labor, or a fine of no more than \$1,000, or both, for its violation.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	SEE BELOW					
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services for convictions of unlawful obstruction of public passages using a motorized vehicle with the intent to hinder, delay, hamper, obstruct, or impede a law enforcement officer when the officer is in pursuit or is engaged in making an arrest. Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures in local governing authorities for unlawful obstruction of public passages using a motorized vehicle with the intent to hinder, delay, hamper, obstruct, or impede a first responder, when the first responder is acting in the course and scope of his duty.

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services for convictions of unlawful obstruction of public passages using a motorized vehicle with the intent to hinder, delay, hamper, obstruct, or impede a law enforcement officer when the officer is in pursuit or is engaged in making an arrest. Proposed law is a relative felony, 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. The exact fiscal impact to DPS&C-CS is indeterminable, as it is unknown how many people will be convicted or the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions. The maximum sentence is no more than two years.

SGF expenditures will increase by \$107.60 per offender per day to the extent that an offender is convicted and then housed in a state facility, or \$29.39 per offender per day for an offender housed in a local facility. An offender sentenced to the custody of the DPS&C-CS for one year would increase expenditures by \$39,274 (\$107.60 per day x 365 days) if housed in a state facility and \$10,727 (\$29.39 per day x 365 days) if housed in a local facility.

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

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable decrease in Local Funds expenditures, for those instances in which offenders unlawfully obstruct a public passage using a motorized vehicle with the intent to hinder, delay, hamper, obstruct, or impede a first responder, when the first responder is acting in the course and scope of his duty. Proposed law is a misdemeanor and assesses a maximum sentence of imprisonment of no more than six months. The exact fiscal impact to Local Expenditures is unknown, as it is unknown the number of persons who will be convicted of the proposed law in the future.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of unlawful obstruction of public passages. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount of the fines, if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

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