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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 351** HLS 26RS 482

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Reentry-Repeal of the Entrepreneurial Educational Curriculum	

CORRECTIONS OR NO IMPACT See Note  
Provides relative to the reentry preparation program

Current law provides for a reentry program that provides entrepreneurial education for eligible offenders to learn business concepts, marketing, development, and negotiation skills; provides that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services shall offer entrepreneurial educational curriculum to eligible offenders selected by the department to facilitate successful reentry into society; provides that the curriculum shall include, but not be limited to, basic business concepts, marketing and advertising, product development, negotiation and pricing, and development of business plans for their own individual businesses; provides that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services shall enter into cooperative endeavors or contracts with Louisiana Works, the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana community and technical colleges, educational institutions, training facilities, and services providers to provide entrepreneurial educational opportunities for eligible offenders; provides for eligibility standards for offenders who wish to participate in the program. Proposed law repeals current law in its entirety.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law repeals the authorization for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS) to offer an entrepreneurial education curriculum to eligible offenders.

*For informational purposes, the DPS&C-CS has not developed an entrepreneurial curriculum. In June 2020, DPS&C-CS contracted with Wolf Creek Business Growth Institute to provide entrepreneur training to ten male inmates at Dixon Correctional Institute and ten female inmates at the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women, with eight males and eight females who completed the full program. The department expended \$45,262 SGF in FY 21 that was appropriated pursuant to the Criminal Justice Reinvestment Initiative. There have not been any further cooperative endeavor agreements or contracts to provide entrepreneurial educational opportunities.*

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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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