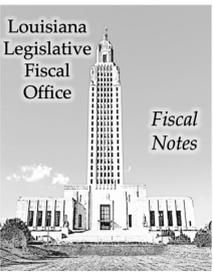


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Fiscal Note On: **HB 951** HLS 26RS 1170
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LABOR OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides with respect to the creation of an office of talent accelerator within Louisiana Works

Present law provides a list of duties and functions that the Louisiana (LA) Workforce Investment Council (council) must perform. Proposed law adds duties and functions to the aforementioned list.

Proposed law adds the Business Workforce Committee as a committee of the council and provides that certain individuals shall be members of the committee. Proposed law provides functions of the office of talent accelerator. Proposed law requires the office of talent accelerator to continue as an office within Louisiana Works (LA Works) and shall adopt procurement provisions in pursuant to rules adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The rules created by the office shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner of administration before rules are sent to committees. Proposed law requires the House Committee of Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance shall have the authority to review any rules.

EXPENDITURES	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
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law creates the office of talent accelerator within the LA Works to coordinate workforce development initiatives, employer partnerships, and talent pipeline programs. The bill may result in additional expenditures for LA Works to accommodate a potential need for increased staffing and operating costs. **LA Works reports that creation of an Assistant Secretary position and the reorganized services provided through the office of talent accelerator can be funded through allocations from existing program funding sources, and will not result in additional net cost to the department.**

Proposed law creates the Business Workforce Committee, which will serve as an advisory committee of the council. Although council members are not compensated per R.S. 23:2052, members may be reimbursed expenses incurred for necessary travel when attending to official business of the council as provided for state employees by division of administration regulations. This is expected to result in minimal expenditure increase, absorbed within the department's existing budget allocation.

LA Works reports that implementation of this bill would require one unclassified position for an assistant secretary/director to oversee the office. Existing law within La R.S. 36:307 provides that each office within Louisiana Works, except the office of management and finance, shall be under the immediate supervision and direction of an assistant secretary, who shall be appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate. LA Works reports that it will utilize existing budgetary allocations to provide for the costs of the unclassified assistant secretary position, but the LFO is reporting costs (assumed to be Federal) as significant in accordance with the proposed salary of the newly created position:

Positions (Including Salaries + Related Benefits)

	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31
Assistant Secretary (1)	\$228,820	\$237,973	\$247,492	\$257,392	\$267,687

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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