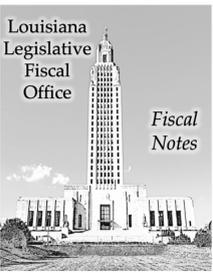


**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 147** HLS 26RS 839  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> March 20, 2026 1:01 PM	<b>Author:</b> VILLIO
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<b>Subject:</b> Racketeering	<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet

CRIME/RACKETEERING EG SEE FISC NOTE GF EX Page 1 of 1  
 Provides for the definition of the crime of racketeering

Current law provides for a list of offenses that constitute elements of racketeering activity; assesses a sentence of imprisonment of no more than five years, with or without hard labor, or a fine of \$5,000, or both for offenders convicted of mail theft or theft or unauthorized reproduction of a mail receptacle or key lock, and for second or subsequent convictions, imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 10 years, with or without hard labor, or a fine of no more than \$20,000, or both; assesses a sentence of imprisonment of no more than fifty years at hard labor, or a fine of no more than \$1 M, for offenders convicted of racketeering activity. Proposed law adds the crimes of mail theft and theft or unauthorized reproduction of a mail receptacle key or lock as elements of racketeering activity.

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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<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
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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 & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS), to the extent that any new convictions for criminal offenses added to the Louisiana Racketeering Act as "racketeering activity" result in longer sentences currently imposed on those convicted for each of the individual offenses. Proposed law has the effect of adding an enhanced penalty of imprisonment for each of the crimes added to the Louisiana Racketeering Act to no more than 50 years, at hard labor, in addition to any sentence of imprisonment for conviction for any of the individual offenses. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation is indeterminable, because it is not known how many offenders will be convicted and subject to a sentence of imprisonment, nor the length of sentences assessed for those convictions as a result of its potential enactment.

For illustrative purposes, SGF expenditures will increase by \$107.60 per offender per day to the extent that an offender is convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility or \$29.39 per offender per day for an offender housed in a local facility. Corrections Services reports that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to affect the number of offenders held in local facilities. Corrections Services reports that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities.

*For informational purposes, the DPS&C-CS reports that for the past six years, an average of 17 offenders have been admitted into the custody of Corrections, with an average sentence length of nine years for violations of the Louisiana Racketeering Act. For the past three years, nine offenders have been admitted into the custody of Corrections for mail theft, with an average sentence of 2.7 years, while 1 offender has been admitted into the custody of Corrections for theft or unauthorized reproduction of a mail receptacle key or lock, with a sentence of five years.*

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions related to violations of the Louisiana Racketeering Act. 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}       |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

  
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