

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



Fiscal Note On: **HB 935** HLS 26RS 609

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> TOPS		

TOPS OR +\$45,600 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides for TOPS awards to students enrolled in graduate medical sciences at certain institutions

Present law authorizes a student who completes an undergraduate degree in less than eight semesters to apply remaining TOPS award benefits to a post-graduate program until the award is exhausted. Proposed law retains present law. Proposed law provides that such a student may apply the award to a program at an institution that is not a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, offers a graduate program in medical sciences, has been physically collocated with a public postsecondary institution in the state since 2020, and bills tuition and fees through that public institution.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>2029-30</b>	<b>2030-31</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	<b>\$45,600</b>	<b>\$45,600</b>	<b>\$45,600</b>	<b>\$45,600</b>	<b>\$45,600</b>	<b>\$228,000</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>\$45,600</b>	<b>\$45,600</b>	<b>\$45,600</b>	<b>\$45,600</b>	<b>\$45,600</b>	<b>\$228,000</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGF expenditures by approximately \$45,600 at the Board of Regents in FY 27 and future fiscal years associated with additional TOPS award payments to certain students enrolled in institutions offering graduate medical sciences programs that are physically collocated with a public postsecondary institution. The Board of Regents does not anticipate more than five students annually qualifying for the award under the proposed law. Based on the 2025-2026 award levels, the potential value of an Opportunity Award would equal \$4,560 per semester, with additional stipends of \$200 per semester for Performance level recipients and \$400 per semester for Honors level recipients. If five students each received two semesters of an Opportunity Award, the total annual cost would be approximately \$45,600 (5 students x 2 semesters x \$4,560 award).

**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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