

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



Fiscal Note On: **HB 827** HLS 26RS 1246

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Louisiana Works/LCTCS/Plumbing Board/DPS	<b>Analyst:</b> Darynn Hoppe
<b>Subject:</b> Creates the Plumbing Workforce Access Act	

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Creates the Plumbing Workforce Access Act

Proposed law requires the State Plumbing Board, in coordination with Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) to establish the Institutional Plumbing Pathway (IPP) as an alternative route to qualify for the journeyman plumber examination. Proposed law requires the board to: promulgate rules; perform certain actions for the application within 90 days of receipt; provide written findings supporting its decision; establish a series of not fewer than three competency checkpoints to be completed by IPP students; authorize approved institutions to include correctional facilities operating under the jurisdiction of the LA Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS) as delivery sites for the pre-apprenticeship and classroom components of the IPP; submit an annual report to the legislature, the governor, and the LA Legislative Black Caucus by February 1st of each year with certain information; and to enter into interagency agreements with LCTCS, DPS, LA Works, and the LA Dept. of Revenue. Proposed law requires Louisiana Works (LA Works) and the Reentry Advisory Council to collaborate with the board to perform certain tasks. Proposed law requires LA Works, LCTCS, and the board to develop a financial assistance program for the pathway students who demonstrate financial need. Financial assistance must be funded through appropriations made by the legislature. Proposed law requires LA Works to report annually to the legislature.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>					
Agy. Self-Gen.	<b>\$137,750</b>	<b>\$105,833</b>	<b>\$109,009</b>	<b>\$112,279</b>	<b>\$115,648</b>	<b>\$580,519</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>

**Annual Total**

REVENUES	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>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law is expected to result in increased expenditures for the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana associated with administering provisions of the act. Proposed law would require the board to establish the Institutional Plumbing Pathway in conjunction with LCTCS. This pathway is to consist of three components (1) classroom and laboratory instruction, (2) competency checkpoints, and (3) Industry Rotation. The board believes that additional staff and resources would be required to administer the provisions of this bill. A breakdown by expenditure category can be found on page 2.

Proposed law would require LA Works to collaborate with the Reentry Advisory Council to develop outreach, support services, and employer recruitment information specific to the returning citizen pathway available. Additionally, LA Works would be required to coordinate with the board and LCTCS to develop a financial assistance program for students of the Institutional Plumbing Pathway who demonstrate financial need. The financial assistance program developed in this provision is to be funded through appropriations made by the legislature, assumed in this fiscal note to be SGF. This amount is currently speculative and therefore indeterminable.

Both LA Works and LCTCS report that implementation of proposed law can be absorbed within existing budgetary and staff resources.

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO**

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate  
 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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In order to establish this program, the board has estimated it will need an additional staff position for a Program Administrator; operating expenses to support travel for institutional reviews, compliance monitoring, database modifications, reporting requirements, and administrative support; a one-time expenditure of \$10,000 for legal assistance related to rulemaking, an expenditure of \$20,000 for examination development, and a one-time equipment purchase for workstation and technology setup.

Below is a breakdown by expenditure category as reported by the board. Personal Services consist of combined salary (\$65,000) and benefits (\$22,750) for a Program Administrator and assumes a 3% annual growth. The same assumed growth is applied to operating expenses.

<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>FY 27</b>	<b>FY 28</b>	<b>FY 29</b>	<b>FY 30</b>	<b>FY 31</b>
Personal Services	\$87,750	\$90,383	\$93,095	\$95,888	\$98,765
Operating Expenses	\$15,000	\$15,450	\$15,914	\$16,391	\$16,883
Professional Services	\$30,000				
Equipment	\$ 5,000	-	-	-	
<b>Total SGR Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$137,750</b>	<b>\$90,383</b>	<b>\$109,009</b>	<b>\$112,279</b>	<b>\$115,648</b>

*NOTE: THE LFO cannot corroborate that the provisions of proposed law would require the resources identified by the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana, but acknowledges that a workload increase will be necessitated for implementation. To the extent that workload may be greater or less than estimates provided by the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana, costs may be higher or lower than the estimates provided.*

Senate      Dual Referral Rules  
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 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
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