

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 201** HLS 26RS 374

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Creates the State Seal of Fine Arts recognition	

SCHOOLS/HIGH SCHOOL EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for a State Seal of Fine Arts to recognize high school graduates who meet certain academic eligibility criteria

Proposed legislation creates the State Seal of Fine Arts diploma endorsement. Provides that the State Superintendent of Education prepare and provide a State Seal of Fine Arts insignia to participating public school governing authorities to be affixed to the diplomas and transcript of students who (1) complete four credits in the same arts discipline (music, dance, visual arts, theater, media arts, culinary arts); (2) Earn a minimum 3.0 grade point average on the arts credits completed; and, (3) complete an arts-related capstone performance or portfolio.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is an indeterminable but likely nominal increase in expenditures for the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) related to the cost of preparing and delivering the seals to local school boards. While LDOE estimates an annual cost of \$2,000, actual expenditures will be dependent on the number of schools choosing to participate, the number of students eligible to receive the seal, and the cost to produce the seal.

Note: LDOE indicates implementation of the Fine Arts Seal program will require an additional Education Consultant 3 (EC3) (\$113,070 salary and related benefits, \$16,635 operating expenses) beginning in FY 27. The position is intended to serve as the department's fine arts content specialist and lead statewide implementation of the program by: (1) developing guidance and procedures for local education agencies; (2) providing technical assistance to districts and school personnel regarding eligibility and documentation requirements; (3) coordinating with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on rulemaking and policy alignment; (4) overseeing the design and distribution of official diploma seal insignia; and (5) supporting evaluation of program effectiveness and potential improvements to program requirements.

Based on implementation of similar programs, the LFO cannot corroborate the need for the additional position anticipated by the department. To the extent the workload is less than anticipated, it may be absorbable using existing staff and resources.

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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