

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 738** HLS 26RS 1320

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Student disciplinary proceedings	

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

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Provides relative to student disciplinary proceedings

Present law requires notice of a charge brought against a student or student organization at a public college or university. Proposed law provides that such notice be in writing and issued no later than 14 business days from receipt of credible information. Present law provides that a student or organization may not be found guilty of a violation until a hearing where the institution establishes every element by clear and convincing evidence. Proposed law provides for a finding of "responsibility" rather than "guilt" and retains the clear and convincing evidence standard, except that a preponderance of the evidence standard applies when alleged conduct resulted in serious bodily injury or death. Provides that evidence may include law enforcement reports, medical records, coroner reports, or other comparable documents. Present law provides 10 days to file an appeal. Proposed law provides 14 business days to file an appeal. Proposed law provides that sanctions may not take effect until the deadline to appeal has passed without an appeal being filed or all institutional appeals have been completed and decided.

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
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in SGF expenditures at the LSU system in FY 27 and annualized in future fiscal years associated with salaries and related benefits. The LSU system reports that they will require three (3) new employees to implement the requirements as a result of proposed law, to include two (2) investigators at the Baton Rouge campus (\$140,000 salary + \$56,000 benefits = \$196,000) and one (1) coordinator at LSUHSCNO (\$45,000 salary + \$17,000 benefits = \$62,000), for a total of \$258,000 per year in salary and benefits. **The LFO cannot corroborate that the proposed law's requirements will create a workload level sufficient to require additional employees. To the extent the additional workload is less than what the system anticipates, the additional workload may be absorbable, either wholly or partially, using existing staff and resources, or may be achievable with fewer than three positions.** Therefore, salary and benefits are not reflected in the expenditures in the boxes above.

Proposed law amends disciplinary proceeding requirements at public postsecondary institutions to require written notice of a charge within 14 business days of receiving credible information sufficient to initiate formal proceedings, and extends the appeal filing deadline from 10 to 14 business days.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

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

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

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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