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Fiscal Note On: **HB 821** HLS 26RS 1325

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Subject: Louisiana Center for Safe Schools | |

LAW ENFORCEMENT OR +\$250,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for the establishment of the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools within the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice

Present law establishes the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools within the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Proposed law recreates the center within the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice. Proposed law provides duties of the center. Proposed law provides that the center may acquire platforms and tools, enter into cooperative agreements and contracts, apply for state and federal funding, and adopt written policies on data management and confidentiality. Provides that the center submit an annual report to the governor, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and certain legislative committees. Proposed law establishes the School and Nonprofit Security Advisory Council and provides its duties. Provides that the council shall have no policymaking, rulemaking, contracting, or procurement authority.

| EXPENDITURES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | \$250,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$250,000 |
| 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 | \$250,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$250,000 |
| REVENUES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase one-time SGF expenditures at LCLE by approximately \$250,000 in FY 27 associated with furnishing office space and purchasing three vehicles for staff transferring to the agency.

Proposed law transfers the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools and its associated programs, staff, systems, and functions from GOHSEP to LCLE. The transfer represents a realignment of existing responsibilities from one state agency to another rather than the creation of new programs or duties. The center is currently budgeted at approximately \$9 M in SGF in FY 27, comprising \$1.2 M in salaries and related benefits for 12 positions, \$1 M in professional services for the anonymous reporting application, and \$6.8 M in other charges for the Safety and Security Grant Program and software costs. This funding would transfer from GOHSEP to LCLE to support the continued operation of the center.

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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