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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 981** HLS 26RS 1485

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Law enforcement recruitment incentive program sunset		

FUNDS/FUNDING

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Establishes the Law Enforcement Retention Incentive Subfund within the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Fund

Proposed law extends the termination date of the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Program from July 1, 2027, to July 1, 2029. Current law sunsets on July 1, 2027 and all remaining funds in the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Fund shall be transferred to the state general fund. Current law provides the program and the fund shall provide a one-time incentive payment of \$5,000 to eligible newly employed law enforcement officers within sheriff's offices, municipal police departments, and State Police. Current law requires officers to attain P.O.S.T. certification within one year of employment. Current law provides that officers shall reimburse the state treasurer if they do not remain employed for two (2) years, have a break in service more than 15 days, or dismissed from employment. Current law requires incentive payments shall be submitted by the Deputy Sheriff's Supplemental Pay Board, the Supplemental Pay Board for Review for Municipal Police Officers for municipal police officers, and the State Police Commission for state troopers. Proposed law continues the provision of state-funded financial incentives to support the recruitment of law enforcement personnel by local agencies.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	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
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law extends the sunset date of the Law Enforcement Recruitment Incentive Program from July 1, 2027, to July 1, 2029, resulting in a continuation of state expenditures associated with the program for an additional two fiscal years, which is already contemplated in the budgetary horizon.

Proposed law also creates the Law Enforcement Retention Incentive Subfund within the newly created Law Enforcement Retention Incentive Program but does not appear to provide for a recurring source of revenues to be deposited into the subfund. Expenditures out of the subfund are anticipated to be indeterminable, depending upon annual appropriations by the legislature and the number of qualifying officers employed statewide who are employed by a public postsecondary education institution. To the extent funding is provided, the bill will increase state expenditures by the Louisiana State Police for retention incentive payments, administrative oversight, and program implementation activities.

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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