

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**

**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 127** HLS 051ES 190  
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 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
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<b>Subject:</b> Medical care for prisoners	

CORRECTIONS/MEDICAL CARE EN INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides for costs of medical care for prisoners

Proposed law, with regard to parish prisoners, requires the state to be responsible for and reimburse the appropriate authority for costs incurred for medical care for inmates, including the payment of all costs when hospitalization is required and the following occur: (1) The governor declares by executive order or proclamation pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act a disaster or emergency encompassing the parish prison, where the inmate was incarcerated, and (2) The Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College declares that the state hospital operated as part of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, which typically provides the medical care to inmates in that parish, has been rendered inoperable and is unable to provide medical treatment to those inmates. Proposed law under the same two previous conditions requires the Department of Corrections, subject to appropriation by the legislature, to reimburse the cost of medical care incurred.

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed legislation could result in an increase in state general fund expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation is indeterminable. Currently all prisoners, when medical care is necessary, receive treatment from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) hospital. Should an LSUHSC hospital be deemed inoperable, treatment of inmates could be completed at one of the other LSUHSC hospitals.

Assuming the costs will be similar for treatment in the LSUHSC hospitals, there will not be an increase in expenditures. However, if the cost structure or reimbursement rates should be greater than the medical care provided by LSUHSC, expenditures will increase proportionally. For informational purposes, the costs of treating all prisoners for inpatient services at the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans for FY 04-05 were approximately \$12.5 million.

The provisions of this legislation require an appropriation by the legislature.

**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 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House

6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

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

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