

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 201** SLS 16RS 163

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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FUNDS/FUNDING OR NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1
 Constitutional amendment to revise the circumstances that would allow the reduction of constitutionally protected expenditures and dedications to eliminate a projected deficit in an ensuing fiscal year. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))
 The proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the use of constitutional and dedicated funds to eliminate a projected deficit if the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) reports that the state budget estimate provides for appropriations out of the SGF and dedicated funds for the ensuing fiscal year for either healthcare or higher education in an amount less than the allocation contained in the existing operating budget (EOB) for the current fiscal year.

EXPENDITURES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	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

REVENUES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Pursuant to R.S. 24:603(20), the LFO currently prepares and submits a similar report (Act 424 of 2013) to the governor and the legislature within 7 days of the submittal of the Executive Budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. Act 424 identifies healthcare as contained in Schedule 09 (Department of Health & Hospitals) and higher education as contained in Schedule 19 (Higher Education and LSU Health Sciences Center Health Care Services Division). The LFO assumes that healthcare and higher education expenditures, as referenced in this bill, are defined the same as in Act 424.

It should be noted that the threshold (a lower appropriation for healthcare and higher education) for triggering the constitutional budget balancing measures in this bill is lower than under the current law (a 1% drop in revenue forecast), which will allow for the redistribution of statutory dedications for purposes other than provided by law.

The Department of State budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments for the fall statewide elections as regular practice and any costs associated with this proposed constitutional amendment will be absorbed within the agency's budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | |

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