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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

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Subject: Functions, Composition, and Fees for Board of Nursing	

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Provides relative to functions and composition of the La. State Board of Nursing

Proposed law revises present law by replacing the two nonvoting physician members of the board with two consumer representatives from the state at-large appointed by the governor, neither of whom shall be a nurse, who shall be voting members. Proposed law requires that each consumer representative member possess the following qualifications: (1) Has attained the age of majority. (2) Does not engage in and never has engaged in any activity directly related to the practice of nursing. (3) Has never been convicted of a felony.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the board to assess on each biennial registered nurse license renewal an additional fee of \$10 to be designated as the "continuing nursing education support fee." Proposed law requires the board to include on each license renewal form an optional election whereby the licensee may elect not to remit the \$10 continuing nursing education support fee.

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.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Board of Nursing is anticipated to modify its current electronic enrollment system to provide an option for nurses to pay this fee. Their enrollment system keeps track of licensed nurses and collects renewal fees. Any modifications to their system is anticipated to be nominal and will be absorbed by the board using current resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The net impact to the Board of Nursing's revenues is indeterminable. The proposed law changes the license renewal period for current nursing fees from annual to biennial. The LFO assumes the same level of revenues will be collected by the Board over a two year period.

The Board of Nursing had indicated it may increase fees in order to maintain the same level of annual revenues as a result of the renewal term increasing from one year to two years.

A second provision of this measure may result in additional revenues to the Board of Nursing. However, this measure allows nurses to opt out of paying this fee therefore it is indeterminable to calculate the projected revenues this will generate.

For illustrative purposes, there are approximately 62,000 nurses with licenses. Therefore, to the extent every licensed nurse pays the \$10 continuing education support fee, the anticipated gross revenues for the Board of Nursing is \$6.2 million in FY 17 and every other year (FY 19 and FY 21). There may be additional revenues received as a result of this measure in FY 18 and FY 20 as a result of new licenses being issued to nurses, however, these increases are not anticipated to be significant.

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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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