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Requires each public postsecondary education management board annually to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and publish on its website specified information relative to research projects and grants

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary education management board, not later than Feb. 1 of each year, to submit to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and to publish on its website information relative to each research project or grant conducted at an institution or by any other entity under its jurisdiction. Requires that such information include the following: 1) a brief and general description of the research project or grant, including its objective and when it or its predecessor was started; 2) the amount of state funds spent on the project or grant, including state general fund, statutorily dedicated funds, and fees and self-generated revenues; 3) a brief and general description of the progress that has been made toward the meeting the objective of the project or grant. Proposed law further requires each institution to provide a total amount spent on research during the prior fiscal year as follows: the amount of funding from state sources, including state general fund, statutorily dedicated funds, and fees and self-generated revenues and the amount of federal matching funds generated as a result of such expenditures.

EXPENDITURES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						

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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in an increase in expenditures as a result of requiring each management board to submit an annual report with information relative to all research projects conducted under its jurisdiction to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and publish the report on its website. The exact impact is indeterminable since it is unknown how many positions and software changes will be needed to report the required information.

At some institutions staff will likely be required to gather and prepare information related to the brief and general description of the project or grant including its objective and when it or its predecessor was started as well as the progress of the project. Some institutions conduct more research than others so the amount of staff required would depend on the number of research projects conducted at each institution. For example, LSU HSC-Shreveport is currently conducting 362 institutional review board studies along with 430 active projects. The cost to add at least one position to handle the reporting aspects of this bill would be \$72,000 (\$50,000 salary + \$22,000 related benefits). To the extent institutions can utilize student workers or graduate assistants to compile the research information for the report, staffing expenses may be less. In addition some project descriptions and project progress may not be available for reporting due to confidentially agreements with the grantor. In some of these cases the institution does not own the research and cannot publicly report on the findings.

Additional costs may be incurred to change or update financial reporting systems to the extent disaggregated state funds are to be tracked for each research project. Costs may not be incurred if reporting the aggregate total of state funds. The cost is indeterminable since it would depend on the system in use by the institution and modifications associated with each institution would vary. Some state funds would not be accounted for in the report as a result of researchers expending dollars to begin research that may eventually become a research project. Since this type of research is not a particular project, state funds would not be documented in this report.

The reporting of state funds spent in a prior fiscal year along with federal matching funds would not result in additional costs to institutions. Institutions report research expenditures in annual financial audits and research expenditure information is reported to the National Science Foundation annually for the Higher Education Research and Development Survey.

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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