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 Establishes the Louisiana Commission on Security for the Faith Community

Proposed law establishes the Louisiana Commission on Security for the Faith Community within the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to study and make recommendations on the security needs of the faith community in Louisiana; provides for the purpose, membership, duties and authority of the commission; requires the commission to issue a report, at least annually, to GOHSEP of its findings and recommendations; directs GOHSEP to establish a grant program through which eligible nonprofit organizations can apply for and receive grants to defray security enhancements; establishes the Security Grant Program Fund; and requires GOHSEP to adopt any rules or regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act necessary to implement the security grant program and administer the Security Grant Program Fund.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an increase in expenditures by the executive and legislative branches associated with personnel serving on a newly created commission. Proposed law establishes the Louisiana Commission on Security for the Faith Community (Commission) within the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to study and make recommendations on the security needs of the faith community in Louisiana, including recommendations on establishing, administering and funding a grant program for eligible entities to apply for security grants covering security personnel, security training, facility hardening and any other necessary measures.

Proposed law provides that the Commission shall meet at least quarterly and shall serve without compensation, except that travel expenses, per diem and other expenses may be paid by the member’s employer or appointing authority. Proposed law is permissive with regard to expenses being paid. To the extent an employer or appointing authority of the state elects to pay travel expenses, per diem or other expenses, the executive and legislative branches may realize a nominal increase in state funds expenditures (depicted as SGF only for purposes of this fiscal note, but potentially impacting all means of finance). *For informational purposes, Employees in the executive branch could be eligible for reimbursement of expenses as detailed in the official state Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM49) – for informational purposes the current mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.58/mile not to exceed a maximum of 99 miles per round trip and/or day. The current legislative member per diem rate is \$161 and the mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.575/mile.*

Proposed law creates the statutorily dedicated Security Grant Program Fund and directs GOHSEP to establish a grant program through which eligible nonprofit organizations can apply for and receive grants to defray the cost of security enhancements or measures. Proposed law does not identify a recurring source of revenues to be deposited into the fund, specifying that it shall consist of all monies appropriated, donated, or otherwise made available for the purposes of the grant. To this end, proposed law does not create a material expenditure associated with the fund or grants to be made from the fund. The LFO assumes that any monies deposited into the fund will require specific appropriation by the legislature.

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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 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
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GOHSEP reports that in the event significant monies are deposited into the fund, it will require one additional T.O. position to administer the security grant program, with first year personal services costs estimated at \$78,736, operating services support at \$980, supplies at \$275, travel at \$2,500, and recurring annual lease costs for data equipment at \$408. The total costs associated with this position are estimated at \$82,899 SGF. For informational purposes, GOHSEP has received an award from the federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which will provide the state with \$200,000 Federal in FY 21 and \$700,000 in FY 22. Additional federal grants are anticipated in future fiscal years, although the amounts are unknown. GOHSEP reports that it will provide support for these federal funds with existing personnel and resources, but creation of a similarly sized state grant program funding pool would require the additional T.O. position to administer. Given that proposed law does not provide a funding source for the Security Grant Program Fund, the LFO has not included these cost assumptions in the expenditure block of this fiscal note. Additionally, the LFO cannot corroborate the need to add an additional T.O. position because the workload is indeterminable absent an appropriation into the Security Grant Program Fund.

Creating a new statutory dedication within the state treasury will result in a marginal workload increase for the Department of Treasury, which can generally be absorbed within existing resources. However, to the extent other legislative instruments create new statutory dedications, there may be material additional costs associated with the aggregate effort to administer these funds. The Treasury performs fund accounting, financial reporting, banking and custodial functions for 404 special funds. When unable to absorb additional workload with existing resources, the Treasury anticipates that it will be required to add one T.O. position at a total personal services cost of approximately \$71,000 plus approximately \$2,450 for a one-time purchase of office equipment. These expenditures are assumed to be SGF in this fiscal note.

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