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Fiscal Note**

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| <b>Subject:</b> Creation of Ag Research & Sustainability District         |          |                                |

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 Creates the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill creates the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District ("District") as a political subdivision of the state (whose boundaries encompass the parishes of East Carroll and Tensas). The bill provides for boundaries and governance through the Board of Commissioners of the District, and provides for duties and powers. The District's purpose is to promote and encourage agricultural research and sustainability to stimulate the economy through commerce, industry, and research and to utilize and develop natural and human resources of the area by providing job opportunities.

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Ded./Other          | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Federal Funds       | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Local Funds         | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      |                      |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**Local Fund expenditures may increase by an indeterminable amount as a result of this bill.** Due to planning being in the preliminary stages, the number of variables, and lack of information available, the exact expenditure impact of the bill is indeterminable at this time.

The bill creates the district as a political subdivision and provides for various powers and duties including the authority to (1) appoint agents and employees, and fix their compensation; (2) acquire property and to enter into contracts for purchase, acquisition, construction and improvement of works and facilities; (3) seek, apply for, or receive any donations, financial assistance, or monies by way of public or private grants or investors; (4) sue and be sued; (5) regulate imposition of fees and rentals charged by the District for its facilities and services rendered by it; and (6) to incur debt.

The bill also requires that the District's Board of Commissioners hire a district director and establish the duties and salary of the district director. The district director may hire an administrative assistant with the approval of the board.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**Local Fund revenues may increase by indeterminable amount as a result of this bill.** The new district will have the power to receive gifts, grants, donations, monies, property, or assistance from public or private grants or investors, which may increase revenues for the district.

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

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