Present law provides that Louisiana Department of Revenue’s (LDR) Office of Charitable Gaming may license charitable organizations to hold and operate certain games of chance without the organization having to qualify with the IRS for a federal income tax exemption.

Proposed law adds private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools to present law and provides for a definition of a “private nonprofit elementary or secondary school”:

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. There are no costs anticipated by LDR’s Office of Charitable Gaming to implement the proposed law.

Provision of a license to conduct charitable gaming requires an application fee of $75 annually, which must be paid prior to the conduct of any raffles or other games under the purview of the Office of Charitable Gaming. It is unknown the number of private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools that will choose to apply for a license to conduct charitable gaming. To the extent that applications for licenses increase under this proposed law, self-generated revenues to LDR will increase by an indeterminable amount.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase self-generated revenues within LDR. Under the proposed law, private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools that wish to hold and operate certain games of chance must apply to the Office of Charitable Gaming for a license. The application fee for a license is currently $75 annually, and it must be paid prior to the conducting of any raffles or other games under the purview of the Office of Charitable Gaming. It is unknown the number of private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools that will choose to apply for a license to conduct charitable gaming. To the extent that applications for licenses increase under this proposed law, self-generated revenues to LDR will increase by an indeterminable amount.