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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 20** SLS 23RS 58
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Hospital Service Districts	
Subject: Nursing & Allied Health Scholarships	Analyst: Courtney Stevenson

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 Provides relative to hospital service districts and scholarships for certain healthcare professionals. (gov sig)

Purpose of Bill: This bill combines two existing scholarship programs for nursing and allied health students into a single scholarship program for both types of students. In addition, this bill changes certain requirements of these scholarship programs, including eligibility requirements.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The bill broadens the eligibility requirements for nursing and allied health scholarship programs, potentially enabling hospital service districts that lacked eligible candidates to now award scholarships under the new requirements. This may result in increased expenditures for these hospital districts to the extent that they award more scholarships under the new eligibility requirements. However, the specific hospitals that may be impacted and the extent of the impact is indeterminable at this time (due to the permissive nature of the bill and other external factors such as number of applicants generated as a result of the bill).

An official with the St. Tammany Parish Hospital District indicated that the hospital may have challenges in awarding scholarships under the current eligibility requirements due to a shortage of candidates who meet current requirements. However, the official said that the eligibility requirements provided by the bill may increase the hospital's chances of finding eligible candidates. This information implies the possibility that some hospital service districts may currently be unable to award scholarships due to current eligibility requirements, but that the requirements provided by the bill may enable them to do so. Hospitals that are in this position may see their expenditures increase as a result of this bill to the extent that they award scholarships that would otherwise go unawarded.

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

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