



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 359** HLS 23RS 186

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 21, 2023	3:47 PM	<b>Author:</b> MILLER, G.
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> River Parishes Juvenile Justice District		<b>Analyst:</b> Sarah Futch
<b>Subject:</b> Creates District		

JUVENILES/JURISDICTION

OR SEE FISC NOTE LF EX

Page 1 of 1

Creates a Juvenile Justice District to include the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill creates the River Parishes Juvenile Justice District (District) to provide assistance and opportunities for certain juveniles in five Louisiana parishes (Ascension, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist). The District will be managed by a 13-member commission who will serve without compensation and will have various powers necessary to carry out its purposes, including the ability to levy taxes, acquire and operate facilities, and approve employment contracts. The bill also establishes court costs for cases within the District as a means of financing its operations, with a maximum of \$5 for criminal cases, \$5 for juvenile traffic violations, and \$25 for juvenile delinquency cases. It should be noted that the court costs provided by this bill have not been reviewed by the Judicial Council as required in R.S. 13:62.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</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>						

  

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</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>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**The bill may have a significant impact on local fund expenditures, but the timing and amount of this impact is indeterminable and will depend on the implementation of plans by the Commission.**

We were unable to obtain the necessary data to provide an overall estimate of potential costs for the District. In order to provide some information regarding the potential costs, we note that the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice District incurred costs of \$9.7 million in fiscal year 2020. The census data for 2020 indicates that the parishes within the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice District had over twice the number of juveniles (144,755) when compared to the parishes within the proposed District (65,418).

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**The bill may have a significant impact on local fund revenue, but the timing and amount of this impact is indeterminable and will depend on the implementation of plans by the Commission.**

To generate revenue for the District, the bill authorizes the District to levy taxes, subject to voter approval, and creates three court costs for specific cases within the District. We were unable to obtain the necessary data to provide an overall estimate of potential revenue for the District. In order to provide some information regarding the potential costs, we note that the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice District received \$10.3 million in fiscal year 2020, of which \$9.3 million were from property taxes and \$250,000 were from court costs.

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}

**Michael G. Battle**  
Manager, Advisory Services