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**Fiscal Note**



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FUNDS/FUNDING OR +\$275,200 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Creates the Expanding Louisiana's Health Care Workforce Fund. (8/1/23)

Proposed legislation creates the Expanding Louisiana's Health Care Workforce Program to be administered by the Board of Regents to provide grant funding for partnerships with private institutions, employers, and postsecondary institutions to expand capacity to recruit, educate, and train nursing and allied health professionals. Creates the Expanding Louisiana's Health Care Workforce Fund in the state treasury to be used solely for the program.

<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.	\$275,200	\$163,182	\$151,268	\$154,463	\$157,769	<b>\$901,882</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<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>
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There will be an increase in expenditures for the Board of Regents (BOR) resulting from the creation of the new program, however, there is no dedicated, recurring revenue stream for the created fund intended to support it. The LFO assumes any expenses incurred will be funded with SGF. To the extent the legislature provides for a deposit of monies into the fund and a subsequent appropriation is made out of the fund, the BOR may initiate the program and begin distributing funding to eligible partners pursuant to the proposed legislation.

According to the BOR, to implement the new program it will require \$275,200 for the following expenses:

- One (1) Program & Grants Coordinator compensated at \$85,200 (\$60,000 Salary, \$25,200 Related Benefits) to manage the fund and monitor public/private partnerships. Future years factor a 3.5% increase in compensation for standard market adjustments.
- Consulting services estimated at \$75,000 for the initial development of partnerships, proposal review, and outreach. Future years would require a reduced amount of \$20,000 to maintain outreach programs.
- Professional services estimated at \$75,000 to create a program website with an application portal, document hub, information management, and other capabilities. Ensuing years reduced to \$30,000 for maintenance of the website.
- Operating expenses estimated at \$25,000 for travel, supplies, and technology. Ensuing years reduced to \$10,000.
- Other Charges expenses estimated at \$15,000 for potential partnerships with institutions during the first two years of the program's implementation.

Creating a new statutory 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 additional material costs associated with the aggregate effort to administer these funds. The Treasury performs fund accounting, financial reporting, banking, and custodial functions for 436 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 personnel services cost of approximately \$78,000 plus approximately \$2,450 for a one-time purchase of new office equipment. These expenditures are assumed to be SGR in this fiscal note.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law creates the Expanding Louisiana's Health Care Workforce Fund but does not provide for a recurring source of revenue for the fund. Monies deposited into the fund will be contingent upon transfers or appropriations into the fund by the legislature.

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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