

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 412** HLS 23RS 480

Bill Text Version: ENROLLED

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Education/ Louisiana Education Television Authority

Subject: Imagination Library of Louisiana Program

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Establishes a program to be administered by the La. Educational Television Authority for the purpose of encouraging reading for young children and creates a fund within the state treasury for the purpose of funding the program

Proposed legislation creates the Imagination Library of Louisiana under the administration of the Louisiana Educational Television Authority (LETA). Proposed legislation additionally creates the Imagination Library of Louisiana Fund within the state treasury for the purpose of funding the program. Provides that monies in the fund are subject to appropriation and available exclusively for use by the program.

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.	SEE BELOW	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an increase in Statutory Dedication expenditures out of the Imagination Library of Louisiana Fund to the Louisiana Educational Television Authority (LETA) to administer the Imagination Library of Louisiana Program. LETA reports that if the Imagination Library of Louisiana Program and the Imagination Library of Louisiana Fund is enacted and funded, the agency may incur additional costs to administer the program. However, LETA is unable to estimate a total impact on expenditures at this time. Proposed legislation makes LETA's responsibilities subject to the appropriation of funds for such purpose.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program currently has 32 local community partners in Louisiana. These partners find and enroll children and raise funds to cover the community portion of program costs. The Dollywood Foundation, which oversees the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, requires the creation of an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit to develop, foster, and sustain a statewide Imagination Library program. The statewide 501(c)(3) would provide local affiliates with the 50% funding match to cover the community portion of program costs from the Imagination Library of Louisiana Fund.

Proposed law creates the statutorily dedicated Imagination Library of Louisiana Fund and directs LETA to promote the statewide development of local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library programs. Proposed law does not identify a recurring source of revenue to be deposited into the fund, specifying it shall consist of all monies appropriated for the purposes of the program. To this end, proposed law does not create a material expenditure associated with the fund. Monies deposited into the fund will require specific appropriation by the legislature or must be designated to the fund through donation, gift, grant, or any other source of revenue.

Creating a new statutory dedication 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.

Note: HB 550 of the 2023 Regular Session authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$2.5 M from the SGF to the Imagination Library of Louisiana Fund, contingent on passage of HB 412.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Proposed law creates the Imagination Library of Louisiana Fund, without a dedicated revenue source, that will fund the Imagination Library of Louisiana Program.

<u>Senate</u>	Dual Referral Rules	House	0	
13.5.1 >= \$	5100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		Evan	Brasseaux
	5500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Evan Brasseaux Interim Deputy	