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Fiscal Note On: **SB 442** SLS 24RS 579

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Creates a program to provide firearm detection software that detects visible firearms on school property and alerts local law enforcement agencies. (8/1/24)

Proposed legislation directs the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) to solicit requests for proposals in order to provide one or more vendors qualified to assist each local elementary and secondary school to obtain firearm detection software with the intent of preventing mass shooting incidents on campuses. The software must provide real-time information to local law enforcement. Additionally provides that the software includes a method by which existing security cameras can be integrated into a weapon detection system, a constant monitoring operation staffed by trained analysts in order to ensure rapid and accurate communication to school and law enforcement personnel, be developed in the United States, be qualified as anti-terrorism technology, and does not use any facial recognition technology.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	**INCREASE**	**INCREASE**	**INCREASE**	**INCREASE**	**INCREASE**	
Annual Total						

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The LFO assumes the proposed legislation intends to require all schools to implement a weapons detection system meeting the specifications outlined in the bill and as a result, an increase in governmental expenditures is expected. The bill directs the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) to complete an RFP process for the purpose of identifying qualified vendors able to provide weapons detection software meeting specific requirements. These vendors would then be expected to assist each local elementary and secondary school in providing weapons detection computer software able to integrate with existing school security camera infrastructure. LDOE would not incur any additional costs to issue the RFP; however, as no source of funding for the software and its implementation is identified in the bill, an increase in the expenditures of local school systems is expected.

There are approximately 1,350 local and charter school sites in Louisiana. In 2023, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) awarded 39 of the 70 public school systems $518,355 each through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (Stronger Connections Grant). The purpose of this grant is to implement new ways to improve campus security at the discretion of the recipient school system. To the extent any school systems that received grants have funding remaining, these funds could be spent on firearm detection computer software. LDOE reports some schools may already use weapons detection software, but the total number, if any, is not known. For larger-scale systems that require multiple cameras and more complex software, prices per campus can range from $10,000 to upwards of $50,000 or more depending on the specific system components. LDOE assumes there will be additional costs incurred to train personnel to monitor the software. These costs will be dependent on the chosen software and the related training required.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
[x] 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}	

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