



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 373** HLS 24RS 816  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Veteran's Service Offices	

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 Provides relative to veterans' service offices

Current law requires police juries and municipalities to provide office space for the operation of Veteran's Service Offices. Proposed law would require the police juries and municipalities to provide and be responsible for these offices. Provides also that office space be suitable and professional, located in a safe environment, be free of needed repairs, and equipped with restroom facilities.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is potential for local expenditures to increase as a result of this measure. To the extent office space provided by the parish police jury or municipality is not to the required standard, the locality would need to conduct repairs and updates or in certain cases find an entirely new location for the service office.

Note: R.S. 29:261 requires the department to contribute no more than 75% of the costs to operate and maintain the service offices. In FY 23, LDVA spent \$4.7 M on the Contact Assistance program which includes parish offices. Of these expenditures, nearly 86% were for the personnel cost for 63 authorized positions that staff offices. The remaining 14% (\$662,000) was used for operating costs, professional services, and acquisitions.

**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}

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 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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