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Fiscal Note

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Bill Text Version: ORIGINAL

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Maximum amount for related appropriated debt service		Analyst: Deborah Vivien

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Provides relative to the issuance of bonds for financing certain capital improvement projects within the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. (2/3-CA7s6(A))(gov sig)
Current law authorizes LCTCS to issue appropriated debt to cover specific projects in the amounts (plus 15% if necessary) as stipulated in law. Projects are not required to be in the Capital Outlay budget and are managed by a corporation. Current law requires a 12% local match be in place before financing is arranged.

Proposed law retains current law and authorizes LCTCS to fund additional unspecified projects at certain LCTCS campuses under the existing bond authorization but places a cap on annual appropriated debt service of \$43.9M, including payments to the maintenance reserve fund. Proposed law authorizes the LCTCS Board to select new projects related to additional facility needs or economic development to be financed under the new debt service maximum, which remains in place indefinitely. Projects added by the bill are under the same statutory requirements as existing projects. Expenses eligible for financing include those necessary to construction, renovation, improvement or expansion of facilities.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The bill caps certain LCTCS project spending at \$43.9 M annually, which is roughly the amount of debt service being paid on these projects through FY 29 (including the Maintenance Reserve Fund). Beginning in FY 29, the existing debt service begins to fall below the cap (\$1.8 M in FY 29 and \$16.5 M in FY 30, increasing with each year thereafter), which would allow LCTCS to issue new bonds to fund the additional projects identified by the board as authorized in the bill. The corporation would continue to manage the new projects with board oversight. In practice, it is expected that actual debt service would adjust in relation to the timing and structure of the new bond sales.

Any new debt would be considered Net State Tax Supported Debt and subject to the state debt limit, which is 6% of state taxes, licenses and fees. State Bond Commission (SBC) indicates that the requirements of this bill can currently be accommodated under the debt limit, though the debt limit changes annually with the forecast in place at the beginning of the fiscal year. The sale of bonds falls under the normal purview of SBC duties and would not require additional resources.

Note: DOA points out that the bill becoming effective upon signature would put the debt service cap into effect in the current year, wherein the appropriated debt service is \$43,909,956 or \$9,956 above the stated cap.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proceeds of the bond sales authorized in the bill will fund projects on certain LCTCS campuses. Though project location and eligible costs will be determined by the LCTCS Board, only the following campuses are authorized for projects as specified in the bill:

- Northshore Technical Community College, Hammond Campus
- River Parishes Community College, Donaldsonville Campus
- SOWELA Technical Community College, Lamar Salter Campus (Leesville)
- Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College, Shreveport Campus
- Louisiana Delta Community College, Bastrop Campus
- Central Louisiana Technical Community College, Rod Brady Campus
- Central Louisiana Technical Community College, Ward H. Nash Avoyelles Campus
- South Louisiana Community College, T.H. Harris Opelousas Campus

Senate

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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}

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