



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 344** HLS 25RS 615
Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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| Dept./Agy.: Education | | |
| Subject: Student disciplinary records | | Analyst: Julie Silva |

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Provides for the transfer of school disciplinary records and for school personnel's access to certain juvenile court records

Proposed legislation expands current law requirements providing for the transfer of a student’s entire disciplinary record, not just suspensions and expulsions, upon the written request of any authorized person on behalf of a public school, nonpublic school, or educational facility within a correctional or health facility where the student is enrolled or seeking enrollment. Provides that if records are accessible through a statewide database, including but not limited to the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System, the principal at each public and nonpublic school can access those records for a student enrolled at the school or seeking to enroll in the school, without a court order. Subjects school personnel to any laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the confidentiality and disclosure of such records once accessed.

| EXPENDITURES | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | |
| 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 | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Local school systems may realize an increase in workload to provide additional disciplinary records for transferred students; however, the LFO does not anticipate any increase will be significant as proposed legislation expands on existing provisions currently required by law. Training may be required for authorized school system administrators to access and utilize the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (ICJIS) or other, similar criminal records systems. Any associated cost for this training is indeterminable and is not anticipated to be significant.

The ICJIS is a collection of over 200 loosely connected criminal justice applications, databases, servers, and interfaces, maintained by 64 Sheriffs, 42 District Attorneys, 64 Clerks of Court, the Louisiana Supreme Court, Louisiana State Police, the Louisiana Sheriffs Association, and the Department of Corrections. Each individual system supports a single agency and its own needs. However, once “integrated” with other systems from other agencies, this collection of systems provides access to a wider variety of information than is available in any single system alone. The LFO has reached out to the above named entities as well as the Office of Technology Services (OTS) in an effort to ascertain the potential cost of granting access to these systems to authorized school administrators. Of the responses received, some agencies report there is no anticipated increase in expenditures, while others report there may be a one-time, minimal expense to modify the databases and provide for access to additional approved users. It is unknown if these costs, if any are incurred, may be passed on to the local school systems requesting access.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

- ☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

- ☐ 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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