



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 317** HLS 25RS 39

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Prohibited Acts - Healthcare Facility Lessors and Lessees		

HEALTH CARE/FACILITIESRE SEE FISC NOTE SG RV

Establishes prohibited acts by certain healthcare facility lessors and lessees

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Proposed law provides for obligations placed upon lessee facilities experiencing financial distress; provides information regarding the extent to which liability is assumed by board members and executive officers for financial distress of lessor entities caused by lease terms, over-leveraging, or financial extractions by the lessor entities; provides for prohibitions against using funds obtained from Title XIX of the Social Security Act or state-funded emergency grants to fulfill lease payments; provides the Attorney General (AG) the authority to investigate and bring civil actions against lessor entities, along with the district attorney (DA) for the parish in which the facility is domiciled; provides for proper venue for civil actions against lessee facilities; provides for the court’s ability to enter a restraining order upon application by the AG or DA to preserve the availability of personal assets of executive officers and board members of a lessor entity; provides for the procedure regarding liability determinations for executive officers and board members; provides for damages and other civil penalties to be collected by the AG from a determination of liability.

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	
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in workload to the Office of the Attorney General, local district attorneys, and district courts, to the extent that additional civil lawsuits are filed and hearings are conducted on liability and assessment of damages relative to lessor entities for behavior that causes or significantly contributes to the financial distress of a lessee facility. Any fiscal impact relative to the proposed law is indeterminable and projected to be absorbed within the budgets for the Attorney General and district courts.

District Attorneys

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in workload in local district attorneys’ offices, to the extent that additional hearings are held on liability relative to civil actions against lessor entities for behavior that causes or significantly contributes to the financial distress of a lessee facility. The exact fiscal impact to local district attorneys is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of instances in which district attorneys’ authority to investigate and file civil litigation under the proposed law will be invoked in the future. To the extent that local district attorneys’ workload increases significantly due to the enactment of the proposed law, local offices may seek to secure additional personnel.

Note: Local district attorneys project that implementing the proposed law will require securing additional staff, as it is hard to predict the number of instances in which litigation under the proposed law will occur. While the proposed law may result in an increase of workload in local district attorneys’ offices, the LFO cannot corroborate that the the increased workload will necessitate an increase in staff.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Self-Generated Revenue in the Office of the Attorney General, to the extent that the AG collects funds associated with awards for damages or other civil penalties assessed against lessor entities that cause or significantly contribute to the financial distress of a lessee facility. The exact impact to Self-Generated Revenue is indeterminable, as it is unknown the number of instances in which the AG will successfully secure awards for damages or other civil penalties related to litigation under the proposed law.

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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