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Removes sports-related proposition betting from the definition of permitted sports wagers and prohibits micro-bets and proposition bets. (8/1/26)

Current law defines "sports wager" or "sports bet" as a sum of money or representation of value risked by a player on an occurrence associated with a sports event for which the outcome is uncertain. The term includes but is not limited to single-game bets, teaser bets, parlay bets, over-under bets, moneyline bets, pools, exchange wagering, in-game wagering, in-play bets, proposition bets, and straight bets.

Proposed law removes "proposition bets" from the definition of "sports wager" and "sports bet" and adds "proposition bets" and "sports micro-bets" to the list of unacceptable forms of sports wagering in Louisiana. Proposed law defines "proposition bets" (prop-bets) as a side wager on a part of a sport or athletics event that does not concern the final outcome of the sport or athletic event. Proposed law defines "sports micro-bets" as a proposition bet which is wagered live, while a sport or athletic event is ongoing, and concerns the outcome of a play or action occurring in the sport or athletic event.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Annual Total

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

LFO believes that proposed law would result in an increase in expenditures out of the Sports Wagering Enforcement Fund for Department of Public Safety - Gaming Control Board (GCB) to regulate and enforce the prohibition of proposition bets and sports micro-bets, including monitoring licensed operators for compliance, investigating potential violations, and administering any related enforcement actions. The fund is appropriated \$281,855 in FY 27; to the extent this (and any fund balance) is insufficient to cover associated expenditures in accordance with proposed law, other MOF will be required, assumed to be SGF.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law would result in a decrease of \$20.6 M SGF and \$17.2 M statutory dedications annually from FY 27 to FY 31, generated from the impacted forms of sports wagering. GCB reports indicate that prop-bets and micro-bets account for approximately 40% of mobile sports wagering and 13% of retail sports wagering revenues. LFO calculates the revenue impact by applying these percentages to the most recent REC forecast (12/11/25) of mobile and retail sports wagering. The table below details the impact by fund:

Fund	Current Law	Proposed Law	Decrease	Rates
Behavioral Health & Wellness	\$1,932,000	\$1,174,849	(\$757,151)	2% or \$500,000 (greater value)
LA Early Childhood Education	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$0	25% not to exceed \$20M
Sports Wagering Local Allocation	\$9,660,000	\$5,874,246	(\$3,785,754)	10%
Sports Wagering Purse Supplement	\$2,415,000	\$1,468,562	(\$946,439)	2.50%
Disability-Focused Disaster Preparedness & Response	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	2% not to exceed \$500,000
Compulsive & Problem Gaming	\$2,898,000	\$1,762,274	(\$1,135,726)	3% or \$500,000 (greater value)
Louisiana Equine Promotion & Research	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	2.5% not to exceed \$500,000
SPORT Fund	\$24,150,000	\$14,685,615	(\$9,464,385)	25%
LA Postsecondary Inclusive Education	\$2,898,000	\$1,762,274	(\$1,135,726)	3%
SGF	<u>\$31,647,000</u>	<u>\$11,014,641</u>	<u>(\$20,632,359)</u>	remaining balance
Total	\$96,600,000	\$58,742,460	(\$37,857,540)	

***Note: The analysis in this fiscal note looks at the static effect on current revenue projections of moving "proposition bets" and "sports micro-bets" to the list of unacceptable forms of sports wagering in Louisiana. As a consumer activity, overall demand for lottery and gaming is relatively inelastic, meaning total spending is unlikely to significantly decline when specific options are removed. Instead, consumer activity is expected to shift to other available forms of gaming rather than be substantially reduced. To the degree this happens, the projected negative revenue impacts may be mitigated to an unknown degree.**

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<p><u>Senate</u> <u>Dual Referral Rules</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}</p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}</p>
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While proposed law does not directly impact certain expenditures across multiple governmental activities, it may impact revenues that are deposited into a number of funds that support a variety of expenditures. To the degree that proposed law may reduce revenues for certain activities, and to the degree the legislature wishes to maintain these activities at the baseline levels, an appropriation from an alternative means of finance may be required - assumed in this fiscal note to be SGF.

REVENUE EXPLANATION CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

Based on GCB reports, actual FY 26 year-to-date collections (6 months) for mobile and retail sports wagering are only \$22.9 M short of the total REC forecasted collections, which are projected at \$96.6 M. If collections continue at their current rate, had proposed law been in effect for FY 26, GCB reports anticipate a total impact upwards of \$40 M. The table on page 2 details the impact by fund for FY 26 year-to-date actuals.

Fund	Current Law	Proposed Law	Decrease	Rates
Behavioral Health & Wellness	\$1,474,985	\$896,695	(\$578,289)	2% or \$500,000 (greater value)
LA Early Childhood Education	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$0	25% not to exceed \$20M
Sports Wagering Local Allocation	\$7,374,924	\$4,483,477	(\$2,891,447)	10%
Sports Wagering Purse Supplement	\$1,843,731	\$1,120,869	(\$722,862)	2.50%
Disability-Focused Disaster Preparedness & Response	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	2% not to exceed \$500,000
Compulsive & Problem Gaming	\$2,212,477	\$1,345,043	(\$867,434)	3% or \$500,000 (greater value)
Louisiana Equine Promotion & Research	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	2.5% not to exceed \$500,000
SPORT Fund	\$18,437,311	\$11,208,694	(\$7,228,617)	25%
LA Postsecondary Inclusive Education	\$2,212,477	\$1,345,043	(\$867,434)	3%
SGF	\$19,193,337	\$3,434,952	(\$15,758,385)	remaining balance
Total	\$73,749,243	\$44,834,774	(\$28,914,469)	

Under current law, GCB is authorized to assess fees and impose fines and penalties for violations of gaming laws and regulations, with revenues deposited to the SGF. Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase SGF revenues from fine and penalty collections associated with enforcement of the newly prohibited forms of sports wagering. The number of violations cannot be foreseen and the amount of the associated fines or penalties is unknown; therefore, revenues cannot be quantified in relation to such events.

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