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Fiscal Note On: **HB 175** HLS 26RS 35

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Lottery Game for Veterans		

LOTTERY EG +\$500,000 SG EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for a new lottery game to benefit veterans of armed services

Proposed law creates the Veterans Service Grant Fund (VSGF) and dedicates \$500,000 annually from lottery proceeds to the fund. Proposed law establishes the Veterans Service Grant Board (VSGB), responsible for the disbursement of monies in the VSGF through one-time grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations and programs supporting veterans and their families, and establishes eligibility criteria. Proposed law requires that the VSGB meet annually to review applications and distribute funds. Proposed law requires any remaining monies in the fund at the end of each year to be dedicated to the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP).

Effective August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$2,500,000
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$2,500,000
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
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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

Monies in the Lottery Proceeds Fund are currently dedicated to the Compulsive and Problem Gaming Fund, in a fixed amount of \$500,000 per year, with the balance dedicated to the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP). Because the MFP is a constitutional funding mandate, any reduction to the Lottery Proceeds Fund (see Revenue Explanation below) will result in a matching increase in SGF expenditures to finance the MFP. *This fiscal note assumes no money will remain in the fund at the end of the fiscal year for dedication back to the MFP. To the extent that monies remain in the fund, this expenditure amount will decrease.*

Treasury requires certain resources to create and administer a statutory dedication, as in this bill. Should aggregate session action result in the creation of funds beyond that which can be absorbed within existing resources, additional funding may be required, which is assumed to be SGR in this fiscal note.

The creation of the Veterans Service Grant Fund (VSGF) will result in an indeterminable increase in expenditures, up to \$500,000 annually, from the VSGF by an indeterminable amount for grants approved and disbursed by the VSGB. *This fiscal note assumes all money deposited to the fund is expended in the form of grants. To the extent that the amount of grants does not reach the total amount deposited to the fund each year, this expenditure amount will decrease.*

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law would result in an increase of \$500,000 to the newly created Veterans Services Grant Fund and an equivalent decrease in revenues to the Lottery Proceeds Fund. Because both Funds are Statutory Dedications, the net revenue impact shown in the table above is \$0.

*Note: La. Constitution art. XII, §6 requires that all net proceeds from the operation of the lottery be deposited into the Lottery Proceeds Fund. There is currently no mechanism to transfer monies to the Veterans Service Grant Fund or for any other purpose.

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}

House
 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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