



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
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 Creates a public registry for repeat domestic violence offenders. (8/1/26)

Proposed law creates the Habitual Domestic Violence Offender Registry. Proposed law requires the LA Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information within the LA State Police to develop and maintain the registry. Proposed law requires the offender within three business days after release to register. Proposed law requires offenders who, after August 1, 2027, received a second or subsequent conviction for certain violations when the victim is a family member, household member, or dating partner to register. Proposed law provides that the court will provide written notice to a habitual domestic violence offender that they are required within three days to register upon release from incarceration or as a condition of probation and parole. Proposed law provides that the court will impose, in addition to any other penalty, a \$150 fine that the offender will pay to the clerk of court. Proposed law effective 8/01/2026 for convictions after 8/01/2027.

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.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGR expenditures within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Service (DPS), Office of State Police beginning in FY 27 reflecting an anticipated increase in personal services and associated operating costs to develop and maintain Habitual Domestic Violence Offender Registry. Also, proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase within the 64 sheriff's offices statewide to enter information into the registry. Proposed law authorized a \$150 fee on offenders to defray the costs of maintaining a register, but any potential shortfalls are anticipated to be paid from the SGF.

Department of Public Safety and Correction, Public Safety Services, State Police - The proposed law requires the LA Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information within State Police to develop and maintain the statewide registry. DPS reports needing four (4) additional staff within the Office of State Police to perform the duties and responsibilities related to the registry. The anticipated staffing and technology need is based upon State Police experience maintaining the State Sex Offender and Child Predator Registry website.

The staffing estimate includes salaries and related benefits for one (1) Criminal Records Supervisor and three (3) Criminal Records Analysts 3 positions including overtime (\$236,585). Other recurring costs include office supplies (\$3,000), document maintenance (\$48,000), professional services contract outside counsel, if challenged on the constitutionality of the law (\$150,000), and IAT to Office of Technology Services (OTS) for telephone, computer equipment, storage, development and maintenance (\$650,000). In subsequent fiscal years, the fiscal note presumes a 3% increase in salaries for market rate adjustments and related benefits as the LFO presumes positions will be classified. The detailed projected budget can be found on page 2.

The LFO cannot corroborate the increased workload predicted by the department. To the extent the additional workload is less than what DPS anticipates, the additional workload may be absorbable, either wholly or partially, using existing staff and resources, or may be achievable with fewer than four positions. To the extent these procedures could possibly be integrated into existing registry processes, the need for additional staff may be mitigated.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may increase SGR associated with the \$150 fine to register within three (3) days upon release from incarceration or as a condition of probation or parole. Local revenue may increase due to fines for the following: (1) failure to register and notify as a habitual domestic violence offender as required by proposed law up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to one (1) year and will have any outstanding probation revoked; and/or (2) failure to provide notice of relocation as required by proposed law shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

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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DPS Projected Operating Budget Impact

Expenditures

Positions	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Criminal Records Supervisor	\$63,627	\$65,536	\$67,502	\$69,527	\$71,613
Criminal Records Analyst 3 (3 positions)	\$166,734	\$171,736	\$176,888	\$182,195	\$187,661
Overtime	\$52,365	\$46,055	\$46,055	\$46,055	\$46,055
Salaries	\$282,726	\$283,327	\$290,445	\$297,777	\$305,329
Related Benefits	<u>\$133,385</u>	<u>\$135,016</u>	<u>\$137,479</u>	<u>\$140,016</u>	<u>\$142,629</u>
Personal Services Sub-total	<u>\$416,111</u>	<u>\$418,343</u>	<u>\$427,524</u>	<u>\$437,793</u>	<u>\$447,958</u>
Travel	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Services	\$53,300	\$53,300	\$53,300	\$53,300	\$53,300
Supplies	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Professional Services	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Acquisitions	\$126,818	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
IAT	<u>\$7,966</u>	<u>\$657,966</u>	<u>\$357,966</u>	<u>\$357,966</u>	<u>\$357,966</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$610,195</u>	<u>\$1,282,609</u>	<u>\$842,190</u>	<u>\$852,059</u>	<u>\$862,224</u>

Note: In subsequent fiscal years, the fiscal note presumes a 3% increase in salaries and related benefits.

Department of Public Safety and Correction, Correction Services (DPS&C-CS) - Proposed law provides failure to register and notify as a habitual domestic violence offender as required by proposed law up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to one (1) year, with or without hard labor, and will have any outstanding probation revoked. To the extent that offenders sustain a felony-grade conviction for violation of the proposed law, DPS&C-CS will sustain an indeterminable increase in expenditures. For those convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day. For those housed in local facilities, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$29.39 per offender per day. DPS&C-CS advises that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to impact the number of offenders held in local facilities, and that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities. To the extent that offenders sustain a misdemeanor conviction for violation of the proposed law, local governing authorities will sustain Local Funds expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment.

Local Sheriff's Offices and Municipal Police Departments - The Louisiana Sheriffs' Association reports a \$2.2 M increase in salary and equipment costs across all 64 sheriff's offices beginning in FY 27 and in subsequent fiscal years to implement this measure. **The LFO cannot corroborate that the requirements of the proposed law will create a workload level sufficient to require a \$2.2 M increase in salary and equipment expenditures. Therefore, salary and equipment expenditures are not reflected in the expenditures box above. To the extent the additional workload is less than what the Sheriffs anticipate, either wholly or partially, using existing staff and resources, the proposed law may be achievable with lower costs.**

Proposed law provides that a habitual domestic violence offender who is required to register will provide certain information to the sheriff's department in any parish in which he resides. The expenditure impact of inputting this information into the registry will vary by sheriff's offices and police departments and depend on the number of convicted persons living in that parish or municipality. Although the proposed law is silent on whether sheriff's offices and municipal police departments may assess annual registration fees, the LFO presumes that local law enforcement will assess some amount of fee to defray the costs of maintaining a register similar to the State Sex Offender and Child Predator Registry; however, the LFO has not received confirmation from any sheriff's office or police department that a registration fee will be assessed.

Local Clerk of Courts - Proposed law provides that the court will provide written notice to a habitual domestic violence offender that he is required within three (3) days to register upon release from incarceration or as a condition of his probation or parole. The offender will pay the clerk of court the \$150 fine to register, and the clerk of court will remit the fine to the bureau within seven (7) days of receipt to defray the costs associated with registration. There is no impact to the Clerk of Court's offices.

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