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**Fiscal Note**



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<b>Subject:</b> Public Safety at Mardi Gras and other Parades		

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 Provides relative to public safety at Mardi Gras and other parades

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful for any person to knowingly or negligently throw an object from a parade float in a manner that is foreseeable to cause injury to another person; provides that whoever commits the crime of reckless throwing from a parade float shall be fined not more than \$500; provides that when the reckless throwing from a parade float causes another person injury, the offender shall be fined not more than \$1000 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both; provides that when the reckless throwing from a parade float causes another person serious bodily injury, the offender shall be fined not less than \$2,000, or imprisoned for no less than one nor more than three years, with or without hard labor, or both; provides that it shall not be construed to prohibit a specific item or the handling, dropping, or responsible tossing of any item not otherwise prohibited by law.

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	\$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	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS), to the extent that offenders are convicted of reckless throwing from a parade float that causes serious bodily injury. Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures, to the extent that offenders are convicted of reckless throwing from a parade float that causes another person injury.

**Reckless Throwing from a Parade Float that Causes Serious Bodily Injury**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS), to the extent that offenders are convicted of reckless throwing from a parade float that causes serious bodily injury. Proposed law is a relative felony, and any impact on either state or local expenditures is contingent on whether offenders sustain either a misdemeanor or felony-grade convictions for their violation. The exact fiscal impact to DPS&C-CS is indeterminable, as it is unknown how many people will be convicted or the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term for reckless throwing from a parade that causes another person serious bodily injury is no more than three years.

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.

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**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of misdemeanor and felony level offenses of reckless throwing from a parade float. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines that would be imposed on those convicted, in some cases, are optional, and the amount of fines, if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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**Reckless Throwing from a Parade Float that Causes Another Person Injury**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of reckless throwing from a parade float that causes another person injury. Proposed law creates a crime and is a misdemeanor. The exact fiscal impact 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. The maximum imprisonment term at the local level is no more than six months.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure because this legislation creates a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders will not be sentenced to the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS).

Senate      Dual Referral Rules


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13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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