



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

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Subject: Bullet proof vest for peace officers	

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 Provides relative to funding of bulletproof vests for peace officers. (gov sig)

Present law requires that upon request, DPS&C provide bulletproof vests to every peace officer in the state provided that funds are appropriated for this purpose. Proposed law requires the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice to adopt rules and regulations necessary for the administration and enforcement of proposed law, that the vests shall meet U.S. Department of Justice National Institute for Justice standards; and that the vests shall be wholly manufactured within nations that are party to the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Proposed law creates the DPS&C Special Protective Equipment Fund (fund) in the state treasury for funding of bulletproof vests for peace officers. Proposed law requires funds in the fund to be invested in the same manner as SGF funds. Proposed law provides that interest earned on investment of funds be credited to the fund and requires that unexpended and unencumbered funds remain in the fund. Proposed law requires the state treasurer, beginning July 1, 2026, and each July first thereafter, to deposit into the fund at the beginning of each fiscal year \$8.5 M from SGF.

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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable, but minimal, increase in SGF expenditures to the extent funds are appropriated into the newly created Commission on Law Enforcement Bulletproof Vest Fund. The fund will be used to provide grants to eligible small law enforcement agencies (less than 15 officers) for the purchase of bulletproof vests. Local agencies may realize cost savings through reduced out-of-pocket expenses.

The bill establishes the fund within the state treasury and authorizes deposits from legislative appropriations, federal funds, and other sources. To the extent federal funding (e.g., U.S. Department of Justice grants) is received, total expenditures may increase without impacting SGF.

The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice (LCLE) will administer the program and promulgate rules. LCLE indicates that any administrative costs can be absorbed within its existing resources.

LCLE currently administers the federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, which provides partial reimbursement for vest purchases. While the proposed law may overlap with this program, it is not duplicative. The bill creates a dedicated state funding source that may provide direct assistance without a federal match requirement and specifically targets smaller agencies. As a result, the program created under this proposed law would be considered supplemental and may benefit agencies unable to fully utilize existing federal funding.

Note: Treasury requires certain resources to create and administer a statutory dedication, as in this measure. 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.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <p><u>Senate</u></p> <p><input 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 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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Senate Dual Referral Rules

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