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Subject: Promotional Play Deductions		

GAMING RE1 -\$574,627 GF RV See Note Page 1 of 2
Provides for the allowable amount of promotional play offered by certain gaming operators and for deductions regarding promotional play

Current law provides for a deduction of up to \$5 M in promotional play wagers from gaming proceeds and gross revenue for riverboats, racetrack slots and the land-based casino. The deduction must be directly attributable to promotional play.

Proposed law increases the deduction up to \$7 M in promotional play wagers from gaming proceeds and gross revenue for riverboats, racetrack slots and the land-based casino.

Section 1 (riverboats and land-based casinos) effective July 1, 2027.
Section 2 (racetrack slots) effective July 1, 2026.

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	\$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.	(\$574,627)	(\$3,938,838)	(\$3,938,838)	(\$3,938,838)	(\$3,938,838)	(\$16,329,979)
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	(\$8,375)	(\$1,943,104)	(\$1,943,104)	(\$1,943,104)	(\$1,943,104)	(\$7,780,791)
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	(\$583,002)	(\$5,881,942)	(\$5,881,942)	(\$5,881,942)	(\$5,881,942)	(\$24,110,770)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will decrease subsequent dedications from SGF into several statutory dedications, totaling approximately \$280,816 annually beginning in FY 27 (**see summary in Revenue Explanation on Page 2**). Proposed law will also decrease revenues to the Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund by \$784,983 annually in FY 28 and beyond, and will decrease revenues to the Support Education in Louisiana First (SELF) Fund by \$1.1 M annually in FY 28 and beyond. To the extent that the legislature may desire to maintain certain activities at the existing base level, an appropriation from an alternate MOF would be required, assumed in this fiscal note to be SGF.

The Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund provides for the expenses of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to regulate, investigate, and enforce gaming laws. The FY 27 executive budget proposes appropriations of approximately \$63.3 M out of the Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund across the budgets of the Department of Justice and DPS.

The SELF Fund provides for salary increases for certain public pre-k through 12th grade certified personnel and post-secondary education faculty salary increases. The FY 27 executive budget proposes appropriations of approximately \$108.4 M out of the SELF Fund to the Minimum Foundation Program.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Based on FY 25 actual riverboat casino and racetrack slot machine collections of \$437.5 M and weighted average gaming fees of 21.5%, DPS estimates that the deduction of promotional play wagers subject to the increased cap in proposed law would reduce state gaming revenue by approximately \$567,715 in FY 27, and \$5.7 M annually in FY 28 and beyond. Of these, approximately 97% is due to changes in riverboat promotional play deductions, and 3% due to racetrack slots. These estimates reflect the value of promotional wagers deducted from gross revenue for state tax and fee purposes, which is projected at \$5.4 M in FY 27, and \$29.4 M in FY 28 and beyond. The bill provides for no carryforward of promotional play deduction so the note assumes all deductions are taken when available.

Scaling this aggregate approach to the official state revenue forecasts of gaming receipts (adopted 5/08/26), the loss of state gaming receipts attributable to the bill is estimated at \$583,002 in FY 27 and \$5.9 M annually in FY 28 and beyond, with approximately 67% of this loss associated realized in SGF (\$574,627 in FY 27 & \$3.9 M in FY 28 and beyond), and approximately 33% associated with various statutory dedications (\$8,375 Compulsive and Problem Gaming Fund in FY 27; \$1.9 M in FY 28 and beyond consisting of the SELF Fund - \$1.1 M, Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund - \$784,983, and the Compulsive and Problem Gaming Fund - \$8,375). Approximately \$280,816 of the SGF decrease attributable to racetrack slot machines are ultimately distributed to individual track-related statutory dedications itemized on page 2.

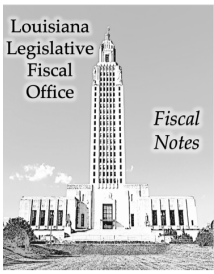
REVENUE EXPLANATION CONTINUED ON PAGE 2.

<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 checked="" 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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REVENUE EXPLANATION CONTINUED

Revenue losses here are attributable to promotional play deducted by riverboat casinos and racetrack slot machines, since the land-based casino has a minimum payment obligation under which any increase in promotional pay deductions would occur. The current official forecast is fixed at the minimum payment throughout the forecast horizon. However, any remittances above the minimum payment obligation would flow to the Early Childhood Education Fund, and this bill would make that threshold more difficult to attain.

NOTE: Act 258 of the 2026 RS authorizes the transfer of unused promotional play deduction capacity between gaming licensees. This may increase the fiscal impact of proposed law to the extent that additional promotional play deductions become usable statewide. DPS reports that enactment of both measures may increase losses from riverboat casinos by an additional \$2.2 M in FY 28 and beyond. This figure includes additional losses of approximately \$1.4 M SGF, \$480,830 to the SELF Fund, \$328,290 to the Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund.

It is possible that increasing the cap on promotional play deductions from the tax base would encourage more use of it by the industry, and attract more taxable play. The fiscal note makes no assumption about increased play due to promotional wagers.

Total impact of proposed law listed below:

	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	TOTAL
Riverboat Casinos						
SGF	\$0	(\$ 3,364,211)	(\$ 3,364,211)	(\$ 3,364,211)	(\$ 3,364,211)	(\$ 13,456,844)
Riverboat Gaming Enforcement	\$0	(\$ 784,983)	(\$ 784,983)	(\$ 784,983)	(\$ 784,983)	(\$ 3,139,930)
SELF Fund	\$0	(\$ 1,149,747)	(\$ 1,149,747)	(\$ 1,149,747)	(\$ 1,149,747)	(\$ 4,598,987)
Racetrack Slots						
SGF	(\$ 574,627)	(\$ 574,627)	(\$ 574,627)	(\$ 574,627)	(\$ 574,627)	(\$ 2,873,135)
Compulsive Gaming	(\$ 8,375)	(\$ 8,375)	(\$ 8,375)	(\$ 8,375)	(\$ 8,375)	(\$ 41,873)
Total	(\$583,002)	(\$5,881,942)	(\$5,881,942)	(\$5,881,942)	(\$5,881,942)	(\$24,110,769)

Subsequent impacts to other statutory dedications from SGF losses listed below (Racetrack Slot impacts):

	Annual Loss (FY 27 and Beyond)
Calcasieu Parish Fund*	(\$ 14,064)
Bossier Truancy Program Fund	(\$ 14,150)
Orleans Parish Excellence Fund	(\$ 10,449)
Beautification and Improvement of N.O. City Park Fund	(\$ 77,592)
Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation	(\$ 41,716)
New Orleans Sports Franchise Assistance Fund	(\$ 122,846)
Total	(\$280,816)

*Monies in the Calcasieu Parish Fund are dedicated approximately 60% to the Calcasieu Parish School Board, 30% to McNeese State University, and 10% to Southwest Louisiana (SOWELA) Technical Institution. This would result in reductions to those entities listed below:

	Annual Loss (FY 27 and Beyond)
Calcasieu School Board	(\$8,438)
McNeese State University	(\$4,219)
SOWELA	(\$1,406)

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