

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 131** SLS 26RS 319

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> May 30, 2026	3:12 PM	<b>Author:</b> PRESSLY
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Professional or Occupational Licensing boards		<b>Analyst:</b> Katherine Granier
<b>Subject:</b> Recovery of attorney fees in occupational licensing board		

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Provides for limitations on recovery of attorney fees and costs in occupational licensing board disciplinary hearings. (8/1/26)

Proposed law amends R.S.37.21(B) professions and occupations laws. Proposed law provides that when a professional or occupational board initiates disciplinary action against a licensee and the final resolution of the proceeding before the board results in a consent, judgment, or finding that is less severe than the offer of judgment, the board is precluded from recovering costs and attorney fees from the licensee.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
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<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

Officials from the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, Louisiana State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy, and Louisiana State Board of Certified Public Accountants do not anticipate any additional expenses as a result of the proposed law.


**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable potential decrease in self-generated revenues for the following boards: Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, Louisiana State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy, and Louisiana State Board of Certified Public Accountants.

Under the provisions of the proposed law, boards will no longer be able to recover certain legal costs and attorney fees in disciplinary cases where the final judgment, consent, or finding is less severe than the board's original offer. Officials from the affected boards have indicated that such scenarios rarely occur; therefore, the impact on revenues is expected to be minimal but indeterminable.

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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