

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 261** SLS 13RS 1848

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.: **SB 181**

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<b>Subject:</b>		

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Provides for the qualifications and duties of the medical director within the office of workers' compensation. (8/1/13)

Proposed law defines "medical director" and "associate medical director" in the Office of Workers' Compensation to mean a physician that meets the following criteria: (1) licensed to practice medicine in Louisiana; (2) chosen by the director of the Office of Workers' Compensation; and (3) full-time public employee of the Office of Workers' Compensation that will not engage in the practice of medicine outside of the Office of Workers' Compensation. In proposed law, an "associate medical director" assists the medical director. Proposed law grants the associate medical director the authority to act in place of the medical director in the following circumstances: (1) medical director has conflict of interest; (2) high volume of disputed cases; (3) disputed case outside the expertise of the medical director; and (4) medical director unable to perform his duties. Proposed law provides that injured employee is entitled to evaluation management visits if such treatment is medically necessary. Proposed law will become effective on August 1, 2013.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<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>

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation clarifies the definition and minimum qualification of the medical director and associate medical director positions within the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), Office of Workers' Compensation as well as prohibits the medical director and associate medical director from practicing medicine outside their employment within the Office of Workers' Compensation.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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