

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 1167** HLS 14RS 2517

Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED

Opp. Chamb. Action: Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For .:

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Dept./Agy.: Civil Service/Municipal

Subject: Entrance/Promotion Tests for City Civil Service Employees Analyst: Michael Cragin

CIVIL SERVICE/MUNICIPAL

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Provides with respect to testing for civil service entrance and promotion for certain city civil service employees

Purpose of Bill: This bill provides that the State Examiner of municipal fire and police civil service (upon request of a city civil service commission) prepare, administer, score, and report results of tests of applicants for fire and police positions in a city civil service system.

It should be noted that, according to Office of State Examiners, this bill would apply only to the City of New Orleans.

EXPENDITURES	<u> 2014-15</u>	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase State General Fund expenditures over the next five years by approximately \$7,000,000.

This estimate by the Office of State Examiner (OSE) is based on that office's analysis that extensive changes will be needed to meet the unique testing needs of the police and fire services of the City of New Orleans. Approximately \$5.2 million (75%) of the additional expenditures are expected to be for Professional Services (legal fees and outsourcing of examination development). Approximately \$1.2 million (17%) of expenditures are expected to be for personal services of four additional staff in the Testing Division. Approximately \$600,000 (8%) are expected for other costs (e.g., travel, supplies, vehicle purchase).

According to our contacts with the City of New Orleans, these estimates above may be high. They informed us that costs could be lower if standardized tests were used rather than specialized tests developed and used by OSE. These officials pointed out that the entire civil service commission's annual budget for the City of New Orleans is approximately \$1.5 million.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Tom Cole Director of Financial	Audit