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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 906** HLS 16RS 791

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Subject:</b> Homeless and Foster Youth |                                   |

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Provides relative to postsecondary education services for homeless and foster youth

Proposed law defines "homeless youth" and "foster youth" and requires each public postsecondary education institution to designate a homeless and foster student liaison within its financial aid office who is responsible for applying the provisions of the federal Higher Education Act pertaining to these youth and for assisting such students, both current and prospective, in applying for financial aid and other assistance. Proposed law authorizes each public postsecondary education institution to grant resident status to a student who resides in La. and is 19 or younger at the time of enrollment, regardless of how long he has resided in the state, if he is determined to have been homeless at any time during the two years immediately preceding enrollment. Also authorizes each institution that offers student housing to develop a plan to provide that current and former homeless and foster youth have access to housing resources during and between academic terms. Such plan may grant these students first priority for housing placement and provide that they be placed in the institution's housing facility that remains open for occupation during the most days in a calendar year.

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2016-17</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> | <b>2019-20</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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| State Gen. Fd.      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      |                      |
| 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><u>\$0</u></b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |

| <b>REVENUES</b>     | <b>2016-17</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> | <b>2019-20</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | DECREASE       | DECREASE       | DECREASE       | DECREASE       | DECREASE       |                      |
| 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><u>\$0</u></b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation may result in an increase in state general fund expenditures as a result of advising homeless and foster youth in the application for financial aid and other assistance. The exact increase is indeterminable, yet likely marginal, since it is unknown how many verified homeless or foster youth will enroll in a public postsecondary education institution.

There may be increased costs to public postsecondary institutions for additional positions, to the extent institutions do not have the resources to designate a homeless and foster student liaison from existing staff to meet anticipated demand. Some institutions may already have a designated individual whose focus is guidelines and requirements of federal programs. Any increase in workload as a result of this Act may not require an additional full time staff person, but may require part time help to offset the increased workload. This will vary across the institutions and will be determined by the existing resources and the number of homeless or foster youth requiring the assistance. Costs are indeterminable at this time.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will result in a decrease in self-generated revenue as a result of granting resident status at the time of enrollment and for providing housing/housing assistance to the student. The exact decrease in revenue is indeterminable, yet likely marginal, since it is unknown how many homeless and foster youth would be granted resident status and how many would be provided housing or housing assistance.

The resident status for a homeless or foster youth would result in the student paying a lower in-state tuition rate instead of out-of-state tuition. Such a decrease would depend on the institution that the youth enrolled in and will more likely impact 4 Year institutions than community colleges.

The legislation allows for an institution to develop a plan to provide access to housing resources. To the extent the institution provides the homeless or foster youth with housing at no or reduced cost, the institution will recognize a decrease in self-generated revenue. This will only impact the 4 Year institutions since community colleges do not offer student housing.

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| <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 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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