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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 234** SLS 26RS 556

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Medical school grading	

POSTSECONDARY ED OR SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for medical school students' grading. (2/3-CA7s2.1(A)) (7/1/26)

Proposed law requires public postsecondary education institutions that offer medical doctorate degrees to adopt policies that ensure any coursework offered in their curriculum for a medical degree or certificate assesses a student's performance based on the assignment of a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F, with a plus or minus for each letter A through D, or another tiered system with at least four such designations. Proposed law provides that policies must be adopted beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year. Proposed law authorizes the Board of Regents to adopt policies that provide for civil penalties for violations to proposed law. Proposed law provides for a severability clause. Proposed law provides that the law will be known as the "Medical School Letter Grade Act".

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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law requires all public postsecondary institutions in Louisiana that offer medical doctorate degrees to adopt a letter-based grading scale (A, B, C, D, or F with plus/minus designations) for all medical coursework beginning in the 2026-27 academic year.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law provides that the Board of Regents is authorized to adopt policies providing for civil penalties. To the extent civil penalties involve monetary fines, there is potential for an increase in self-generated revenue though the amount is indeterminable, and the bill is silent on where any generated revenue would be deposited.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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