

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 219** SLS 26RS 45

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Date:</b> March 22, 2026 3:01 PM                                   | <b>Author:</b> MCMATH          |
| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)               | <b>Analyst:</b> Anthony Shamis |
| <b>Subject:</b> Creates the Office of Health and Nutrition within LDH |                                |

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1  
Creates the office of health and nutrition within the Louisiana Department of Health. (gov sig)

Proposed law adds the office of health and nutrition to the existing offices within LDH. The office is responsible for: (1) leading and coordinating the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and sports, the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), (2) developing policy for the implementation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) within the department, (3) leading and coordinating department initiatives that include addressing health and nutrition, health care access, and preventative health care services. Proposed law provides that the Office of the Secretary and the Office of Health and Nutrition shall be under the direct supervision, direction, and control of the secretary of LDH, and provides for an executive director for the Office of Health and Nutrition that reports directly to the secretary. Proposed law authorizes LDH to transfer funding and positions within the department to establish and implement the office of health and nutrition. Proposed law becomes effective upon signature of the governor, or after the lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

| 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>    |

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law will have no impact on expenditures associated with the establishment of the Office of Health and Nutrition. This measure authorizes LDH to transfer funding and positions within the department to establish the new office.

According to information provided by LDH, funding and Table of Organization (T.O.) positions will be transferred from the Office of Public Health (OPH), the Office of the Secretary (OS), and Medical Vendor Administration (MVA) to create the Office of Health and Nutrition, resulting in an overall net-zero impact to the department’s budget. LDH did not provide a list of T.O. positions or funding amounts incorporated in its proposed transfer. If this information becomes available, the LFO will update this fiscal note to include the additional details.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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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